



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

The Lord said this parable: There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

October 22nd, 2023

ST. ABERCIUS

THE WONDERWORKER

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 28th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
Oct 29th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"Always have the fear of God in your heart, and remember that God is always with you, everywhere, whether you are walking or sitting."

- St. Gennadius of Constantinople

WEEKLY JOKES

As I suspected, someone has been adding soil to my garden. The plot thickens.

My wife asked me to put ketchup on the shopping list. Now I can't read anything.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Slavic Fest 2023

A huge thank you to every single person in our parish! I know this is a hard event to put on (especially for our older members) but this year's Slavic Fest was an absolute success! We had more meal tickets sold than ever before. Our website sold more in presales than both the presale and weekend of last year. Everyone who came up to me, told me it was one of the best Slavic Fests (and events in town) that they had ever been to. The Church tours were full (I had 70 at one of them). It was not only a great event, but an excellent outreach. Thank you everyone and May God Grant our members Many More Blessed Years! - Fr. Stephen

Many Years Nelson Family!

Many Years to the newly baptized and illumined, Trey, Lauren, Theo, Tristan, and Lilah! May God Grant them all Many Years!!

No Adult Class Until November

Diocesan Assembly (October 24th - 26th)

Fr. Stephen and Lori Meier will be away from Tuesday to Thursday for the annual Diocesan assembly. As always, if anything comes up, please reach out to Fr. Stephen.

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

Chili Cook Off / Trunk or Treat (Next Weekend)

The Chili Cook Off is next Sunday. 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. Also, we will be doing the Trunk or Treat too. No costumes during church and kids will change during church school. It's going to be a ton of fun! We can't wait.

Saint Averkios the Wonderworker, Bishop of Hieropolis, Equal of the Apostles

The Holy Hierarch Averkios of Hieropolis lived in Phrygia during the second century. The city of Hieropolis was inhabited by many pagans and very few Christians. The Saint prayed to the Lord for the salvation of their souls, and that they might be numbered among God's chosen flock. An Angel appeared and bade Saint Averkios to destroy the idols in the pagan temple. He obeyed this command with zeal. Hearing that the idol-worshippers wanted to kill him, the Saint went to a place where people had gathered and openly denounced the failure of the pagans when they attempted to seize him. At that moment three demon-possessed youths in the crowd cried out. The people were dumbfounded as the Hierarch expelled demons from them by his prayers. Seeing the youths restored to normal, the people of Hieropolis asked Saint Averkios to instruct them in the Christian Faith, and then they received Holy Baptism.

After this Saint Averkios went to the surrounding cities and villages, healing the sick and preaching the Kingdom of God. With his preaching he made the rounds of Syria, Cilicia, Mesopotamia, he also visited Rome. Everywhere he went he converted multitudes of people to Christ. For many years he guarded the Church against heretics, confirming Christians in the Faith, and setting the prodigal upon the path of righteousness. He also healed the sick and proclaimed the glory of Christ. Because of his great works, Saint Averkios is called an "Equal of the Apostles." Saint Averkios returned home to Hieropolis, where he soon rested from his labors. After his repose, many miracles took place at his tomb. He wrote his own epitaph, and it was carved on his tombstone, which is now in the Lateran Museum.

The skull of Saint Averkios is located in the Monastery of Most Pure Theotokos on the island of Andros. Fragments from the Holy Relic of Saint Averkios are also found in the Monasteries of Karakalou on the Holy Mountain, at Proussos in Evritania, and Phaneromeni in Salamis.

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, Steve Sr, Litsa, Leilani, child
Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John,
Natalie, Jeremy, Alicia, Iryland,
Patricia, Danny, Christina, Jerry,
Roberta, Leonard, Wendy, Judy, Haily
with child, Michael, Beverly, Lyndi with
child, Venette, Lily with child, Abigail
with child, Infant Dominic, Kristina,
Jaime, child Carolina, child Chloe, child
Aubrey, child Andrew, Jill, Donna, Kalee
with child, Joseph, Alisha with child,
Jackie, Hameeda, Azrah, Amber with
child, Anna with child, Anya with child

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

Departed:

Kh. Sue, Mat. Priscilla, Rdr. Stephen,
Brooks, Francis, Richard

Youth:

Movie Night: TBA (Nov 4)

Fr Stephen is still in need of recom-
mendations for movie night. He has
only received one.

St. Ambrose Donations

Bin in the hall. Please donate.

Volunteers Needed

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

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