



# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

## Scripture Readings

### Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

Brethren, I, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

### Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

At that time as the Lord was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound - think of it - for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

## November 26th, 2023 VEN. ALYPIUS THE STYLITE OF ADRIANOPOLIS

### 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

Dec 2nd - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)  
Dec 3rd - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

## WISDOM

*"The Nativity Fast, a fast barely noted in the divine services, is quiet, in some sense "dark," reminding us of the darkness in which the world lay before Christ's birth, and of the dark, still night on which God was born as a man. Entering this season with a humble stillness of spirit, we, too, await the coming of God."*

- Metropolitan Tikhon

## WEEKLY JOKES

Received an email "Complete Guide to breaking into Tech!"...And then I dropped my phone.

Formula One just announced they are starting a new league based in China. Its called Formula Wong.

What does a grape say when it's squashed? Nothing, it just lets out a little wine.

I'm on a plane and the lunch choices are: white meat chicken or German sausage. Unfortunately, I'm seated in the last row. I'm hoping for the breast, but preparing for the wurst.

# WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

**Coffee Hour: 11/26 – Hendrix | 12/3 – Fischer**

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: 11/26 – Britton | 12/3 – No One**

**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 doing "The Greatest Story Ever Told". Seeing as it is a story of Jesus' life, it would be nice to have one of our teens dressed as a Jesus (in white – the movie ends with His Ascension) while also showing the Nativity scene like we did last year. We currently have a trailer and a tree but nothing else. Please consider offering up reefs, lights, a manger, etc... We also need volunteers for the day of the event. On the 9th, we will meet up at the Hall around 12 to build everything. Please consider volunteering. 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.

**Nativity Play (December 17th)**

**Church School in Hall Today**

Today's class will be in the Hall so that the teachers can work out the parts for this year's Nativity Play.

**Venerable Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis**

Saint Alypius the Stylite was born in the city of Adrianopolis in Paphlagonia. His mother, a Christian, was widowed early, and she sent her son to be educated by Bishop Theodore. She distributed her substance to the poor, then began to live an ascetic life near the church as a deaconess.

Saint Alypius, from his early years, wanted to devote his life to God and yearned for the solitary life, although Bishop Theodore would not give him permission to do so. Once, when Saint Alypius was accompanying his bishop to Constantinople, the holy Martyr Euphemia (September 16) appeared to him in a vision, summoning Saint Alypius to return to Adrianopolis and found a church in her name.

With contributions offered by believers in Adrianopolis, Saint Alypius did build a church in the name of the holy Martyr Euphemia, on the site of a dilapidated pagan temple infested by legions of devils. Beside the church, under the open sky, the saint erected a pillar over a pagan tomb. For fifty-three years Saint Alypius struggled upon the pillar, praying to God and teaching those who came to him.

The demons which infested the pagan cemetery fell upon the ascetic by night and pelted him with stones. Saint Alypius, wanted nothing to stand in the way of the attacks of the spirits of darkness, then even took down the boards that served him as a roof, protecting him from the rain and wind. In the face of the saint's conquering steadfastness, the demons forever fled the place, which had been sanctified by his deed of voluntary martyrdom.

Fourteen years before his death, Saint Alypius was no longer able to stand. He was compelled to lie on his side because of the weakness of his legs, and endured grievous sufferings with humble gratitude. Around the saint's pillar two monasteries sprang up: a men's monastery on the one side, and a women's monastery on the other. Saint Alypius introduced strict monastic rules for both monasteries and he directed both monasteries until his death. Saint Alypius reposed in the year 640, at age 118. The body of the venerable stylite was buried in the church he founded in honor of the holy Martyr Euphemia. The relics of the saint of God healed many of those who came in faith.

**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, Azrah, Amber with child, Anna with child, infant Piper, Joan, Earnie, Alex, Trisha, Abbey and her infant Lavender, Pina, infant Muhammad, Rabia, Troy, Stella, Carol, Ethan, DaeLynn with child

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

**Departed:**

Kh. Sue, Hamida, Kimberly, Ronald, Monoyara

**Youth:**

**St. Nicholas / Gingerbread Houses (Next Sunday)**

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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