



# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

## Scripture Readings

### Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10

Brethren, God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

### Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

At that time, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

November 12th, 2023

# ST JOHN THE MERCIFUL VEN NILUS THE FASTER

## NOV Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 5th - Georgianna Glover
- 7th - Becky Fischer
- 9th - Jason Britton
- 15th - Abigail Leithead
- 15th - Greg Olyejar
- 15th - Terri Volosin
- 20th - Richard & Debbie Molner
- 20th - Debbie Hlatki
- 21st - Camden Robinson
- 22nd - Morgan Sparks
- 23rd - Garth Perry
- 28th - Josh Leithead
- 29th - Lori Meier

## SCHEDULE

- Nov 18th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- Nov 19th - Baptism (8:30 AM)
- Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

## WISDOM

*"It is only next to God that we can find true and eternal joy. We taste bitter poison when we live apart from sweet Jesus."*

- St. Paisios

## WEEKLY JOKES

*Someone just called my phone, sneezed, and then just hung up. I am getting sick and tired of all these cold calls.*

*I haven't sold a single copy of my autobiography. That's the story of my life.*

*Sad news, my obese parrot died today. Mind you, it's a huge weight off my shoulders.*

# WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

**Coffee Hour: 11/12 – Community Potluck | 11/19 – No One**

**Church Cleanup: 11/12 – Guy | 11/19 – Nelson**

Friendly reminder that volunteering for coffee hour and church cleanup is a great way to serve our community, build fellowship, and show your love for God. Coffee hour is a time for people to gather and socialize after church, while church cleanup is an essential part of running a church. By volunteering for either of these activities, you can help create a welcoming and inviting space for your fellow parishioners and visitors. Additionally, volunteering for coffee hour or church cleanup is a good way to give back to our church community and show others Christ's love. I encourage you all to consider signing up for coffee hour and/or church cleanup. – Fr. Stephen

## Adult Class and Exciting Idea starting November 18th

An excellent idea was recently suggested for Adult Class but first, while Fr. John Behr's *Mystery of Christ* is a great theological work, it has been asked that we just make the book something for the bookstore and for those to read at home. The copies we still have will be increased to \$20 to make up for the loss on the unsold books. Now for the change that we will start on the 18th, next Saturday: Each other Saturday after Vespers, we will head over the Rectory to watch an episode of the Chosen, followed by a brief discussion on the episode. Once football season is over, we will move this to Sundays after Coffee Hour but for now, we will try this on Saturday evenings to try and get more to come to Vespers. Since this will also be in the evening, we will also be making it a potluck dinner at the rectory. Join us!

## Parish Council Meeting (Today)

## Calhan Christmas Parade (December 9th)

We will be participating again in the Christmas Parade here in Calhan. This year's theme is "Classic Christmas Movies". We are looking for volunteers to offer up a trailer, supplies (lights, wire, reefs, tree, etc...), and an idea for a Christmas movie that we can do as well for the parade. Please see Fr. Stephen if you can volunteer any of these things. On the day of the event, we will setup at the Hall as we did last year. Lastly, we are the only church in Calhan who participates in this event. It speaks volumes to many and we would like to keep it up as this is our home and our community. Christ commands we preach to all nations and this is one of the ways we do so. Please consider helping in whatever way you can, even if that means that you only come to sit on the float. The more who participate, the better.

## 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.

## Saint John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria

Saint John the Merciful was a patriarch who was known for his charity and compassion. He helped the poor and the sick, and he was always willing to forgive those who had wronged him. He was a strict ascetic and man of prayer, and he was always mindful of his soul. He died peacefully in the Lord at the age of 70.

## Venerable Neilos the Ascetic of Sinai

Saint Neilos was a high-ranking official who left the world to become a monk on Mount Sinai. He lived in a cave for 40 years and attained spiritual perfection. He wrote many works on the path to salvation and suffered misfortunes, but the Lord rescued him and his son. They were ordained as priests and returned to Sinai, where they lived as ascetics until Saint Neilos reposed.

## 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, Jill, Donna, Kalee with child, Joseph, Alisha with child, Jackie, Hameeda, Azrah, Amber with child, Anna with child, infant Piper, Joan, Earnie, Alex, Trisha, Abbey and her infant Lavender, Pina, Rabia, Troy, infant Muhammad

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

### Departed:

Kh. Sue, Ronald, Monoyara, infant Ali, Adam, Matthew, Kenneth, Brooks

### Youth:

**St. Nicholas / Gingerbread Houses Dec. 3rd after Liturgy**

After Liturgy on the 3rd, we will have a visit from St. Nicholas in the hall. We will also be building gingerbread houses. Kids, make sure you leave your shoes off at the door of the Church.

### St. Ambrose Donations

Bin in the hall. Please donate.

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