



# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

**December 11th, 2022**  
**SUNDAY BEFORE  
THE NATIVITY CHRIST**

## Scripture Readings

**Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40**

Brethren, by faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

**Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25**

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. (Continued on Back)

## 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

**No Prayers for Rain This Week - They will return in January.**

**Dec 24th - Christmas Vigil (3:00 PM)**

**Dec 25th - Christmas Liturgy (9:30 AM)**

## WISDOM

*"The world is indeed full of peril, and in it there are many dark places; but still there is much that is fair, and though in all lands love is now mingled with grief, it grows perhaps the greater."*

*- J.R.R. Tolkien, **The Fellowship of the Ring - The Lord of the Rings***

*"Come, then, let us observe the Feast. Truly wondrous is the whole chronicle of the Nativity. For this day the ancient slavery is ended, the devil confounded, the demons take to flight, the power of death is broken, paradise is unlocked, the curse is taken away, sin is removed from us, error driven out, truth has been brought back, the speech of kindness diffused, and spreads on every side, a heavenly way of life has been 'in planted on the earth, angels communicate with men without fear, and men now hold speech with angels."*

*- St. John Chrysostom*

## WEEKLY JOKES

*What's Santa's favorite candy? Jolly Ranchers. Why was Santa's little helper so sad? He had low elf-esteem.*

# WELCOME! LORD IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

## Gospel Cont. Matt 1:1-25

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, 'God with us.'" Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

## Calhan Community Highlights

We have 3 big highlights to share this week:

- 1) We won the Christmas Favorite at the Calhan Christmas Parade. We will be receiving some kind of plaque in the coming weeks. Good job everyone! May God Grant our Parish Growth and Longevity as We Preach the Gospel of Christ!
- 2) Last week, Mountain View Electric contacted Trevor Hendrix to notify him that he had won first place with a blind judging panel to go to the Mountain View Electric Washington DC Youth Tour (June 12-18, 2023). We are super proud of Trevor and May God Grant him and his family Many More Blessed Years!
- 3) This week, Brayden Glover was announced as making the All First Team, State for 8 Man in Football. He balled out all season and was properly recognized for it. Great job Brayden! May God Grant him and his family Many More Blessed Years!

Finally, we'd like to put more regular news in the bulletin, if you hear anything of note or something happened you'd like to share like an award or accomplishment that occurred, please let Fr. Stephen know and he will be sure to add it to the bulletin.

## 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 for the holidays or just in general.

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

## Reverse Advent Calendar (Bring Next Saturday morning)

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.

## Christmas/Thanksgiving Baskets Special Collection

This is the last Sunday for the special collection. Please be generous above and beyond your normal tithing.

## Sunday Before the Nativity:

<https://www.o.ca.org/saints/lives/2022/12/18/81-sunday-before-the-nativity>

## 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, Will

### Departed:

Pdn Paul, Sdn. Peter, Mat. Mary, Christian, Abakar, Phillip, Stephen, Mike, Raymond, Isabella, Linda, Mills, Kirstie, Brad, Clarence, Gaylord, Christine, Jason, Michael

### 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)