



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3

Brethren: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail." But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him.

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

At that time, the Lord entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" - He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

March 12th, 2023 ST. GREGORY PALAMAS SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MAR Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3rd - Madalyn Schulte
- 3rd - Cris Brooks
- 4th - Zach Stevens
- 5th - Nicole Fischer
- 6th - Larry Don Meier
- 6th - Fr. Stephen: Priesthood Anniversary
- 8th - Jedidiah Leithead
- 9th - Chris Dumler
- 9th - Harold & Dee Eurich
- 10th - Brilee Herron
- 11th - Polly Mikita
- 12th - Butch Sakala
- 13th - Robin Mikita
- 15th - Fr. Stephen: Diaconate Anniversary
- 17th - LeAnn Perry
- 17th - Ashlynn Stevens
- 18th - Rigginn Fuchs
- 25th - Lacie Leithead
- 31st - Alex Baril

SCHEDULE

- Mar 15th - Presanctified Liturgy (6:00 PM)
- Mar 18th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- Mar 19th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)
Vespers @ Holy Theophany (6:00 PM)

WISDOM

"When we strive with diligent sobriety to keep watch over our rational faculties, to control and correct them, how else can we succeed in this task except by collecting our mind, which is dispersed abroad through the senses, and bringing it back into the world within, into the heart itself, which is the storehouse of all our thoughts?"

-St. Gregory Palamas

WEEKLY JOKES

A violinist stepped on a bug. It was a B flat.

Did you hear about the guy that got caught stealing a calendar? He got twelve months.

What's a pirate's favorite restaurant? Arrrr-bys.

WELCOME! 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?

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.

Let Us Attend: 2023 Lenten Theme

PreSanctified Liturgies will be every Wednesday, unless otherwise noted. We will also continue our potluck dinners after the service. Our Lenten Theme this year will be Let Us Attend, as you should make every effort to come to as many services as you can. This may require sacrificing other activities in order to fulfill this task. However, that is why this year's theme is so crucial as Lent is a time more so than every to put our attention and focus onto God. Please make the divine services a priority and not an afterthought or "if I'm not busy".

Parish Council (Today)

Pan Orthodox Vespers (March 19th & April 2nd)

While we will not have our normal rotation of Churches for Pan Orthodox Vespers this year, our parish along with Holy Theophany will be hosting evening Lenten Vespers 2 Sundays this Lent. Both will be at 6 PM and Holy Theophany will host on the 19th and we will host on the 2nd of April. Please try and attend both, but we will definitely want to have as many as can attend, come to ours. There will be a meal afterward at both churches.

Bookstore in the Hall

In our bookstore in the Hall, we have some new arrivals relating to Lent and such that are available for purchase. Our bookstore is specifically for our parish. We receive the books from Holy Theophany but we do make money on the books. There are plenty of good books for sale as well as service texts and such. If you are looking for a particular book that we do not have, we can order it at a great price.

Upcoming Travels (March 20th - 24th)

Fr. Stephen and family will be visiting family in Vegas at the end of the month. There will be no presanctified that week. Annunciation Liturgy will be at 9:30 AM on the 25th and be a full vesperal Liturgy. There will be no Vespers that evening.

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

St Gregory Palamas:

Fr. Nicholas Belcher, Professor of Byzantine Liturgics at St. Vladimir's Seminary writes:

On the second Sunday of Lent, the Holy Orthodox celebrates the memory of Saint Gregory Palamas, the Archbishop of Thessalonica, who struggled valiantly to uphold the patristic teaching that God's energies are uncreated against those who held that God's grace is a created intermediary. While the distinction between uncreated energies and created grace may sound like an arcane debate between religious scholars, this dispute greatly disturbed the life of the Church and required a series of six councils in Constantinople over the course ten years to finally proclaim the Orthodox teaching. In our age of theological relativism, this type of vociferous debate over wording seems nothing short of a waste of time causing unneeded division, but upon reflecting on these issues, we see the importance of St. Gregory's principled stand and ultimate triumph.

We celebrate the memory of St. Gregory Palamas as a second Triumph of Orthodoxy. We again reaffirm the God Who truly took flesh to dwell among us and share with us His divine life. We truly become – as St. Peter wrote in his second epistle – "partakers of divine nature." Let us celebrate this feast with joy and increased spiritual labors the remainder of this Lenten season that we may come to know the unknowable God Who wills to reveal Himself to us.

Prayer List

Living:

Abp. Benjamin, Abp. Melchisedek, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dennis, 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, Betty, Alicia, Richard, Tiana, Will, Ann Marie, Marcie, Brenda, Serge, Jamie, infant Gideon, Iryland, Patricia, Casey, Varoon, Bruce, Alice, Christina, Danny, Cassi with child, Infant Dominic, Roberta, Leonard, Jerry, Kyriacou, Annabelle, Georgianna, Morgan with child, Devin

Special prayers for Leonard who is still recovering from knee surgery and a blood clot.

Departed:

Fr. Daniel, Robbie, Harry Peter

Youth:

Mario Kart Tourney (Mar 26th):

On you mark! Get set! Letsa Go! We will once again be hosting a Mario Kart Tournament for the kids to enjoy after Liturgy on the 26th. There will be prizes for different age groups. We are requesting that any kids (or Austin) bring their Switch controllers so we have enough for 4 person races.

Volunteers Needed:

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.