



ΑΓΙΟΣ

Ο Α. ΜΑΡ.



ΒΑΡΛΑΑΜ

ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

Brethren, He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

The Lord said this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

WEEKLY JOKES

I was so excited to work this morning that last night I slept like a baby. I woke up every 2 hours and cried.

What do you call a guy pouring water into a glass? Phil.

Why should you never tell secrets in a cornfield? Because the corn has ears.

What's something usually insulting, but not on Thanksgiving? A family member giving you the bird.

What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient children? If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his gravy.

November 19th, 2023 PROPHET OBADIAH MARTYR BARLAAM

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 25th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
Nov 26th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

Everyone capable of thanksgiving is capable of salvation and eternal joy. Thank You, O Lord, for having accepted this Eucharist, which we offered to the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and which filled our hearts with the joy, peace and righteousness of the Holy Spirit. Thank You, O Lord, for having revealed Yourself unto us and given us the foretaste of Your Kingdom. Thank You, O Lord, for having united us to one another in serving You and Your Holy Church. Thank You, O Lord, for having helped us to overcome all difficulties, tensions, passions, temptations and restored peace, mutual love and joy in sharing the communion of the Holy Spirit. Thank You, O Lord, for the sufferings You bestowed upon us, for they are purifying us from selfishness and reminding us of the "one thing needed;" Your eternal Kingdom. Thank You, O Lord, for having given us this country where we are free to worship You. Thank You, O Lord, for this school, where the name of God is proclaimed. Thank You, O Lord, for our families: husbands, wives and, especially, children who teach us how to celebrate Your holy Name in joy, movement and holy noise. Thank You, O Lord, for everyone and everything. Great are You, O Lord, and marvelous are Your deeds, and no word is sufficient to celebrate Your miracles. Lord, it is good to be here! Amen!

- Fr. Alexander Schmemmann's Final Sermon

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Coffee Hour: 11/19 – Britton | 11/26th – No One

Note: The December 24th Potluck is actually on the 17th when the Nativity Play is going on. As of now, there is no coffee hour planned for that day, due to Christmas eve family lunches / dinners that many have.

Church Cleanup: 11/19 – Nelson | 11/26th – Britton

Happy Thanksgiving From the Osburns

As the season of Thanksgiving fills our hearts with warmth and gratitude, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone in our community. Your unwavering support and love have been a beacon of light throughout the 5 years we have been here. Our family is especially thankful for everyone making us feel accepted, valued, and welcomed. May this Thanksgiving be filled with the warmth of family, the joy of friendship, and the abundance of God's blessings to all in the Eastern Plains and St. Mary's Community. Happy Thanksgiving to each and every one of you! May God Grant you all Many Years!! – Fr. Stephen, Mat. Lindsey, and Zoe

Many Years to the Sparks Family!

Many Years to the newly Illumined and Baptized, Sloan Sparks! May God Grant her family, sponsors, and all of her loved ones Many Blessed Years!!

Adult Class (December 2nd) – At Rectory after Vespers

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.

Father's Away (November 20th – 25th)

Fr. Stephen and family will be gone for the Thanksgiving Break, visiting their family in Las Vegas. If there are any issues, please reach out as normal.

Prophet Obadiah (Abdia)

The holy Prophet Obadiah was a faithful servant of God who lived during the ninth century B.C. He was from the village of Betharam, near Sicheim, and he served as steward of the impious Israelite King Ahab. Despite the corruption of his time, Obadiah remained true to his faith and secretly sheltered and fed the prophets of the Lord when they were being hunted down by Ahab's wife, Jezebel. After Ahab's death, Obadiah became a follower of the Prophet Elias and eventually received the gift of prophecy himself. His prophecy, which is included in the Bible, contains predictions about the future salvation of the Gentiles and the coming of the Savior. Obadiah is depicted in iconography as a grey-haired old man with a rounded beard. His scroll reads: "In that day, saith the Lord, I shall destroy the wise men out of Idumea."

Martyr Barlaam of Caesarea, in Cappadocia

The Holy Martyr Barlaam lived in Antioch of Syria. During Diocletian's persecution against Christians, the aged Saint Barlaam was arrested and brought to trial, where he confessed himself a Christian. The judge, wanting to compel the saint to renounce Christ, ordered that Saint Barlaam be brought to the pagan altar. His right hand was placed over it, and a red-hot censer burning with incense was put into his hand. The torturer thought that a physically weak old man could not endure the pain and would drop it on the altar. In this way he would involuntarily be offering sacrifice to the idol. However, the saint held on to the censer until his hand fell off. After this, the holy Martyr Barlaam surrendered his soul to the Lord.

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, Joan, Earnie, Alex, Trisha, Abbey and her infant Lavender, Pina, infant Muhammad, infant Piper, Rabia, Troy, Stella, Carol, Ethan

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

Departed:

Kh. Sue, Kimberly, Ronald, Monoyara, infant Ali

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.

RECTOR: Fr. Stephen Osburn | CELL: 702-521-6988 | E-MAIL: frsteve@holydormition.net
HolyDormition.net | SlavicFest.net | WATCH LIVE: Facebook.com/ColoradoOrthodoxChurch