



# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

## Scripture Readings

### Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

### Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

## August 27th, 2023 VENERABLE PIMEN THE GREAT

## 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
- 27th - Logan & Abigail Bourg
- 28th - Ernie Mikita
- 31st - Dave & Carrie Guy
- 31st - Rodney & Kelly Glover

## SCHEDULE

- Sept 2nd - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- Sept 3rd - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

## WISDOM

*“If a man and a woman marry in order to be companions on the journey from earth to heaven, then their union will bring great joy to themselves and to others.”*

-St. John Chrysostom

## WEEKLY JOKES

### For Logan and Abigail:

What is a cleric's favorite hot drink? Divini-tea!

How does the paladin protect against the heat of a Fire bolt? He turns up his AC!

What's the difference between an Irish funeral and an Irish wedding? One less drunk.

### For everyone else:

I accidentally glued myself to a copy of my autobiography. My wife doesn't believe me. But that's my story and I am sticking to it.

# 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. The plan is to go up next Saturday morning, 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!

## No Coffee Hour Today and Wedding at 2 PM

Due to today's festivities, coffee hour is cancelled to allow the wedding party time to get the church and hall ready. Please come back later at 2 PM to celebrate the wedding of Logan and Abigail. May God Grant them both 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 next Sunday on Sept 3. Pierogi and noodle making will be September 10th, 17th, & 24th with the Oct 1st as an extra work day if needed. There will also be a quick committee meeting before clean up on the 3rd. Please everyone be available to help! Let's make this Slavic Fest bigger than ever.

## Slavic Fest Tickets Go On Sale Next Week - [SlavicFest.net](http://SlavicFest.net)

## On Marriage, Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

"A marriage which does not constantly crucify its own selfishness and self-sufficiency, which does not "die to itself" that it may point beyond itself, is not a Christian marriage. The real sin of marriage today is not adultery or lack of "adjustment" or "mental cruelty." It is the idolization of the family itself, the refusal to understand marriage as directed toward the Kingdom of God. This is expressed in the sentiment that one would "do anything" for his family, even steal. The family has here ceased to be for the glory of God; it has ceased to be a sacramental entrance into his presence. It is not the lack of respect for the family, it is the idolization of the family that breaks the modern family so easily, making divorce its almost natural shadow. It is the identification of marriage with happiness and the refusal to accept the cross in it. In a Christian marriage, in fact, three are married; and the united loyalty of the two toward the third, who is God, keeps the two in an active unity with each other as well as with God. Yet it is the presence of God which is the death of the marriage as something only "natural." It is the cross of Christ that brings the self-sufficiency of nature to its end. But "by the cross, joy entered the whole world." Its presence is thus the real joy of marriage. It is the joyful certitude that the marriage vow, in the perspective of the eternal Kingdom, is not taken "until death parts," but until death unites us completely." - For the Life of the World, Chapter 5, p.90.

## Venerable Pimen the Great

Saint Pimen the Great, venerated in the Orthodox tradition, was a renowned desert father and ascetic who lived during the 4th century in Egypt. He dedicated his life to the pursuit of spiritual growth and closeness to God through rigorous ascetic practices. Known for his humility and wisdom, St. Pimen attracted many disciples seeking his guidance. His teachings emphasized prayer, self-discipline, and detachment from worldly distractions. Through his exemplary life, St. Pimen demonstrated the transformative power of a devoted life of prayer and asceticism, leaving a lasting legacy in the Orthodox Christian tradition.

## 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, 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, child Maisyn, 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, Jennah and her newborn child Hazel

### Departed:

Met. Danial (of Japan), Aaron, Paul, Doug

### 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!