



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

The Lord said this parable: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. (Flip Over)

February 12th, 2023 SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

FEB Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Libbie Meier
- 3rd - Alicia Glover
- 3rd - Carly Carneal
- 6th - Robert Hertneky
- 8th - Paul Robinson
- 13th - Daniel Rozdilski
- 20th - Myrle Hlatki
- 20th - Bill Hendrix
- 20th - Ben Hendrix
- 25th - Josh Tunink
- 25th - Richard Molner
- 26th - Harold Eurich
- 29th - Rodger Mikita

SCHEDULE

- Feb 18th - Reader's Vespers (5:00 PM)
- Feb 19th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"Lord Jesus Christ, by Your presence You blessed the wedding in Cana and showed us that You are the true priest of mystical and pure marriage. We thank You for the day on which by Your heavenly blessing You joined us in the sacrament of marriage. Lord, continue to bless and enrich our marriage in love, companionship, mutual support, oneness of heart and progress in faith and life. Protect our Holy wedlock from sin, evil, and danger. Nurture between us the spirit of understanding, the spirit of forgiveness and the spirit of peace, that no resentment, quarrel or other problem may cause us to stumble and fall. Grant us to see our own faults and not to judge each other. Keep our bond of love always new. Gladden our lives with the joys of marriage, that with one heart we may praise and glorify for You. Amen."

- Prayer of Married Person

WEEKLY JOKES

Why should you never break up with a goalie? Because he is a keeper.

What's the difference between love and marriage? Love is blind. Marriage is an eye-opener.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Gospel Cont. Luke 15:11-32

But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fattened calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

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 Next Week (Today)

Before Liturgy is over, we will bless the new council and audit members. Please stay until the end of service. Fr. Stephen would also like to bless the officers of the Rose Marie ladies as well.

Choir Rehearsals for Lent/Holy Week/Pascha

Today and until Holy Week, the choir will be rehearsing after Coffee Hour every week. Choir members, please remember to stay. If anyone else is interested in joining the choir, this is the best time to join. We would love to have more singers, youth included.

House Blessings

When our house is blessed, after the Feast of Theophany, we rededicate our home for its original purpose, just as we must periodically rededicate our life to Christ. So it is important to have your house blessed. You do not need to do anything fancy or worry about messes. The house blessing is not a sacrament, but it is an important part of helping Orthodox Christians to live the Faith at home. There is a Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex or you can let Fr. Stephen know if you'd like to have him bless your home.

Special Collection Today and Next Sunday

His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin is asking all parishes to make a special collection this Sunday and next Sunday for the victims of the February 6 earthquake in Syria and Turkey. The suffering there is immense. He also asks that funding be directed to IOCC which has a goal of \$250K to meet the needs of most pressing urgency: food, bedding, and clothing for those who have been displaced.

We will take a special collection for 2 Sundays and donate it to IOCC but if you would like to donate directly you can here:

<https://dowoca.org/2023/02/10/emergency-special-collection-earthquake-relief/>

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

Prodigal Son:

The Sunday after the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. This parable of God's forgiveness calls us to "come to ourselves" as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being "in a far country" far from the Father's house, and to make the journey of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that our heavenly Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only "arise and go," confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that "home" where we truly belong (Luke 15:11-24).

After the Polyeleion at Matins, we first hear the lenten hymn "By the Waters of Babylon." It will be sung for the next two Sundays before Lent begins, and it serves to reinforce the theme of exile in today's Gospel.

Starting tomorrow, the weekday readings summarize the events of Holy Week. On Monday we read Saint Mark's account of the Entry into Jerusalem. On Tuesday we read how Judas went to the chief priests and offered to betray the Lord. On the night before His death Christ tells His disciples that one of them will betray Him. He also predicts that they will desert Him, and that Peter will deny Him three times. On Wednesday the Gospel describes how Judas betrayed the Savior with a kiss. Thursday's Gospel tells how Jesus was questioned by Pilate. On Friday we read the narrative of Christ's crucifixion and death.

Prayer List

Living:

Abp. Benjamin, Abp. Melchisedek, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Alexander, Anna, Muriel, Sheila, Meryl, Harold, Vern, Tammy, Stephanie, Daron (Basil), Steve, Litsa, Jill, Leilani, the child Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, Pina, John, Johnny, Jeremy, Preston, Ian, Emmary, Sabrina with child, Loren, George, Nicole, Mark, Mark, Samina, Betty, Alicia, Richard, Tiana, Will, Juston, Ann Marie, Marcie, Brenda, Serge, Jamie, newly born Gerhard, infant Gideon, infant Iryland, Patricia, Casey, Varoon, Bruce, Alice, Christina, Danny, Cassi with child, Infant Dominic

Departed:

Bp. Tikhon, Fr. Daniel, David, Yanni, Thomas, Lisa, Debra, Jonathan (Russin)

Youth:

Snow Tubing (Saturday, Feb 25th):

We will be heading over to Ponderosa, where we have Church Camp every Summer to go Snow Tubing. Our time slot is set for 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM. The cost is \$15 per person. If you are interested in going, please let Fr. Stephen know so he can get an idea of numbers. We also may head to an early dinner nearby so suggestions are welcome. If you are unable to afford the cost to going, scholarships are available.

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)
- 3) Church School: We could use a few extra subs. Please see Fr. Stephen if interested.