



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

July 16th, 2023

FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Romans 12:6-14

Brethren, Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

The Lord got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" - then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

JULY Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Kylie Jackson
- 2nd - Lorene Denson
- 6th - Rodney Glover
- 7th - Bron Burnside
- 7th - Jonathan Mikita
- 8th - Brianna Pyatt
- 8th - Carrie Ann Guy
- 15th - Linda Hendrix
- 16th - LD Meier
- 17th - Harry & Polly Mikita
- 17th - Bryan Hlatki
- 17th - Haylee Schulte
- 17th - Hannah Schulte
- 18th - Brooklyn Billmire
- 19th - Grady Leithead
- 19th - Evie Stevens
- 20th - Ernie & Jeanie Mikita
- 21st - Whitney Tunink
- 22nd - Luke Meier
- 22nd - Bill & Rachel Stevens
- 23rd - Marcellus Rozdilski
- 27rd - Brayden Glover

SCHEDULE

- July 22nd - No Vespers
- July 23rd - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"Stay with us Lord, because our souls are full of darkness and you are the one true light; you alone can satisfy the longings that consume us. For we know that above everything that is beautiful and good, the greatest is this; to possess you forever, O Lord."

- St. Gregory Nazianzen

WEEKLY JOKES

It's illegal in Hawaii to laugh loudly. You have to keep it to Aloha.

Why did the pirate go on vacation? To get some arrr and arrr.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Steve Sr. Address

A few have asked about sending "Get Well Soon" cards to Steve Sr. Their address is:

Stephen and Litsa Osburn
2431 Bellinzona Place
Henderson, NV 89044

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

Fair has started. Fr. Stephen has tickets to hand out today after Liturgy. A copy of the sheet with assignments. Please try and be at your assigned time 5-10 minutes beforehand. We also still need folks to sign up for the following shifts: Tuesday 18th (3-5 PM), Friday 21st 7 PM - 8:30 PM, and Saturday 22nd (12-2 PM and 2 PM-4 PM). We are also going to be selling crosses and a few bookstore items. They can pay cash or directly through our Paypal (QR Code available for them). Thank you again to everyone who signed up. This is truly what makes this community great! God Grant Many Years!

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. We ordered 25 copies of the book. If you would like to buy a copy, they are \$15. We will have copies on hand for our class. The remaining books will be in the book store for sale. 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.

Fathers of the First 6 Ecumenical Councils

The Sunday of the Fathers of the First Six Councils is a feast held by those following the Slavic Typikon on the Sunday falling from July 13 to 19 (the churches following the Typikon of the Great Church celebrate only the Fourth Ecumenical Council on this Sunday). The Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils are honored by the Church because, based upon the preaching of the Apostles, they have established one faith for the Church. Guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit and accepted by the Church, the Ecumenical Councils are the highest canonical and dogmatic authority in the Church.

"The Ecumenical Councils were always convened for a specific reason: to combat false opinions and heresies, and to clarify the Orthodox Church's teaching. But the Holy Spirit has thus seen fit, that the dogmas, the truths of faith, immutable in their content and scope, constantly and consequently are revealed by the conciliar mind of the Church, and are given precision by the holy Fathers within theological concepts and terms in exactly such measure as is needed by the Church itself for its economy of salvation. The Church, in expounding its dogmas, is dealing with the concerns of a given historical moment, "not revealing everything in haste and thoughtlessly, nor indeed, ultimately hiding something"" (St. Gregory the Theologian).

Troparion (Tone 8)

You are most glorious, O Christ our God!
You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth!
Through them you have guided us to the true faith!
O greatly Compassionate One, glory to You!

Kontakion - Tone 8

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines
Have established one faith for the Church.
Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology,
It defines and glorifies the great mystery of Orthodoxy!

The Come and See Challenge:

Have you brought someone NEW this month or brought someone back?

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, Meryl, Harold, Vern, Tammy, Corbin, Ryan, Daron, Steve Sr, Litsa, Jill, Leilani, child Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Johnny, Jeremy, Mark, Alicia, Richard, 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, Joseph, Michael, Allison, infant Grady Paul, Beverly, Lyndi with child, Venette, Janie, Dani with child, Lily with child, Austin, Nicole, Steve

Departed:

Nathan, Infant Gideon, Infant Raeghan

Youth:

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

Next week is camp! Campgoers, please make sure you have everything you need. Please see Fr. Stephen if you are need the sheet.

WaterWorld (August 13th):

Our tentative date is August 13th for WaterWorld. All are welcome. Fr. Stephen will order the tickets soon.

St. Ambrose Donations

Bin in the hall. Please donate.

Volunteers Needed

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

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