



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Gospel: John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

April 16th, 2023

PASCHA: THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIS

APR Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3rd - Zoe Osburn
- 5th - Anastajia Rozdilski
- 7th - Ryleigh Tunink
- 8th - April Schulte
- 8th - Matt Dawson
- 10th - Merrick Dawson
- 18th - Jack Pyatt
- 18th - Makiya Schulte
- 22nd - Millie Manyik
- 22nd - Jennifer Billmire
- 22nd - Myree Hickman
- 23rd - Sarah Dumler
- 23rd - Logan Jackson
- 25th - Stone Stevens
- 26th - Kail Molner
- 27th - Kristen Burnside
- 29th - Mason Hendrix
- 29th - Malachi Hendrix

SCHEDULE

Apr. 20th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
Apr. 21st - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"As we make the first step into the "bright sadness" of Lent, we see—far, far away—the destination. It is the joy of Easter, it is the entrance into the glory of the Kingdom. And it is this vision, the foretaste of Easter, that makes Lent's sadness bright and our lenten effort a "spiritual spring." The night may be dark and long, but all along the way a mysterious and radiant dawn seems to shine on the horizon."

-Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, Great Lent: Journey to Pascha

WEEKLY JOKES

You know as I get older, I don't always whoop. But when I do, there it is.

One sloth turned to the other and said: "I never used to like moss but now it's starting to grow on me."

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From the Osburn Family

As we now sing Christ is Risen!, my family and I wanted to express our sincerest gratitude and love for all the help and support from so many people during this Lenten and now Paschal season. Everyone's dedication to the Church and each other has truly been inspiring and I pray that everyone continues on that same path and want to thank everyone for their commitment. It is truly remarkable and we are so fortunate to lead a parish that is so loving and supportive and makes this place truly home for us. From myself, Mat. Lindsey, and Zoe, May God Grant Everyone at St. Mary's Many Blessed Years! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

-Fr. Stephen and family

Calhan Community Highlights

Maddy and her partner won 3rd place at State on April 6th. They will now compete in Georgia for Nationals in June. We are super proud of her and may God Grant Maddy and her entire family Many Years!

Bookstore in the Hall

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 and Family Away (April 17th-21st)

Fr. Stephen and family will be away for a quick trip during the week. If there are any issues while he is gone, please call.

Slavic Fest Meeting (April 30th)

Don't forget that in a couple of weeks, we will meet after Liturgy to discuss plans for this year's Slavic Fest. We would like to be more proactive and not feel as rushed going into the event so please make every effort to be present for this meeting.

Pascha:

Holy Week comes to an end at sunset of Great and Holy Saturday, as the Church prepares to celebrate her most ancient and preeminent festival, Pascha, the feast of feasts. The time of preparation will give way to a time of fulfillment. The glorious and resplendent light emanating from the empty Tomb will dispel the darkness. Christ, risen from the dead, cracks the fortress of death and takes "captivity captive" (Psalm 67:19). All the limitations of our createdness are torn asunder. Death is swallowed up in victory and life is liberated. "For as by a man came death, by a man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive" (I Corinthians 15:21-22). Pascha is the dawn of the new and unending day. The Resurrection constitutes the most radical and decisive deliverance of humankind.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the fundamental truth and absolute fact of the Christian faith. It is the central experience and essential kerygma of the Church. It confirms the authenticity of Christ's remarkable earthly life and vindicates the truth of His teaching. It seals all His redemptive work: His life, the model of a holy life; His compelling and unique teaching; His extraordinary works; and His awesome, life-creating death. Christ's Resurrection is the guarantee of our salvation. Together with His Ascension it brings to perfection God's union with us for all eternity.

The Resurrection made possible the miracle of the Church, which in every age and generation proclaims and affirms "God's plan for the universe, the ultimate divinization of man and the created order." The profound experience of and the unshakable belief in the risen Lord enabled the Apostles to evangelize the world and empowered the Church to overcome paganism. The Resurrection discloses the indestructible power and inscrutable wisdom of God. It disposes of the illusory myths and belief systems by which people, bereft of divine knowledge, strain to affirm the meaning and purpose of their existence. Christ, risen and glorified, releases humanity from the delusions of idolatry. In Him grave-bound humanity discovers and is filled with incomparable hope. The Resurrection bestows illumination, energizes souls, brings forgiveness, transfigures lives, creates saints, and gives joy.

The Resurrection has not yet abolished the reality of death. But it has revealed its powerlessness (Hebrews 2:14-15). We continue to die as a result of the Fall. Our bodies decay and fall away. "God allows death to exist but turns it against corruption and its cause, sin, and sets a boundary both to corruption and sin." Thus, physical death does not destroy our life of communion with God. Rather, we move from death to life - from this fallen world to God's reign.

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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?

Prayer List

Living:

Abp. Benjamin, Abp. Melchisedek, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Joseph, Anna, Muriel, Meryl, Harold, Vern, Tammy, Daron, Steve, Litsa, Jill, Leilani, child Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Johnny, Jeremy, Preston, Ian, Sabrina with child, Loren, George, Nicole, Mark, Mark, Betty, Alicia, Richard, Marcie, Brenda, Serge, infant Gideon, Iryland, Patricia, Casey, Bruce, Alice, Christina, Danny, Cassi with child, Infant Dominic, Roberta, Leonard, Jerry, Kyriacou, Annabelle, Devin, Georgianna, Morgan with child, Natalie, Wendy, Judy, April with child, Greg, Haily with child, Melvin, Anita

Departed:

Kenneth, Tom, Robbie

Youth:

Easter Egg Hunt (NEXT SUNDAY):

Next week, we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Volunteers Needed:

Don't forget last week's message of our younger people stepping up and helping more. It is a great time to serve the Lord.

Coffee Hour (2023 List up to end of May in the Hall)

Church Clean Up (2023 List up to May in the Hall. We would love to have people who have never done it before)

St. Ambrose Donations

(Bin in the Hall, please donate)