



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

June 11th, 2023 SYNAXIS OF ALL SAINTS SS. BARTHOLOMEW & BARNABAS

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Brethren, 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: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

The Lord said: whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

JUNE Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Archbishop Benjamin (Peterson)
- 1st - Chad Burnside
- 3rd - Scott & Robin Mikita
- 5th - Jason & Rachel Britton
- 5th - Mylee & Hunter Ratzlaff
- 6th - Dale Drew
- 8th - Evan Dean John Guy
- 8th - LD and Lyndi Meier
- 9th - Korbyn Meier
- 9th - Helen Sakala
- 12th - Garth & LeAnn Perry
- 14th - Nate Rozdilsky
- 15th - Shonda Robinson
- 22nd - Jeb Billmire
- 23rd - Leilah Tunink
- 23rd - Mat. Elaine Lowell
- 23rd - Rainlee Dawson
- 24th - Jenny Dumler
- 25th - Muriel Eurich
- 26th - Michael & Debby Hlatki
- 26th - Tristan Nelson
- 26th - Rachel Britton
- 27th - Gary Glover
- 27th - Moses Sisneros
- 28th - Mylee Ratzlaff
- 30th - Chandler Glover

SCHEDULE

- June 17th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- June 18th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"The word saint means holy, thus "Saint John" means, in fact, "Holy John." This is not to say that he was always perfect; that he was a genius; that he was a great man according to the understanding of this world; that his views on politics, social life, or economics were desirable or correct. It means only that, within the context of his age, he manifested the image of God in himself in some way—a new creature in Christ." Sainthood, OCA.org

WEEKLY JOKE

I was feeling depressed. So my wife put her hand on my shoulder and said "Earth."

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Welcome Back Fr. David Lowell!

We are overjoyed to have Fr. David back this weekend to serve while Fr. Stephen is away. His return brings a renewed sense of joy and spiritual enrichment to our community. We have missed his wise counsel and compassionate presence. May God Grant Fr. David Many Years!!

Father's Vacation (June 5th-24th)

Fr. Stephen and family will be gone in June for vacation. Fr. David Lowell will be serving for him. Mat. Elaine will be joining him on the latter part of their trip. They will be staying at the rectory. If there are any issues while Fr. Stephen is away, please contact him as normal.

Rockies Game (July 2nd)

Tickets are ordered! We will 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. Please make out checks to St. Mary's and put "baseball game" in the memo.

El Paso Fair Booth Sign Up (July 15th-22nd)

Fair Booth Sign Up Sheet is now in the Narthex. There is plenty of time to sign up over the next 7 weeks but please consider signing up now. This is a vital part of our outreach to the community. Also, since there is camp during this week, please leave the spots open before and after for camp goers and their families.

Synaxis of All Saints

The first Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pentecost is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of All Saints. This day has been designated as a commemoration of all of the Saints, all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives.

Honoring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, "But to me, exceedingly honorable are Thy friends, O Lord" (Ps. 138:16). And the Apostle Paul, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue, says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1).

This commemoration began as the Sunday (Synaxis) of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of "Martyr" in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require the shedding of their blood. Therefore, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we honor all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honor the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died" (John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as "the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Savior" (Sunday of All Saints, Doxastikon of Vespers).

In this celebration, then, we reverently honor and call blessed all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. All these, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our most holy Lady and Queen, the Ever-virgin Theotokos Mary, do we honor on this day, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede in our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all. Amen.

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. Thomas, 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, Danny, Christina, Cassi with child, Jerry, Roberta, Leonard, 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, Betty, Beverly, Lyndi with child, Venette, Janie, Dani with child

Departed:

Archmandrite Anthony (Falsarella), Fr. Simon, Eric, George, Anna, James, Joseph, Earl, Petr, Gordon, Dorothy, child Arrayah, Paula

Youth:

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

If you have not yet gotten your forms to Fr. Stephen, please text him a picture. There are extra forms in the Narthex.

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.