



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

December 11th, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

The Lord said this parable: "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.' For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper."

DEC Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Robert Boyd
- 2nd - Pete Pyatt
- 2nd - Marah Robinson
- 2nd - Meagan Gardner
- 6th - Jeanie Mikita
- 11th - Anya (Boyd) Gazii
- 12th - Mayzie Ann Jackson
- 17th - Tatiana Boyd
- 20th - Lexi Ann Guy
- 27th - Larry Don & Lori Meier
- 29th - Sabrina Lee
- 31st - Natalie Hlatki

SCHEDULE

- Dec 14th - Prayers for Rain (7:00 AM)
- Dec 17th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- Dec 18th - Divine Liturgy (8:30 AM - TIME CHANGE)
NATIVITY PLAY (10:00 AM)

WISDOM

"Let us glorify God! With the coming of the Son of God in the flesh upon the earth, with His offering Himself up as a sacrifice for the sinful human race, there is given to those who believe the blessing of the Heavenly Father, replacing that curse which had been uttered by God in the beginning; they are adopted and receive the promise of an eternal inheritance of life. To a humanity orphaned by reason of sin, the Heavenly Father returns anew through the mystery of re-birth, that is, through baptism and repentance. People are freed of the tormenting, death-bearing authority of the devil, of the afflictions of sin and of various passions.

- St. John of Kronstadt, On the Nativity of Jesus Christ

WEEKLY JOKES

I was struggling to get my wife's attention? So I simply sat down and looked comfortable. That did the trick.

Never kiss your honey when their nose is runny. You may think its funny, but its snot. (Credit: Jeremy Gardner)

What do Santa's elves listen to whilst they work? Wrap music

WELCOME! LORD IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

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?

Parish Council (Today)

We will have our monthly meeting Today. It will be a short one as we will only be looking over the minutes, treasurer's report, must talk abouts. We will just meet in the hall.

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 for the holidays or just in general.

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

Reverse Advent Calendar

The list of items for the Reverse Advent Calendar is in the Narthex. On the morning of Saturday the 24th, we will take down all of the items that are donated to the Eastern Plains Pantry. Please drop off everything you plan to donate no later than 9 AM on that Saturday.

Nativity Fast Readings

This year in addition to our charity drive for food and goods, we are going to do another challenge called the New Testament Challenge. There are readings to do on almost every day of the fast. There are copies of this printed in the Narthex and the challenge is also posted on our Facebook page.
--Credit to Fr. Peter Simko

Christmas/Thanksgiving Baskets Special Collection

For the next few weeks we will be taking a special collection each Sunday for the annual Christmas/Thanksgiving baskets that are donated to those in need.

Nativity Play: THE FRIENDLY BEASTS (Next SUNDAY)

The kids have been rehearsing and it should be a great play as usual. Keep in mind that Liturgy will be at 8:30 AM instead of 9:30 AM to allow the kids who have their basketball tournament to participate in the play. The play will begin at roughly 10 AM.

Christmas/Nativity Services:

Saturday the 24th - Christmas Vigil - 3 PM | Sunday the 25th - Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM

Sunday of the Forefathers:

The Sunday that falls between December 11-17 is known as the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers. These are the ancestors of Christ according to the flesh, who lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, "In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:3, 22:18).

Prayer List

Living:

Abp. Benjamin, Abp. Melchisedek, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dennis, Fr. David, Fr. Alexander, Mat. Xenia, Mat. Krista, Anna, Muriel, Sheila, Meryl, Harold, Tammy, 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, child Ellowyn, Tiana

Departed:

Abp. Chrysostomos, Fr. John, Pdn Paul, Sdn. Peter, Mat. Mary, Raymond, Isabella, Linda, Mills, Kirstie, Brad, Clarence, Gaylord, Christine, Jason, Michael, Craig

Youth:

Caroling & Gingerbread Houses (Today):

We will be going Caroling after the Parish Council meets. Carrie has the list of homes we will be visiting. We will start in the hall and sing to those present and then make our way out. We also plan on going to the Simla Rest Home to sing. Beforehand, the kids will be making gingerbread houses as they were unable to do so last Sunday. Please join us!

Volunteers Needed:

We need Volunteers for the following:

- 1) Coffee Hour
- 2) Church Clean Up (Please sign up if you have not signed up before)