



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

March 5th, 2023

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. 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. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel: John 1:43-51

At that time, when Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote - Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

MAR Birthdays & Anniversaries

3rd - Madalyn Schulte
3rd - Cris Brooks
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 - Riggin Fuchs
25th - Lacie Leithead
31st - Alex Baril

SCHEDULE

Mar 8th - Presanctified Liturgy (6:00 PM)
Mar 11th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
Mar 12th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"All images reveal and make perceptible those things which are hidden. For example, a man does not have immediate knowledge of invisible things, since the soul is veiled by the body. Nor can man have immediate knowledge of things which are distant from each other or separated by place, because he himself is limited by place and time. Therefore the icon was devised that he might advance in knowledge, and that secret things might be revealed and made perceptible. Therefore, icons are a source of profit, help, and salvation for all, since they make things so obviously manifest, enabling us to perceive hidden things. Thus, we are encouraged to desire and imitate what is good and to shun and hate what is evil."

-St. John of Damascus

WEEKLY JOKE

How do farmers party? They turnip the beets way pasture bedtime.

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".

Prayer Ropes (Next Week)

For the youth who made prayer ropes, please bring them on the 12th to be blessed at the end of Liturgy that day. This also applies for any adult who would like to have a prayer rope they own blessed.

Fish Fry at St Michael Catholic Church (March 10th)

Next Friday at 7 PM, the Catholic Church in town will be holding their annual fish fry. It is a free will offering and everyone is invited.

Please note, while fish is technically not allowed during Lent, except on Palm Sunday and Annunciation, a special blessing is allowed for all who would like to attend this event and partake. It is better to share in fellowship with the community than to hold rigid and strict to the fast in this instance. So in other words, have at it!

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.

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

Upcoming Parish Council (Next Week)

Sunday of Orthodoxy:

The first Sunday is called the Feast of the Triumph of Orthodoxy. It is a historical feast commemorating the return of the icons to the churches in the year 843 after the heresy of iconoclasm was overcome. The spiritual theme of the day is first of all the victory of the True Faith. "This is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith" (1 Jn 5.4). Secondly, the icons of the saints bear witness that man, "created in the image and likeness of God" (Gen 1.26), becomes holy and godlike through the purification of himself as God's living image.

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

Departed:

Bp. Tikhon, Fr. Daniel, Edward, David, Yanni, Debra, Robbie

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.

Few Extra Jokes:

Home births aren't considered deliveries, because if it's at home, it's not delivery, it's DiGiorno.

Conspiracist dies, goes to heaven. Asks God one question: "who really killed JFK?" God says "it was Lee Harvey from the book depository on his own volition." Guy says "wow this thing goes even higher than I thought."