



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

July 9th, 2023 HIEROMARTYR PANCRATIUS BISHOP OF TAOMINA, SICILY

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1

At that time, when the Lord had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

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 15th - No Vespers
- July 16th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"In the name of the Theotokos, the whole mystery of the Incarnation is implied.

- St. John of Damascus

WEEKLY JOKES

Where do Sith shop? At the Maul; everything is half off. (Stone Stevens Submission)

Your veterinarian won't tell you this but if your dog is running a fever, go to the store and buy some mustard. It's the best thing for a hot dog.

The same bike tries to run me down every day. It's a vicious cycle.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Huge Thank You To Everyone!

I just want to say a huge thank you to everyone for their love and support during this difficult time in my family's life. You all don't know how much it means for us. My dad is doing alot better and will be in rehab for the rest of the month. He should make a full recovery over the coming months. Regardless, having that chance to spend with him was worth more than anything. Thank you everyone's prayers and to those who reached out to check in on him. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you! May God Grant you all Many Blessed Years!
-Fr. Stephen

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

Parish Council & Trojanovich Picnic (Today)

Annual Trojanovich Picnic today 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 starts next Saturday. We still have plenty of spots that still need filling for the booth. Please sign up. Also, if you are signed up, tickets will be provided next Saturday and Sunday (Depending on shifts. In the past, they have been really lenient with tickets being reused but be wary, they may be more strict this year. Fr. Stephen will update as needed. Also there will be No Vespers the next 2 Saturdays. Camp is happening this same week so Fr. Stephen will be away for a few days and Mat. Lindsey will be on hand and ready for any issues that may rise up. Again, please sign up if you have not and thank you to those who have!

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.

Volunteers Needed

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

Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina in Sicily

The Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina, was born when our Lord Jesus Christ yet lived upon the earth. The parents of Pancratius were natives of Antioch. Hearing the good news of Jesus Christ, Pancratius' father took his young son with him and went to Jerusalem in order to see the great Teacher for himself. The miracles astonished him, and when he heard the divine teaching, he then believed in Christ as the Son of God. He became close with the disciples of the Lord, especially with the holy Apostle Peter. It was during this period that young Pancratius got to know the holy Apostle Peter. After the Ascension of the Savior, one of the Apostles came to Antioch and baptized the parents of Pancratius together with all their household. When the parents of Pancratius died, he left behind his inherited possessions and went to Pontus and began to live in a cave, spending his days in prayer and deep spiritual contemplation. The holy Apostle Peter, while passing through those parts, visited Pancratius at Pontus. He took him along to Antioch, and then to Sicily, where the holy Apostle Paul then was. There the holy Apostles Peter and Paul made Pancratius Bishop of Taormina in Sicily. He toiled zealously for the Christian enlightenment of the people. In a single month he built a church where he celebrated divine services. The number of believers quickly grew, and soon almost all the people of Taormina and the surrounding cities accepted the Christian Faith. He also governed his flock peacefully for many years. However, pagans plotted against the saint, and seizing an appropriate moment, they fell upon him and stoned him. Thus, Saint Pancratius ended his life as a martyr. The saint's relics are in the church named for him in Rome. He is also commemorated on February 9.

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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, 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 Gideon, 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.

St. Ambrose Donations

Bin in the hall. Please donate.