

# SLAVICFEST 2023

October 14th (11 AM-4PM)  
& 15th (11 AM-3PM)

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Calhan, CO 80808



## ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

## PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD & EVER VIRGIN MARY

October 1st, 2023

### Scripture Readings

**Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1**

Brethren, what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

**Gospel: Luke 6:31-36**

The Lord said: just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

### OCT Birthdays & Anniversaries

2nd - Daryl Mikita  
3rd - Michael Hlatki  
6th - David Rozdilsky  
8th - Rita Evanoika  
11th - Fr. Stephen Osburn  
12th - Steven & Sarah Dumler  
13th - Theo Nelson  
16th - Kevin & Brandy Buchner  
21st - Dan and Vickie Tipton  
22nd - Luke Fischer  
25th - Brady Billmire  
27th - Brody Burnside  
29th - Steven Dumler

### SCHEDULE

Oct 7th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)  
Oct 8th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

### WISDOM

*"Do we refuse to forgive? God, too, will refuse to forgive us. As we treat our neighbours, so also does God treat us. The forgiveness or unforgiveness of your sins, then, and hence also your salvation or destruction, depend on you yourself. For without forgiveness of sins there is no salvation. You can see for yourself how serious it is."*

- St. Tikhon of Zadonsk

*"We have such a law: If you forgive, it means that God has forgiven you; but if you do not forgive your brother, it means that your sin remains with you."*

- St. Silouan the Athonite

### WEEKLY JOKES

*Where do couples go in the mall to argue? The fued court.*

*What do the San Jose Sharks and the Titanic have in common? They both look good until they hit the ice.*

*I fell in my driveway and can't sue anyone. It was my own asphalt.*

# WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

## Calhan Community Highlights

Congrats to Tori Jackson on getting her Bachelor's of Science degree this year (August 6th, 2023). Also, Carrie Guy retired last week from Colorado Springs Utilities and will now be working for Mountain View Electric. We are excited to see her serving our community in a new and exciting way. May God Grant Carrie, Tori, and their families Many Years!!

## No Adult Class Until After Slavic Fest

## Panakhida Today After Liturgy for Mikita Family

## Church School Meeting Today After Liturgy

Church school officially begins October 8th. Parents and kids please stay after Liturgy for a brief, informal meeting with the teachers.

## MVEA Meeting/Dinner (October 26th - 5:30 PM)

MVEA sent out some of their cards to the wrong addresses. In case you did not get yours, the Lamplighter meeting for MVEA is confirmed for October 26th at 5:30. RSVP to 719-494-2528 or by e-mail: [communications@mvea.coop](mailto:communications@mvea.coop) with first and last name, total Adult Guests, and name of guests, special dietary considerations.

## Chili Cook Off / Trunk or Treat (October 29th)

The Chili Cook Off is already upon us. There will be great prizes again for both the best chili and car trunks. Please let Mat. Lindsey know if you are going to compete so she can get an accurate number of cups ready. It's going to be a ton of fun! We can't wait.

## Slavic Fest Prep Work & Tickets On Sale - [SlavicFest.net](http://SlavicFest.net)

Slavic Fest is just around the corner. We will be having an extra day for Pierogi and noodle making today. Please everyone be available to help! Let's make this Slavic Fest bigger than ever. Slavic Fest tickets are also now on sale. Facebook ads have started. The daily posts to promote the festival are also scheduled. Please like and share them so Facebook's algorithms feed them into as many folks' feeds as possible. Flyers also available in the Narthex. Please take and distribute.

## The Protection of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

In the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, a miraculous appearance of the Mother of God took place in the Blachernae church, where her sacred garments had been preserved since being brought from Palestine in the fifth century. During an All Night Vigil on Sunday, October 1, Saint Andrew witnessed the Holy Lady Theotokos descending from the heavens, accompanied by other saints like Saint John the Baptist and the Apostle John the Theologian. She fervently prayed for Christians and then spread her veil over the people, protecting them from both visible and invisible enemies. This event left the churchgoers in awe.

The Mother of God implored Jesus to hear the prayers of those invoking her name for help. The protective veil she held gleamed brilliantly. This miraculous vision was witnessed by Saint Andrew and his disciple Epiphanius. When the Theotokos departed, the protective veil disappeared, leaving behind a sense of grace.

The memory of this event was preserved in the Blachernae church, and an icon depicting Saint Andrew in contemplation of the Mother of God was found there in the fourteenth century. This event also played a significant role in history as it is believed to have protected Constantinople from a pagan Russian fleet attack in the ninth century.

The feast celebrating this divine protection became important to the Slavic people, even more so than to the Greeks. However, some historical details, like the year of Saint Andrew's death and his nationality, remain uncertain. Churches dedicated to the Protection of the Mother of God started appearing in Russia in the twelfth century, and the feast was officially established in the Russian Church around 1164 by Prince Andrew Bogoliubsky.

The Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos is a time when believers seek the Queen of Heaven's intercession and protection, asking for deliverance from sins and all forms of adversity. They hold her in high esteem and magnify this special occasion.

## 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, Met. Isaiah, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dennis, Meryl, Harold, Tammy, Daron, Steve Sr, Litsa, Leilani, child Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Johnny, Jeremy, Alicia, Iryland, Patricia, Danny, Christina, Jerry, Roberta, Leonard, Morgan and her newborn child Sloan, Wendy, Judy, Haily with child, Michael, Jill, child Maisyn, Beverly, Lyndi with child, Venette, Dani with child, Lily with child, Abigail with child, Joseph, Infant Dominic, Kristina, Jaime, child Carolina, child Chloe, child Aubrey, child Andrew, Donna, Kalee with child, Alisha with child

Those who are confined: Casey, Basil, Mark, Johnny, Hannah

### Departed:

Kh. Sue, Mat. Priscilla, Rdr. Stephen, Savva, Judy, James, Michael

Memory Eternal to the 58 who lost their lives in the terrible shooting on October 1st, 2017 in Las Vegas.

### Youth:

Trunk or Treat (Oct 29)  
Movie Night: TBA (Nov 4)

## 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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