



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

May 21st, 2023 SUNDAY OF THE BLINDMAN SS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34

Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Gospel: John 9:1-38

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, (CONT. ON BACK)

MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Christopher Rozdilski
- 2nd - Leonard Volosin
- 3rd - Jeb & Jennifer Billmire
- 5th - Austin Jackson
- 5th - Colleen Hendrix
- 7th - Vickie Tipton
- 8th - Victor Volosin
- 8th - Nadia Sisneros
- 10th - Ben & Linda Hendrix
- 10th - Makenzie Schulte
- 11th - Lauren Nelson
- 13th - Madeleine Hlatki
- 14th - Joshua Sisneros
- 16th - Butch & Helen Sakala
- 18th - Dee Eurich
- 19th - Abigail Heuberger
- 24th - Rachel Stevens
- 25th - Bill & Colleen Hendrix
- 26th - Betty Eurich
- 27th - Harry Mikita
- 27th - Josh & Lacie Leithead
- 28th - Tori Jackson
- 29th - Kaleb Ritter
- 29th - Matt & Libbie Dawson
- 29th - Fr. Stephen & Mat. Lindsey Osburn
- 30th - Brock Burnside

SCHEDULE

- May 25th - Ascension Liturgy (8:00 AM)
- May 27th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- May 28th - Chrismation for Jeremy Garder (9:00 AM)
- Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"As it is impossible to verbally describe the sweetness of honey to one who has never tasted honey, so the goodness of God cannot be clearly communicated by way of teaching if we ourselves are not able to penetrate into the goodness of the Lord by our own experience." - St. Basil the Great

WEEKLY JOKES

How does the lazy karate sensei introduce himself? Hi, ya. Don't be mad at lazy people. They didn't do anything.

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Gospel: John 9:1-38 (Cont.): 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." There-fore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

Eastern Plains Community Highlights

This past week we had 2 big things happen: 1) Ryleigh was inducted into the National Honor Society at Simla; and 2) Trevor took home 6th in State for Pole Vaulting. What a great job to both of them and May God Grant them and their families Many More Blessed Years!!

Brayden Glover Graduation Party

Reminder that Brayden will be having his graduation party next Saturday around 12 PM at the Hall. Graduation is at 10 AM on Simla. Everyone is invited and welcome!

Parish Council Meeting (TODAY) / No Meeting in June

Memorial Day Cleanup (Next Sunday - May 28th)

We will have our annual Memorial Day Cleanup on May 28th after Liturgy. We need volunteers to clean the hall as well as to mow the grass around our properties. It is especially important that our younger people (under 50) step up and help with this effort in keeping our community beautiful.

Grave Blessings/Memorial Day Services (May 29th - 10 AM)

Our annual Memorial Day Event/Services will kick off on Monday the 29th at 10 AM. The VFW will be joining us again. The plan as of now is to bless ALL cemeteries that day but split it up as the 2 on the Hill, potluck lunch in the hall, and then the remaining ones thereafter. Please join us!

Pylypczuk Family Birthday Party

On Saturday, June 3rd, Mike Pylypczuk turns 80 and Marie McGinnis turns 40. They would like to invite everyone to an open house to celebrate! The party starts at 1 PM and will be at: 3831 Ellston Pl., Colorado Springs, CO 80907. Please RSVP by calling: (719)382-5559 (Mike and Vickie)

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 by June 4th if you are interested in going.

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 and her newborn child Freyja, Mark, Alicia, Richard, infant Gideon, Iryland, Patricia, Casey, Bruce, Alice, Christina, Danny, Cassi with child, Roberta, Leonard, Jerry, Annabelle, Devin, Georgianna, Morgan with child, Natalie, Wendy, Judy, April with child, Greg, Haily with child, Infant Dominic, Anita, Sally, Brandon, Austin, Joseph, Michael, Allison, infant Grady Paul, Scott, Beverly

Congrats to Sabrina and Juston on their new baby girl, Freyja. May God Grant them Many Years!

Departed:

James, Joseph, Earl, Petr, Gordon, Dorothy, child Arrayah, Paula, Robert

Youth:

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

The forms for this year's camp are in the Narthex. Camp is at the same time as El Paso Fair. If your child/children are not participating, please consider going to camp this year. Camp is FREE for all youth and volunteers in our parish. Please see Fr. Stephen for more info.

Volunteers Needed:

New Lists up (June-Dec) for Coffee Hour and Church Clean Up. Please sign up!

St. Ambrose Donations

Bin in the hall. Please donate.

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