



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:10-19

Brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease. For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

At that time, Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

August 6th, 2023

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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 12th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)

Aug 13th - Divine Liturgy (NOTE: 8:30 AM)

WISDOM

"Conquer men by your gentle kindness, and make zealous men wonder at your goodness. Put the lover of justice to shame by your compassion. With the afflicted be afflicted in mind. Love all men, but keep distant from all men."

- St. Isaac the Syrian

WEEKLY JOKES

My wife told me that women are better at multitasking than men. So, I told her to sit down and be quiet. She couldn't do either...That's when the fight started.

I got a hammer lodged in my esophagus and doctors can't remove it. They say it's the worst case of a Thor throat they've ever seen and if I may say, it was not a marvelous time.

Nothing starts with a N and ends with a G.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Many Years Elbert County 4Hers!!

Huge congrats to our 4Hers, Jack, Leilah, Evan, Ryleigh, Trevor, and Lexi for their hard work and accomplishments at this year's Elbert County Fair! May God Grant them all Many Years!!

Many Years Abigail Heuberger!!

Welcome home to Abigail (Zoesamus) on her journey into the Orthodox Church! May God Grant her, her family, and her godmother Many More 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. 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! (Side note: It has been suggested that a few folks would just pre-cut wood, gather it, and take it up there. This is a good alternative if someone wants to do this instead. Please let Fr. Stephen know).

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!

Parish Council (Today)

Archbishop Benjamin's Visit (August 14-15th)

His Eminence will be with us on the 14th and 15th. We will have Great Vespers at 6 PM (14th) and Divine Liturgy (not Hierarchal) at 9 AM (15th). A potluck brunch will be served after Liturgy. Please make every effort to be at Liturgy.

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!!!

Feast of Transfiguration

The Feast of Transfiguration commemorates the momentous event when Jesus Christ revealed His divine glory to His disciples on Mount Tabor. As He prayed, His face shone like the sun, and His garments became dazzling white, unveiling His true nature as the Son of God. Alongside Him stood Moses and Elijah, representing the Law and the Prophets, affirming the fulfillment of God's promises through Christ. This extraordinary event emphasizes the union of the human and divine in Jesus and reinforces His role as the ultimate revelation of God's love and grace.

This sacred celebration serves as a profound reminder of the transformative power of faith and the call to seek spiritual metamorphosis in our own lives. Just as Christ's appearance was transfigured, we too are invited to be transfigured by His teachings, following His example, and striving to become more Christ-like each day. The Feast of Transfiguration reminds us of the eternal nature of Jesus Christ and encourages us to deepen our relationship with Him, ultimately experiencing His divine light shining within us and illuminating the path to eternal life.

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 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, Steve, Emmy, John, Ronald, Gene, Mariah with child, Abigail with child, Infant Dominic

Departed:

Paul, Doug, James, William, 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 next Sunday with weekday Liturgy rules (no sermon) 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!