



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20

At that time, through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

Gospel: John 20:19-31

At that time, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

April 23rd, 2023
**ANTI-PASCHA:
THOMAS SUNDAY**

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. 29th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- Apr. 30th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"Do not pass through the streets of the hot-tempered and quarrelsome, lest your heart be filled with anger, and the darkness of delusion dominate your soul."

- St. Isaac the Syrian

WEEKLY JOKES

I finally bought my daughter her first watch. It was about time.

Why did the Biology teacher break up with the Physics teacher? There was no chemistry.

What did Delaware? Maybe a New Jersey? I don't know, but Alaska.

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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.

Simla Nursing Home

We learned on Friday that the nursing home in Simla is being closed down. Their provider is closing them and they are working to keep it open. There was a meeting on Friday and we are still waiting for more information. The plan for us is if they need our help, we will offer where we are able. Stay tuned!

Rocky Mountain Youth Camp (July 17th-20th)

The forms for this year's camp are in the Narthex. This year we will have a unique opportunity with another group from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. We will do some things together, such as Liturgy, paraklesis, and/or small group talks with the older kids. One note is this camp is at the same time as El Paso Fair, so this will impact our numbers but if your child/children are not participating, please consider going to camp this year. The Rose Marie Ladies have agreed to cover the cost again this year so all youth are invited. We do need volunteers as well again. Please see Fr. Stephen for more info.

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.

Rockies Game (July 2nd)

We are looking to see the Rockies play on July 2nd against the Detroit Tigers. The game starts at 1:10 PM, which means we would do Liturgy at 8:30 AM that day. The cost of the tickets are around \$16 per ticket. If you are interested in going, please see Fr. Stephen and let him know so we can order the tickets ahead of time and get the discounted rate.

Antipascha - Saint Thomas Sunday:

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed "The Doubting Thomas." This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, "The Touching of Thomas." The Slavonic inscription is, "The Belief of Thomas." When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

This day is also known as "Antipascha." This does not mean "opposed to Pascha," but "in place of Pascha." Beginning with this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord's Resurrection. Sunday is called "Resurrection" in Russian, and "the Lord's Day" in Greek.

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, Muriel, Meryl, Harold, Vern, Tammy, Daron, Steve, Litsa, Jill, Leilani, child Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Johnny, Jeremy, Sabrina with child, Loren, George, Mark, Mark, Betty, Alicia, Richard, infant Gideon, Iryland, Patricia, Casey, Bruce, Alice, Christina, Danny, Cassi with child, Roberta, Leonard, Jerry, Kyriacou, Annabelle, Devin, Georgianna, Morgan with child, Natalie, Wendy, Judy, April with child, Greg, Haily with child, Infant Dominic, Melvin, Anita

Departed:

Robert, Cynthia, Kenneth

Youth:

Easter Egg Hunt (TODAY):

Today, we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt after Liturgy

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)