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ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

September 10th, 2023 MARTYRS MENDORA, METRODORA, & NYMPHODORA

Scripture Readings

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Brethren, He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding."' But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

SEPT Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2nd - Austin & Tori Jackson
- 5th - Linda Deak
- 6th - Victor & Terri Volosin
- 7th - Stephen Osburn Sr.
- 12th - Ken Denson
- 14th - Cassandra Fischer
- 17th - Trevor Hendrix
- 20th - Noah Scott
- 22nd - Bill Stevens
- 23rd - Rick & Shirley Sandbothe
- 24th - Dave Guy
- 29th - Michael Mikita
- 29th - Bodie Glover
- 29th - Eilidh Robinson

SCHEDULE

- Sept 14th - Exaltation Liturgy (8:00 AM)
- Sept 16th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- Sept 17th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

A man who is eating or lying with his wife or preparing to go to sleep in humility, thankfulness and temperance, is, by Christian standards, in an infinitely higher state than one who is listening to Bach or reading Plato in a state of pride.

- C.S. Lewis

WEEKLY JOKES

An old Farmer writes to his Son who was in prison: "Dear Son, this year I won't be able to plant Potatoes because I can't dig the field by myself. I know if you were here, you would have helped me". The Son writes back: "Dad don't even think of digging the field because that's where I buried all the money I stole." The Police read the letter and the next day the whole field was dug up looking for the money but nothing was found. The following day the Son wrote again, "Now plant your Potatoes dad, it's the best I can do from here."

I didn't last very long in my last job as a human cannonball... I was fired. (Editor: This joke really bombed...)

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Calhan Community Highlights

Huge congrats to Jed, Abigail, and Grady Leithead for their various awards at the Lincoln County Fair this past weekend. Great job! May God Grant them Many Years!!

Monastery Work

After speaking with Mother Cassiana, she does not need us until first week of June. We will reorganize then, giving us more time to prepare and also be of better service. Thank you to those who volunteered for this month. You will still be called upon later (wink, wink).

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

Rose Marie Ladies Meeting Today

The Rose Marie Ladies would like to meet today after Liturgy in the church.

Church School Begins October 1st

Beer and Brat Festival at St. Paul's (September 23rd)

Coming up in a few weeks is St. Paul Lutheran Church's annual Beer and Brat Festival. The food is always great and its good to support them as they always support our Slavic Fest.

Slavic Fest Prep Work

Slavic Fest is just around the corner. Pierogi and noodle making will be September 10th, 17th, & 24th with the Oct 1st as an extra work day if needed. Please everyone be available to help! Let's make this Slavic Fest bigger than ever.

Slavic Fest Tickets Are Now On Sale - SlavicFest.net

Slavic Fest tickets are 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.

Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora

The Holy Virgins Menodora, Nymphodora, and Metrodora, hailing from Bithynia in Asia Minor, were known for their deep piety and dedication to preserving their virginity and avoiding worldly influences. They secluded themselves in the wilderness, devoting their lives to fasting and prayer, and their reputation as holy women quickly spread due to the miraculous healings attributed to their prayers. Frontonus, the ruler of Bithynia, ordered their arrest, initially attempting to persuade them to renounce their Christian faith with promises of great rewards. However, the sisters remained steadfast, valuing eternal life over worldly possessions. In a fit of rage, Frontonus subjected St. Menodora to severe beatings and urged her to sacrifice to pagan gods, but she courageously refused, choosing to offer herself as a sacrifice to God. She ultimately gave up her life, declaring her devotion to Christ. Following Menodora's death, her two younger sisters, Metrodora and Nymphodora, were brought before Frontonus. Despite seeing their sister's battered body, they too remained resolute in their faith. Frontonus attempted to entice St. Metrodora with false promises, but she, too, rejected his offers and died calling upon Jesus Christ. St. Nymphodora faced the same fate as her sisters, enduring torture and ultimately succumbing to the same fate. An attempt to burn the sisters' bodies was thwarted by heavy rain, and lightning struck Frontonus and his servant. Christians reverently buried the martyred sisters near the Warm Springs at Pythias in Bithynia, and relics of the holy martyrs are preserved in various monasteries, including on Mount Athos and in the St. Panteleimon Russian monastery.

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, Vern, Tammy, Corbin, Ryan, Daron, Steve Sr, Litsa, Jill, Leilani, child Lillian, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Johnny, Jeremy, Mark, Alicia, Richard, Iryland, Patricia, Casey, Bruce, Alice, Danny, Christina, Jerry, Roberta, Leonard, Annabelle, Devin, Georgianna, Morgan with child, Natalie, Wendy, Judy, April with child, Greg, Haily with child, Anita, Joseph, Michael, Janie, Allison, child Maisyn, Beverly, Lyndi with child, Venette, Dani with child, Lily with child, Austin, Nicole, Steve, Emmy, John, Ronald, Gene, Mariah and her newborn child Bo Blake, Abigail with child, Infant Dominic

Departed:

Met. Danial (of Japan), Savva, Judy, James

Memory Eternal to all of those who lost their lives due to terrorism on September 11th, 2001.

Youth:

Rockies Game (September 30th):

Tickets WILL be ordered next Friday. If you are interested in going, please see Fr. Stephen this weekend to let him know you would like to go. Tickets are \$17 per ticket.

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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