



September 24th, 2023

# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

# HOLY NEW MARTYRS OF ALASKA, JUVENALY & PETER

## **Scripture Readings**

#### **Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10**

Brethren, we then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

#### Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

At that time, as the multitude pressed about the Lord to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

# SEPT Birthdays & Anniversaries

2nd - Austin & Tori Jackson

5th - Linda Deak

6th - Victor & Terri Volosin

7th - Stephen Osburn Sr.

12th - Ken Denson

14th - Cassandra Head

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 30th - Reader's Vespers (5:00 PM) Oct 1st - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

# WISDOM

"For it is not my desire to act towards you as a man-pleaser, but as pleasing God, even as also ye please Him. For neither shall I ever have such [another] opportunity of attaining to God; nor will ye, if ye shall now be silent, ever be entitled to the honour of a better work. For if ye are silent concerning me, I shall become God's; but if you show your love to my flesh, I shall again have to run my race. Pray, then, do not seek to confer any greater favour upon me than that I be sacrificed to God while the altar is still prepared; that, being gathered together in love, ye may sing praise to the Father, through Christ Jesus, that God has deemed me, the bishop of Syria, worthy to be sent forfrom the east unto the west. It is good to set from the world unto God, that I may rise again to Him."

- St. Ignatius, Epistle to the Romans, Chapter 2

# **WEEKLY JOKES**

What's big and white and can't climb trees? A fridge.

My iPhone accidentally took a 10 minute video of my shoes yesterday. It was some pretty good footage.

# WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

## **No Adult Class Next Saturday**

#### **Church School Meeting October 1st**

Church school officially begins October 8th. However, prior to start of the new year, the teachers would like all parents to stay after Liturgy next week to discuss the upcoming year. Parents, please make every effort to be here next week. Thank you.

#### 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 with first and last name, total Adult Guests, and name of guests, special dietary considerations.

#### **Special Collection Today**

His Eminence has asked every parish to take a special collection for Fr. Ian Shipley and family. His wife, Mat. Priciscilla, after going through several major and complicated surgeries and having to be placed in hospice care fell asleep in the Lord this past week. She leaves behind a young family with ages ranging from 3 to 21. Donations may be sent directly to: St. Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, 2956 Cohasset Rd., Chico, CA 95973 (Please include a notation that it is for the "family fund.") You may also use https://www.orthodoxchico.com/giving/. We will take a special collection for the next 2 Sundays and May God guide and protect Fr. Ian and their children Jessica, Evan, Lydia, and Adriana as the go through this difficult time and May He keep Mat. Priscilla's Memory Eternal!

#### Slavic Fest Prep Work & Tickets On Sale - SlavicFest.net

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 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.

#### Martyr Juvenal of Alaska

Saint Juvenal, the Protomartyr of America, was born in 1761 in Siberia with the name John Feodorovich Hovorukhin. He initially trained as a mining engineer but later entered a monastery in Saint Petersburg after his wife's death, taking the name Juvenal. In 1794, he embarked on a missionary journey to Alaska alongside Father Macarius. They faced harsh conditions, discussed their preaching territories, and displayed immense zeal. Juvenal baptized hundreds of Chugatchi in 1795 and continued his mission, reaching the Kuskokwim area. Sadly, he was killed by a hunting party in 1796, but the reasons behind his murder remain unclear. Despite facing his attackers without resistance, he urged them to spare the natives he had baptized. Even after repeated beatings, he called for their repentance, ultimately becoming the first Orthodox Christian martyr in America. Legend has it that a shaman attempted to cast a spell with Juvenal's brass pectoral cross but was lifted off the ground. Later, a man was seen wearing a similar cross. A column of light emanated from Juvenal's relics, reaching towards Heaven. Saint Juvenal's tireless evangelization in Alaska made a significant contribution to the spread of the Orthodox Church in America, surpassing the efforts of all other missionaries combined.

#### Martyr Peter the Aleut

Saint Peter the Aleut is mentioned in the Life of Saint Herman of Alaska. According to an account by Simeon Yanovsky, when Spanish authorities in California imprisoned fourteen Aleuts and tried to force them to convert to Catholicism, the Aleuts refused, asserting their Christian faith. Despite torture, one Aleut named Peter endured severe mutilation and remained steadfast, repeating, am a Christian," until he died from blood loss. The next day, an order for their release arrived, but Peter had already passed away. Little is known about him, but his martyrdom is reminiscent of Saint Bin in the hall. Please donate. James the Persian. Saint Peter's unwavering faith and suffering place him among the ranks of martyrs, both ancient and contemporary, as he now rejoices in the heavenly Kingdom.

## 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, Mark, Alicia, Iryland, Patricia, Casey, Bruce, Alice, Danny, Christina, Jerry, Roberta, Leonard, Annabelle, Devin, 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, John, Ronald, Gene, Abigail with child, Infant Dominic, Gary, Chris, Kristina, Jaime, child Carolina, child Chloe, child Aubrey, child Andrew, Carol

### Departed:

Met. Danial (of Japan), Mat. Priscilla, Rdr. Stephen, Savva, Judy, James

#### Youth:

#### **Rockies Game (September 30th):**

Tickets are ordered. For those going, we will be meeting at the game at 5 PM to give us all time to get inside. If you are still interested in going, we should be able to get a few more tickets. See Fr. Stephen if interested.

#### St. Ambrose Donations

#### Volunteers Needed

New Lists up (June-Dec) for Coffee Hour and Church Clean Up. Please sign up!

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