



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

January 1st, 2023 CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD ST. BASIL THE GREAT

Scripture Readings

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8

Brethren, be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; make His paths straight.'" John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

JAN Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Kelsey Hlatki
- 5th - Margo Wilkinson
- 6th - Logan Bourg
- 8th - Tammy Christensen
- 10th - Michael Hunter
- 15th - Fr. David Lowell
- 20th - Litsa Osburn

SCHEDULE

- Jan 6th - Theophany Liturgy (8:00 AM)
- Jan 7th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- Jan 8th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"The Father was revealed to the sense of hearing; the Spirit was revealed to the sense of sight, and in addition to these, the Son was revealed to the sense of touch. The Father uttered His witness about the Son, the Son was baptized in the water, and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove hovered above the water. When John the Baptist witnessed and said about Christ, "Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:29), and when John immersed and baptized the Lord in the Jordan, the mission of Christ in the world and the path of our salvation was shown. That is to say: The Lord took upon Himself the sins of mankind and died under them [immersion] and became alive again [the coming out of the water]; and we must die as the old sinful man and become alive again as cleansed, renewed and regenerated. This is the Savior and this is the path of salvation."

- St. Nikolai Velimirovich; Sermon On Theophany

WEEKLY JOKES

An old Viking named Rudolph The Red was looking out his window & said, "It's going to rain". His wife asked, "Are you sure?" He answered, "Rudolph The Red knows rain, dear".

Why do male dogs float on water? Because they're good buoys.

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

The Come and See Challenge:

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?

Prune Pierogi, Noodles, and Halupki still for sale

We have plenty left over from Slavic Fest. Please see Butch if you are interested in buying some.

Pledge Forms

Pledge forms MUST be turned in by next Sunday. Please fill put a new one instead of going off of last year's. You can see Lori Meier for the form.

House Blessings

House Blessings begin January 9th. Sign-up Sheet is in the Narthex or you can let Fr. Stephen know.

Church Calendars Delayed

For the last 2 months, Fr. Stephen has been trying to order the Calendars from St. Tikhon's Press. Unfortunately their website has been having issues allowing people to order more than 14 calendars. He has tried to reach out to their support department but no one has replied. Next week, Fr. Stephen is going to contact their dean to see what the issue is and hopefully we should have calendars ordered and delivered by the middle of January. Thank you everyone for their patience.

Parish Council (NEXT SUNDAY)

Parish Council members, please make sure you are able to attend this meeting as we will be going over the budget for the following year.

Parish Annual Meeting (January 29th)

St. Ambrose Donations (Bin in the Hall, please donate)

Saints / Feasts of the Day:

The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/01/01/100001-the-circumcision-of-our-lord-and-savior-jesus-christ>

Saint Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/01/01/100003-saint-basil-the-great-archbishop-of-caesarea-in-cappadocia>

Prayer List

Living:

Abp. Benjamin, Abp. Melchisedek, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dennis, Fr. David, Fr. Alexander, Mat. Xenia, Mat. Krista, Anna, Muriel, Sheila, Meryl, Harold, Vern, Tammy, Stephanie, Daron (Basil), Steve, Litsa, Jill, Leilani, the child Lilliana, Roberta, Katy, Robert, Lynda, Carl, Christina, Craig, Joel, Brinley, Jon, Lindy, Marlene, Stacey, Pina, Matthew, Jack, John, Carol, Johnny, Shery, Ryan, Irene, Jillian, Lizzie, Jamie, Sherrie, Jeremy, Preston, Ian, Sophia, Emmary, Sabrina with child, Loren, Rachel, George, Nicole, Elizabeth, Greg, Mark, Andrew, Kiyo, Charlotte, Samina, Emersen, Betty, Alicia, Richard, Tiana, Will, Juston

Departed:

Sdn. Peter, Mat. Mary, Mat. Katrina, Pele, Larry, Ronnie, Christian, Abakar, Phillip, Stephen, Mike, Raymond, Isabella

Youth:

Ice Skating (Jan. 22nd):

Coming up next month, we will be going down to World Arena Hall after Liturgy with the kids for ice skating. More details will be on the way in the coming weeks.

Volunteers Needed:

We need Volunteers for the following:

1) Coffee Hour (2023 List up to end of May in the Hall)

2) Church Clean Up (2023 List up to May in the Hall. It is now weekly, not bi-weekly. Please sign up if you have not signed up before)