



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Romans 6:18-23

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

At that time, when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

Calhan Community Highlight

A few days ago, Lexi and Evan Guy came and mowed the lawn at the rectory. The reason this is being mentioned in the bulletin is this is exactly what I was talking about with our youth and younger adults stepping up in the community, allowing our elderly a much needed retirement. They could have easily spent their day with friends, playing video games or sports, or doing anything other than serve the Church. However, they took time out of their day in the summer, no less to come and offer this serve. I wanted to recognize this and say "Good Job to both of you! May others see your example and follow. May God Grant you both Many Years!"
- Fr. Stephen

July 2nd, 2023

ST JOHN MAXIMOVITCH THE WONDERWORKER

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 8th - Reader's Vespers (5:00 PM)
- July 9th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"O first enthroned among the apostles/ and teachers of the whole world;/ entreat the Master of all,/ that He grant peace to the world// and great mercy to our souls.

- Holy Apostles Peter & Paul Troparion, Tone 4

WEEKLY JOKES

I was told that "icy" is the easiest word to spell...Looking at it now, I see why.

I've dedicated my whole life to finding a cure for insomnia. I won't rest till I find it.

What do you call a disagreement between a vegan and a vegetarian? Beef.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Happy Independence Day!

This coming week we celebrate 4th of July, our country's independence day. Let us remember and honor the principles of freedom, liberty, and justice that our nation was founded upon, and let us offer prayers of gratitude for the blessings we enjoy as a community. May God's grace guide us as we strive to be agents of love, unity, and peace.

Father Away (July 3rd-8th)

As many of you were aware, Fr. Stephen planned on being away to visit his dad this week. Originally it was just to see him but last week he had a stroke and is currently in the hospital, so its even more urgent that Fr. Stephen go see him. Please keep Steve Sr in your prayers and Fr. Stephen will be driving back with Mat. Lindsey and Zoe on Saturday the 8th. If there are any issues, please call him.

Also, 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

Parish Council & Trojanovich Picnic (Next Week - July 9th)

Annual Trojanovich Picnic next Sunday in the Hall after Liturgy. Everyone is welcome. Parish Council will meet after everyone has had a chance to get something to eat and socialize (roughly an hour into the picnic).

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 camp goers 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. 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!

St John Maximovitch the Wonderworker

St. John Maximovitch, also known as St. John of Shanghai and San Francisco, was a prominent Orthodox Christian bishop and wonderworker of the 20th century. Born on June 4, 1896, in the Kharkov province of Russia, he dedicated his life to serving God and the Church. Known for his deep spirituality, asceticism, and humility, St. John was ordained a priest and later consecrated as a bishop. During his life, St. John faced numerous challenges, including persecution from the Soviet regime and the turmoil of World War II. Despite these difficulties, he remained steadfast in his faith and commitment to helping others. St. John became known for his miracles, including healing the sick, clairvoyance, and prophecies. In 1962, he was assigned to San Francisco, where he continued to work tirelessly, establishing numerous parishes, orphanages, and shelters for the homeless. St. John Maximovitch was a beloved figure in the Orthodox Church and beyond, revered for his compassion, love, and deep spirituality. He passed away on June 19, 1966, in Seattle, Washington. Today, he is venerated as a saint, and his relics rest in the Cathedral of the Holy Virgin "Joy of All Who Sorrow" in San Francisco. St. John's life serves as an inspiration for believers, reminding them of the power of faith and the transformative impact one individual can have on the lives of others.

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 Sr., 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, Steve

Departed:

Infant Raeghan, Alan, Ryan, 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.

WaterWorld (August 13th):

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