



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

March 19th, 2023 VENERATION OF THE CROSS THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Brethren, seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek".

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

At that time, when the Lord had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

Veneration of the Cross:

The Third Sunday of Lent is that of the Veneration of the Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the lenten season not merely to remind men of Christ's redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt.10:38). For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both "the power of God and the wisdom of God" for those being saved (1 Cor.1:24).

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
- 8th - Brileigh Gardner
- 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 - Riggin Fuchs
- 25th - Lacie Leithead
- 31st - Alex Baril

SCHEDULE

- Mar 19th - Vespers @ Holy Theophany (6:00 PM)
- Mar 25th - Annunciation Liturgy (9:30 AM)
- Mar 26th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

*"The Cross, is wood which lifts us up and makes us great ...
The Cross uprooted us from the depths of evil and elevated
us to the summit of virtue"*

-St. John Chrysostom

WEEKLY JOKES

*My wife just confessed that she broke my favorite lamp.
I don't think I'll be able to look at her in the same light ever
again.*

*Sometimes I wake up grumpy. Other times, I let her sleep
in.*

What do you call a mouse that swears? A cursor.

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

Our Lenten Theme this year is Let Us Attend. 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".

Pan Orthodox Vespers (Tonight & 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 tonight 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.

Father Away (March 20th - 24th)

Fr. Stephen and family will be away this week visiting family in Vegas. If there are any issues, please contact him or Rod and we will make the necessary arrangements.

Fish Fry (March 24th)

The Catholic church in Calhan will be having another Fish Fry next Friday evening from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Spring Rummage Sale (April 1st)

The Methodist church in town will be holding their annual spring rummage sale at the Whittemore Hall, Calhan Fairgrounds from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Lunch and Pastries will be served. There will be a raffle to win a quilt.

Skee Balls Missing, Please Return

The Skee balls are missing from the skee ball table at the rectory. We need them back immediately as we are only borrowing the table. If you know where they are please, return them. No one will be made if they were taken or broken, we just need them back. Thank you.

Upcoming Cleanups / Parish Council (April 2nd and 8th)

We will be having our annual cleanup of the church, grounds, and hall on Saturday the 8th after Liturgy. Parish Council will also meet that day after Liturgy briefly for our monthly meeting. Please join us for the cleanup. We also are asking that older youth help clean up the bar the week prior on the 2nd after Coffee Hour.

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

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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, Judy, Jerry, Infant Dominic, Roberta, Leonard, Kyriacou, Annabelle, Devin, Wendy, Georgianna, Morgan with child, Natalie

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

Departed:

Robbie, Harry Peter, Roland, Valarie, Cody

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 next Sunday. 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.