



# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

## APOSTLE SILAS AND SILVANUS OF THE SEVENTY

July 30th, 2023

### Scripture Readings

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Brethren, I plead with you, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22**

At that time, when the Lord Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

### 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

- Aug 5th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- Aug 6th - Baptism for Abigail (8:30 AM)
- Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

### WISDOM

*"The passion of pride arises from two kinds of ignorance, and when these two kinds of ignorance unite together they form a single confused state of mind. For a man is proud only if he is ignorant both of divine help and of human weakness. Therefore pride is a lack of knowledge both in the divine and in the human spheres. For the denial of two true premises results in a single false affirmation."*

- St. Maximus the Confessor

### WEEKLY JOKES

My daughter asked me, "What does déjà vu mean?" I said, "I have a feeling you asked me this before."

What would you call a walking mosquito? An itch-hiker.

# WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

## Protection of the Holy Virgin Monastery Needs Our Help!

Mother Cassiana of Protection of the Holy Virgin Monastery in Lake George reached out this past week asking for some of our folks (specifically our teenagers) to organize a trip up to help cut wood for the rest of the year and into next. She has asked that no young children come, unless absolutely necessary and needs a few of the women in our parish to come and cook lunch. If you are interested in organizing this, please see Fr. Stephen and we can all coordinate a date and time to go and help. Thank you!

## Adult Class Starts Next Saturday (August 5th)

It's finally here and time to begin our adult class again. We will be having class Saturday evenings (unless noted) after Great Vespers in the Church. We will read through Fr. John Behr's *Mystery of Christ*. The book is \$15 but we will have books on hand for the class. This is also a great chance to invite someone new to our parish too! Hope many of you come!

## Parish Council (Next Sunday - August 6th)

## Baptism of Abigail Heuberger (Next Sunday - August 6th)

Next Sunday before Liturgy at 8:30 AM, we will be celebrating the baptism of Abigail Heuberger. Please join us for this occasion and May God Grant Abigail and her godmother Many Years!!

## Logan and Abigail's Upcoming Wedding (August 27th)

Come and celebrate the official start of the rest of Logan and Abigail's lives. The wedding will be on August 27th, 2023 at 2 PM. All are welcome to come. The guests of honor are asking that priority in the Church be given to their family, however the service will be livestreamed in the Hall and on Facebook (Note: The stream will NOT be available later for missed viewing). For those in attendance, they are asking for no phone photography but are more than happy to provide the professional ones. Lastly, they are also asking if you plan on attending to RSVP with them, noting if you're bringing a plus one and a song request you may want to share during the Reception. May God Grant the future Mr. and Mrs. Bourg Many Years!!!

## Apostles Silas and Silvanus of the 70

Saint Silas was a respected figure in the original Church at Jerusalem, one of the "chief men among the brethren" (Acts 15:22). The Council of the Apostles was convened at Jerusalem in the year 51 to deal with the question of whether Gentile Christian converts should be required to observe the Mosaic Law. The Apostles sent a message with Paul and Barnabas to the Christians of Antioch, giving the decision of the Council that Christians of Gentile origin did not have to observe the prescriptions of the Mosaic Law. Nonetheless, they were told that they must refrain from partaking of foods offered to idols, from things strangled and from blood, to refrain from fornication (Acts 15:20-29). Together with Saints Paul and Barnabas, the Council of the Apostles sent Saints Silas and Jude to explain the message in greater detail, since they both were filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Saint Jude was later sent back to Jerusalem, but Saint Silas remained at Antioch and zealously assisted Saint Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, on his missionary journeys preaching the Gospel. They visited Syria, Cilicia, and Macedonia.

In the city of Philippi they were accused of inciting unrest among the people, and for this they were arrested, beaten with rods, and then thrown into prison. At midnight, when the saints were at prayer, suddenly there was a strong earthquake, their chains fell off from them and the doors of the prison opened. The prison guard, supposing that the prisoners had fled, wanted to kill himself, but was stopped by the Apostle Paul. Then, he fell down trembling at the feet of the saints, and with faith accepted their preaching about Christ. He then led them out of the prison and took them to his own home, where he washed their wounds, and was baptized together with all his household.

From Philippi Saints Paul and Silas proceeded on to the cities of Amphipolis, Apollonia and Thessalonica. In each city they made new converts to Christ and built up the Church.

At Corinth the holy Apostle Silas was consecrated as bishop, and worked many miracles and signs, and there he finished his life.

The Holy Apostle Silvanus preached the Word of God together with the chief Apostles Peter and Paul. In his First Epistle, the holy Apostle Peter makes mention of him: "By Silvanus, a faithful brother to you, as I suppose, I have written briefly..." (1 Peter 5:12). Saint Silvanus was made bishop at Thessalonica and died there a martyr, having undergone many sorrows and misfortunes for the Lord's sake.

## 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, Anita, Joseph, Michael, Allison, infant Grady Paul, Beverly, Lyndi with child, Venette, Janie, Dani with child, Lily with child, Austin, Nicole, Infant Dominic, Steve, Emmy, John, Ronald, Gene, Mariah with child, Abigail with child

### Departed:

Nathan, Infant Gideon, Infant Raeghan

### Youth:

#### WaterWorld (August 13th):

Our reservation has been made. Everything is set! All are welcome to come. Liturgy will be at 8:30 AM that day to give us time to get up to the park and have fun!

## 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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