

ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

JULY 24TH, 2022 MARTYRS AND PASSION-BEARERS BORIS AND GLEB

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Romans 12:6-14

Brethren, having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

At that time, the Lord got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" – then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

JULY Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st - Kylie Jackson

2nd - Lorene Denson 6th - Rodney Glover

7th - Jonathan Mikita

8th - Brianna Pyatt

8th - Carrie Ann Guy

15th - Linda Hendrix 16th - LD Meier

17th - Harry & Polly Mikita

17th - Bryan Hlatki

17th - Haylee Schulte

17th - Hannah Schulte

18th - Brooklyn Billmire

19th - Grady Leithead

19th - Evie Stevens 20th - Ernie & Jeanie Mikita

21st - Whitney Tunink

22nd - Luke Meier

22nd - Bill & Rachel Stevens

23rd - Marcellus Rozdilski

27rd - Brayden Glover

SCHEDULE

July 27th - Prayers for Rain (7:00 AM) July 30th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)

July 31st - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"God can save the sinner you are, but not the saint you pretend to be."

"Because we don't know yet how to act without an outer reason, we discover that we don't know what to do with ourselves, and then we begin to be increasingly bored. So first of all, you must learn to sit with yourselves and face boredom, drawing all the possible conclusions."

- Metropolitan Anthony Bloom

WEEKLY JOKE

I failed my job interview as a Kamikaze pilot today. I probably shouldn't have asked for a pension.

WELCOME! LORD IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

El Paso County Fair

Huge thanks to all of our volunteers this past week at the El Paso County Fair. The response we received from both visitors and our own crew was phenomenal. It was a great success and everyone did an amazing job. Thank you for helping spreading the Light of Christ! We also want to recognize our 4Hers Bodie, Brayden, & Carly who all did an excellent job. Check out our Facebook page next week for pictures of the fair and the hardwork of our 4Hers! May God Grant everyone involved and our participants Many Blessed Years!

Quick All American Council Recap:

It is good to be home. There was alot that happened at this year's council. Much of this will be in Becky's report in next year's Annual Meeting report; however, there are a few things to share at this time:

- 1) Bishop Daniel is no longer our chancellor of the diocese, or an auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of the West. At this council he was elected to be the Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest. We are saddened to see him no longer part of our diocese but excited to see how he further grows the churches in the Midwest.
- 2) Archpriest Kirill Sokolov was made chancellor of the Diocese of the West to replace Bishop Daniel and we wish them both Many Years!
- 3) The hot topic of the council was the Pension Plan and how the OCA is going to handle the structure going forward. There is nothing to worry but the OCA and the Pension Board are still working to figure out how they can communicate with one another better as well as their messaging to the entirety of the Church. If you'd like to know more, please ask me.
- 4) The Holy Synod issued an extremely powerful and well stated statement on homosexuality that I encourage every person to read. It is here in the bulletin but also on the OCA's website:

https://www.oca.org/holy-synod/statements/holy-synod/holy-synod-issues-statement-on-same-sex-relationships-and-sexual-identity/

The Come and See Challenge:

As stated in the annual meeting, this challenge will remain on the bulletin for the rest of the year as a reminder to all of us to help in both our journey to Christ and others as well. Please make every attempt to work on completing this very important aspect of our faith:

Have you brought someone NEW this month? Have you gone to Great Vespers at least once this month? When was the last time you went to Confession?

Please try and make every effort to come to as many services as you can and not only that, bring someone new.

Fresh Picked Peaches & Pears (Order by August 5th)

St. Michael's Catholic Church here in Calhan is selling fresh peaches and pears from Palisade. If you would like to order please call Michael Pfeifer at 719-351-6751. Orders must be in by August 5th and picked up on August 20th.

Man of God Movie Night (August 6th)

Please join us on Saturday, August 6th at 5 PM for Vespers. Afterward, we will watch this amazing film. We will also have a light potluck dinner. It is important to support this movie about one of the great saints of our Church. Hope to see you, your family, and your friends there!!!

July Parish Council Meeting is Next Sunday

Prayer List

Living:

Abp. Benjamin, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Michael, Fr. Dennis, Fr. David, Anna, Muriel, Alisha, Meryl, Harold, Sheila, Kelly, Tammy, Daron (Basil), Steve, George, Litsa, April with child, Lisa, Scott, Karen, Jill, Leilani, the child Lilliana, Dillon, Chelsi, Steven, Roberta, Emmy, Katy, Robert, Wilma, Lynda, Carl, Christina, Craig, Joel, Brittany with child, Leonard, Melvin, Anita, Brinley, Jon, Lindy, Marlene, Stacey, Pina, Matthew, Jack, John, Carol, Vicki, Shery, Ryan, Becky, Scott, Rebecca, Irene, Bill, Jillian, Lizzie, Easton, Jamie

Departed:

Pdn. Averky, Darlene, Theo, Nathan, Baxter, Richard, Spencer, Susan

Youth:

Water World (Aug 14th):

We will be going to Water World again next month. Like last year it will be on a Sunday after Divine Liturgy. We will have Liturgy that morning at 8:30 AM (NOT 9:30) in order to allow us to group up and go enjoy the day. We have reserved a pavilion this time and everyone in the parish is welcome to go. Please join us and remember that Liturgy begins at 8:30 AM on the 14th.

Vikings Vs. Broncos (Aug. 27th):

The "always finds a way to let Father down" Minnesota Vikings will be taking on the Seattle Seahawks of Colorado AKA Denver Broncos on August 27th at 7 PM. Tickets are \$30 a piece. Fr. Stephen needs to know who would like to go so we can buy the tickets ASAP.

Rockies Tickets:

If you haven't yet paid for your tickets from the Rockies game, please get Lori a check or cash ASAP.

Volunteers Needed:

We need Volunteers for the following:

- 1) Coffee Hour (Sign up Hall)
- 2) Church Clean Up (Sign up Narthex)
- 3) Church Wide Clean Up (Aug 13th)