



# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

April 30th, 2023  
SUNDAY OF THE HOLY  
MYRRHBEARING WOMEN

## Scripture Readings

### Epistle: Acts 6:1-7

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: Mark 15:43-16:8

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.

## 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

May 6th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)  
May 7th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

## WISDOM

*"You have heard, dearly beloved, that holy women who had followed the Lord came to the sepulcher with spices. They had loved Him when He was alive, and they showed Him their eager tenderheartedness even when He was dead. Their deed points to something that must be done in our holy Church. Thus as we hear of what they did, we must also think of our responsibility to imitate them. We too, who believe in Him Who died, approach His sepulcher with spices if we are strengthened with the sweet smell of the virtues, and if we seek the Lord with a reputation for good works. And the women who came with spices saw angels, since those who advance toward God through their holy desires, accompanied by the sweet smell of the virtues, behold the citizens from on high."*

- St. Gregory the Great, Forty Gospel Homilies

## WEEKLY JOKE

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

# CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

## 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 Update

We don't have much to report on here but the main update is that there is an effort to try 1 of 2 things: 1) A group of people throughout Calhan and Simla are trying to purchase the property so that residents can stay. 2) Get a nursing home based out of Hugo/Limon to expand into Simla. Hopefully they can come to a solution and we can keep this vital resource in our community but until then, all we can do is pray.

## 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 / Property Taxes (TODAY)

Today, 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. Also, Becky Fischer would like to speak briefly at the end of the meeting to discuss some recent changes to the property tax laws that will effect many of our elderly. It is highly recommended that those who own property stay for this portion at the end of the 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.

## Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble

### Joseph:

The Myrrh-bearing women are those women who followed the Lord, along with His Mother. They remained with her during the time of the saving Passion, and anointed the Lord's body with myrrh. Joseph and ikdmos asked for and received the Lord's body from Pilate. They took it down from the Cross, wrapped it in linen cloths and spices, then they laid it in a tomb, and then they placed a great stone over the entrance of the tomb.

According to the Evangelist Matthew (27:57-61) Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joses (Mark 15:40) were there sitting opposite the sepulchre, and they saw where He had been laid. This other Mary was the Mother of God. Not only were these present, but also many other women, as Saint Luke says (24:10).

Today the Church honors Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Cleopas (May 23), Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4), and the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who was the stepmother of her husband Joseph's sons James (October 23) and Joses (October 30). Today we also remember Saint Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), who was a secret disciple (John 19:38), and Saint ikdmos, who was a disciple by night (John 3:3; 19:38).

The holy right-believing Queen Tamara of Georgia is honored twice during the year: on May 1, the day of her repose, and also on the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women.

On this day the Church also remembers All Saints of Thessalonica, Saint Seraphim Bishop of Phanar (December 4,1610), the New Martyr Elias Ardunis (January 31, 1686), and the New Martyr Demetrios of the Peloponnesos (April 13, 1803).

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

For those who were praying for Sally Fosha's surgery, it went really well and she is recovering nicely. Thank you for your prayers and please continue to pray for her.

### Departed:

Robert

### Youth:

#### Board Game Night (May 13th):

On Saturday the 13th, we are looking to have a board game night in the Hall after Vespers. We will have Pizza as well. Youth, invite your friends!

### Volunteers Needed:

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)

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