



# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

## Scripture Readings

### Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

### Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

At that time, they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

October 29th, 2023

## MARTYR ANASTASIA THE ROMAN

### 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

- Nov 4th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- Nov 5th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

## WISDOM

"A division within the Church has never occurred, nor indeed can one take place, while apostasy from the Church has and will continue to occur after the manner of those voluntarily fruitless branches which, having withered, fall away from the eternally living theanthropic Vine—the Lord Christ (John 15:1-6). From time to time, heretics and schismatics have cut themselves off and have fallen away from the one and indivisible Church of Christ, whereby they ceased to be members of the Church and parts of her theanthropic body. The first to fall away thus were the gnostics, then the Arians, then the Macedonians, then the Monophysites, then the Iconoclasts, then the Roman Catholics, then the Protestants, then the Uniates, and so on—all the other members of the legion of heretics and schismatics."

- St. Justin Popovich, *The Attributes of the Church*

## WEEKLY JOKES

I decided to play golf with my friend. On the third hole he said, "Let's make this interesting." So we stopped playing golf..

My wife complains a lot that I don't smile anymore. Well she's the one who wanted a serious relationship.

# WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

## MVEA Dinner

Thank you to everyone who came and volunteered to put on the dinner for the Mountain View Electric Association. May God Grant you all Many Years!

## No Adult Class Until November 11th

## Special Collection for Next 2 Weeks: Diocese of Alaska

At the Diocesan Assembly, Bp Alexei of Alaska was there as a special guest to give a lecture "On the Thoughts" as well as provide a report on the state of his diocese. The Diocese of Alaska is in dire needs of funds to pay clergy salaries and provide for the churches. We are very blessed in our parish. While I do run a business (hockey and gymnastics ain't cheap), I am afforded that if I decided I did not have my business that I could survive on my salary in the parish. However, many clergy are not as blessed, especially in the diocese of Alaska. The less a priest has to find outside work, the more he can dedicate his energy and time to the building up of the Church. As such, we will be taking a special collection for the next 2 weeks and sending them a check to help with clergy salaries. I know we have taken quite a few of these over the last few months but it is good to give and we may even make this particular charity a normal part of our ministry. Please be generous, above and beyond. Thank you. - Fr. Stephen

## Chili Cook Off / Trunk or Treat (Today)

The Chili Cook Off is today! There will be great prizes again for both the best chili and car trunks. No costumes during church and kids will change during church school. It's going to be a ton of fun!

## Parish Council Meeting (November 12th)

## A Wonderful Doggy in Need of a New Home

Mother Cassiana has a part labadore and some kind of pointer that is under 2 years old from her great niece that is in need of a new home. She's an outdoor dog and unsure if she is spayed (though Mother Cassiana thinks she is). Dog is very sweet and alot of energy. If you are interested a new member to your family, free of charge, please see Fr. Stephen.

## Martyr Anastasia the Roman

The Monastic Martyr Anastasia the Roman lost her parents when she was three years old, and was taken to be raised by the Igoumeness of a women's monastery, whose name was Sophia, a nun who had attained a high degree of spiritual perfection. She raised Anastasia in fervent faith, in the fear of God, and obedience. After seventeen years, Anastasia became known as a great ascetic, and she was very beautiful. The Emperor Decius (249-251) began his persecution of Christians at that time. The city administrator, Probus, following the Emperor's orders, commanded that Anastasia be brought to him. Blessed by her Igoumeness to suffer for Christ, the young martyr Anastasia went out to meet the armed soldiers. Seeing her youth and beauty, Probus first tried flattery to make her deny Christ. "Why do you waste your youth deprived of pleasure?" he asked. "What is to be gained by enduring tortures and death for the Crucified? Worship our gods, marry a handsome husband, and live with glory and honor."

While Saint Anastasia stood before the ruler, her mind stood before Christ, and with her spiritual eyes, she beheld the comeliness of her Bridegroom. The Saint replied, "My spouse, my riches, my life and my happiness are my Lord Jesus Christ, and you cannot turn me away from Him by your deceit!" Probus had her stripped of her clothing, in order to humiliate her. She told him, "You can have me whipped, beaten, and cut to pieces, and then my nakedness will be hidden by my wounds, and my blood will cover my shame." Probus subjected Anastasia to horrible tortures. The holy martyr bravely endured all of them, glorifying and praising God. When she became thirsty she asked for some water, and a Christian named Cyril gave her a drink. She thanked him, but Probus had him beheaded. Then her tormentors cut off her breasts and ripped out her tongue, while an Angel held her upright. When the people witnessed the inhuman and disgusting treatment the Saint received, they became indignant, and Probus was forced to end the tortures by having her beheaded. In this manner, Saint Anastasia received the unfading crown of martyrdom.

Saint Anastasia's body was thrown outside the city limits to be eaten by wild animals, but the Lord did not permit her holy relics to be dishonored. By the instructions of a holy Angel, Igoumeness Sophia found Saint Anastasia's mutilated body. With the help of two Christians, she buried it in the earth. Her right tibia with the skin is at Grigoriou Monastery on Mount Athos, and pieces of her relics are at the Saint Alexander Nevsky Lavra in St. Petersburg.

## 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. Alexander, 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, 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, infant Piper, Joan, Lyndi and her newborn Kahl

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

### Departed:

Kh. Sue, infant Ali, Kenneth, Brooks

### Youth:

### Movie Night: The Princess Bride (Next Saturday after Vespers)

We will be watching the Princess Bride next Saturday after Vespers. There will be popcorn, pizza, and drinks. If you'd like to bring an extra snack for everyone to share, please do. It should be alot of fun.

### 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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