



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10

Brethren, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

The Lord said: The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

June 25th, 2023

VIRGIN MARTYR FEBRONIA OF NISIBIS

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 29th - Divine Liturgy (8:00 AM)
- July 1st - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- July 2nd - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"It is better to eat meat and drink wine than to eat the flesh of one's brethren through slander."

- Abba Hyperechius

WEEKLY JOKES

What does an Miami Heat fan do when his team has won the NBA Finals? He turns off the PS5 and goes to bed.

What is Mark Stone's favorite dessert? Stanley Cupcakes.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

It is good to be home...and I'm off again.

Thank you to everyone for handling the fort, while I was away. Thank you all also for being so welcoming to our former acting rector, Fr. David and his wife Mat. Elaine. What a joy it is to know that I can leave for any period of time and not have to worry about any issues. Heard everyone got quite a bit of rain so Glory to God for that but also I hope everyone is safe and I presume you all will tell me how it went. I look forward to hearing all about it. Also, how about those Stanley Cup Champion, Vegas Golden Knights and NBA Champion, Denver Nuggets? Met quite a few fans of both on our trip and their smiles were the largest and for good reason! As I've said to quite a few already, "Best. Disney. World. Trip. Ever!" Last but not least, I will be flying back to Vegas next Sunday after Liturgy. As many of you know, my father had open heart surgery a few weeks ago and I didn't get to see him for more than 2 hours before heading to our cruise last Saturday. The girls are with him now and my mother has asked for me to fly back and spend some time with him. I will be there until July 8th when we all drive back to Calhan. I apologize for being gone so long but I do really appreciate that I am in a parish where I can make such a trip and everyone is so loving and understanding. That being said, it is good to be back and may God Grant you all Many More Blessed Years!

In Christ,
Fr. Stephen

The Coaching Story Podcast: Dave Guy

Our own Dave Guy was recently on a podcast talking about his love of sports, his success as a coach at Simla, and how its all about the kids. It is an absolutely amazing episode and if you have not heard it yet, please go to this link and listen (you won't be disappointed):

<https://thecoachingstory.buzzsprout.com/1104119/13085599>

Rockies Game (Canceled)

We did not get enough tickets to qualify for group pricing and with Fr. Stephen's travels next Sunday after Liturgy, the outing to the Rockies game is canceled. Sorry for all of those who wanted to go. We will look at another game for early September.

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

Fair Booth Sign Up Sheet is now in the Narthex. 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 campgoers and their families.

Adult Class is returning (August 5th)

Adult Class is returning beginning of August and in an effort to get more to come to Great Vespers, we will first start having our classes on Saturday evenings after Vespers for an hour. We will be starting some a little new and reading through Fr. John Behr's Mystery of Christ series. It is a short book and we will be placing an order of 15 copies in the coming weeks. If you would like to buy a copy, they are \$15 (we may get them for cheaper in bulk. Fr. Stephen is going to check with SVS Press this week). We will have copies on hand for our class. This is a fairly short book and deals with our approach as Christians who are all called to carry their crosses and see our lives in reflection of the Crucified Christ.

St. Febronia the Righteous Virgin Martyr of Nisibis

The Virgin Martyr Febronia suffered during the reign of Diocletian (284-305). She was raised at a monastery in the city of Sivapolis (Assyria). The head of the women's monastery was the abbess Bryaena, the aunt of Saint Febronia. Being concerned about her niece's salvation, she assigned her a stricter form of life than the other nuns. According to their monastic rule, on Fridays the sisters put aside their other duties and spent the whole day in prayer and the reading of Holy Scripture. The abbess usually assigned the reading to Saint Febronia. News of her pious life spread throughout the city. The illustrious young widow Hieria, a pagan, began to visit her, and under the influence of her guidance and prayer she accepted holy Baptism, bringing her parents and kinsfolk to the Christian Faith.

Diocletian sent a detachment of soldiers to Assyria under the command of Lysimachus, Selinus and Primus for the destruction of Christians. Selenos, the uncle of Lysimachus, was noted for his fierce attitude against Christians, but Lysimachus was of a different frame of mind from him, since his mother had sought to inspire love for the Christian faith in her son, and she had died a Christian. Lysimachus had discussed with his kinsman Primus how it would be possible to deliver Christians from the hands of the torturer. When the detachment of soldiers approached the convent, its inhabitants hid. There remained only the abbess Bryaena, her helper Thomais and Saint Febronia, who was seriously ill at the time.

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, 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, Joseph, Michael, Allison, infant Grady Paul, Scott, Betty, Beverly, Lyndi with child, Venette, Janie, Dani with child, Evan (Maximus), Kaavya (Kassiani), Lily with child, Austin, Nicole and their newborn child Raeghan

Departed:

George, Anna, James, Joseph

Youth:

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

Forms have been sent in. Please see your instruction form on what to bring. If anyone is in need of a ride to camp, please see Fr. Stephen. If anyone is still interested in going, Fr. Stephen can try and speak with Fr. Benjamin about getting your child in.

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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