



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Brethren, if I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

The Lord said this Parable: Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

August 20th, 2023 AFTERFEAST OF DORMITION PROPHET SAMUELS

AUGUST Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4th - Taytam Robinson
- 5th - Kelly Glover
- 7th - Gary & Georgianna Glover
- 7th - Emmary Britton
- 7th - Mat. Lindsey Osburn
- 10th - Robert & Tatiana Boyd
- 11th - Sheila Mikita
- 13th - Denise Mikita
- 13th - Trey & Lauren Nelson
- 15th - Debbie Molner
- 16th - Kade Pyatt
- 17th - Daniel Tipton
- 17th - Scott Mikita
- 17th - Ken & Lore Denson
- 18th - Juston Scott
- 23rd - Joey Gdovin
- 28th - Ernie Mikita
- 31st - Dave & Carrie Guy
- 31st - Rodney & Kelly Glover

SCHEDULE

- Aug 26th - Reader's Vespers (5:00 PM)
- Aug 27th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)
- Bourg Wedding (2:00 PM)

WISDOM

"God is everywhere. There is no place God is not...You cry out to Him, 'Where art Thou, my God?' And He answers, 'I am present, my child! I am always beside you.' Both inside and outside, above and below, wherever you turn, everything shouts, 'God!' In Him we live and move. We breathe God, we eat God, we clothe ourselves with God. Everything praises and blesses God. All of creation shouts His praise."
-St. Joseph the Hesychast

WEEKLY JOKES

Picked up a hitchhiker last night. He asked, "How do you know I'm not a serial killer?" I replied, "The chances of two serial killers in one car is astronomical."

If a man speaks in the forest and his wife is not there to hear him...Is he still wrong? Yes.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Thank you! Archbishop's Visit was a Success!!!

Thank you to everyone for making His Eminence feel so welcome! He was very happy to see everyone and appreciates all the love and support he received. Thank you to everyone who helped with cleaning the church, mowing the grass, taking care of the grounds, serving and singing, and organizing and executing the luncheon on Tuesday. May God Grant our entire community Many Blessed Years!!

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. The plan is to go up on September 2nd. If you are interested in helping, please see Fr. Stephen or Sam Greska and we can all coordinate a date and time to go and help. Thank you!

Adult Class Every Saturday Night After Vespers

Join us every week* after Vespers as we dive into 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!

**Please note there will be no class next Saturday.*

Fr. Stephen and Family Away (August 21st-26th)

Fr. Stephen and family will be away during the week (Monday-Saturday). If there are any issues while he is gone, please call and he will handle it.

Logan and Abigail's Wedding (Next Sunday at 2 PM)

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!!!

Slavic Fest Prep Work

Slavic Fest is just around the corner. To kick off Slavic Fest production we will start with a thorough hall cleaning after fellowship on Sept 3. Pierogi and noodle making will be September 10th, 17th, & 24th with the Oct 1st as an extra work day if needed.

Afterfeast of Dormition

The Church continues to honor the passage of the Most Holy Theotokos from death to life. Just as Christ once dwelt in the virginal womb of His Mother, now He takes Her "to dwell in His courts."

Dormition:

The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary: After the Ascension of the Lord, the Mother of God remained in the care of the Apostle John the Theologian, and during his journeys She lived at the home of his parents, near the Mount of Olives. She was a source of consolation and edification both for the Apostles and for all the believers. Conversing with them, She told them about miraculous events: the Annunciation, the seedless and undefiled Conception of Christ born of Her, about His early childhood, and about His earthly life. Like the Apostles, She helped plant and strengthen the Christian Church by Her presence, Her discourse and Her prayers.

Prophet Samuel

The Prophet Samuel is a significant figure in Orthodox Christian tradition, revered as a prophet, judge, and priest. He was born to Hannah through divine intervention after she prayed for a child. Samuel played a crucial role in anointing Saul as the first king of Israel and later anointed David as king. He faithfully served as a mediator between God and the people, offering sacrifices and providing guidance. His life exemplified humility, obedience to God's will, and prophetic insight, making him a symbol of devotion and faith in Orthodox Christianity.

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, Met. Isaiah, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dennis, Mat. Priscilla, 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 and her newborn child Sophie, 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, Steve, Emmy, John, Ronald, Gene, Mariah with child, Abigail with child, Infant Dominic

Departed:

Met. Daniai (of Japan), Paul, Doug, James, William, Nathan

Youth:

Rockies Game (September 30th):

After speaking with folks, it sounds like the Rockies game on the 30th is the one everyone wants to go to. If you are interested in going, please see Fr. Stephen before the end of August to let him know you would like to go. He will order tickets first weekend in September.

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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