



# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

## Scripture Readings

### Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

My son Timothy, you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

The Lord told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

### Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the Triodion (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins. Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances. The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee’s religious piety, nor the Publican’s repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ’s teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.

Two weeks before the beginning of the Fast, as part of our preparation for Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha, the Church prescribes the reading of Saint Mark’s Gospel. From Monday to Friday the focus is on the end times, and the Savior’s death and burial.

# February 5th, 2023 SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

## 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 11th – Great Vespers (5:00 PM)  
Feb 12th – Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

## WISDOM

*“Love of God takes various forms. The man who wrestles with wrong thoughts loves God according to his measure. He who struggles against sin, and asks God to give him strength not to sin, but yet falls into sin again because of his infirmity, and sorrows and repents – he possesses grace in the depths of his soul and mind, but his passions are not yet overcome. But the man who has conquered his passions now knows no conflict: all his concern is to watch himself in all things lest he fall into sin. Grace, great and perceptible, is his. But he who feels grace in both soul and body is a perfect man, and if he preserves this grace, his body is sanctified and his bones will make holy relics.”*

– St. Silouan the Athonite

## WEEKLY JOKES

*My wife said if I bought her one more stupid gift, she would burn it. So I bought her a candle.*

*I can't believe I got fired from the clock factory. I put in so many extra hours!*

*What do pirates call Noah's boat? “The arrrrrrk.”*

# WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

## Calhan Community Highlight

2 Weeks ago at the stockshow up in Denver, our own Bodie Glover got 9th place. He did a great job and we are super proud of him. Also, Brayden Glover signed his letter of commitment to play football at Western Colorado University. Go Mountaineers! We are so proud of both of them!

May God Grant Bodie, Brayden and their family Many Blessed Years!

## 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 (Feb 12th)

## Choir Rehearsals for Lent/Holy Week/Pascha

Next Sunday, the choir will be rehearsing after Coffee Hour every week until Holy 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.

## Church Calendars ARE HERE

Church Calendars have arrived and are available for free. They were a little higher this year than last so please consider donating if you'd like, above and beyond your normal tithe. Make sure the memo on the check says, "Calendar"

## The POSTPONED Parish Annual Meeting is TODAY

## Our Journey to Pascha! 2023 Printed and in Narthex

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

## Saints / Feasts of the Day:

### *Martyr Agatha of Palermo in Sicily*

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/02/05/100431-martyr-agatha-of-palermo-in-sicily>

### *Rest of Saint Theodosius of Chernigov*

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/02/05/100432-repose-of-saint-theodosius-of-chernigov>

## 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, Emmery, 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

### Departed:

Patriarch Irenaios, Bp. Tikhon, Thomas, Lisa, Debra, Jonathan (Russin)

### Youth:

TBA NEXT WEEK

## 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.