



# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

## Scripture Readings

### Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

### Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

At that time, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

# November 5th, 2023 MARTYRS GALACTION AND HIS WIFE, EPISTEMIS

## NOV Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 5th - Georgianna Glover
- 7th - Becky Fischer
- 9th - Jason Britton
- 15th - Abigail Rose 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 11th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- Nov 12th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

## WISDOM

*"We have very little faith in the Lord, very little trust. If we trusted the Lord as much as we trust a friend when we ask him to do something for us, neither we as individuals nor our whole country would suffer so much."*

- Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

## WEEKLY JOKES

*Why don't scientists trust atoms? Because they make up everything!*

*I used to play piano by ear, but now I use my hands.*

*I told my wife she was drawing her eyebrows too high. She looked surprised.*

# WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

**Coffee Hour:** 11/5 - Glover | 11/12 - Community Potluck

**Church Cleanup:** 11/5 - No One | 11/12 - No One

## 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 hopefully on the 18th: Each 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 may 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!

## Special Collection: 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

## Parish Council Meeting (Next Sunday)

## 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.

## Martyrs Galaction and his wife, Epistemis, at Emesa

Kletophon and Leukippe, a wealthy couple in the city of Emesa, desired children but remained childless despite giving gold to pagan priests. Emesa was ruled by a cruel governor, Secundus, who persecuted Christians. Many Christians willingly faced torture for their faith. Onuphrius, an old beggar, preached about Christ while concealing his true identity. He comforted Leukippe, who was childless, and after baptizing her, she dreamt of having a son who would follow Christ. Leukippe persuaded her husband to be baptized, and they named their child Galaction, who chose a monastic life. Galaction was betrothed to Episteme but postponed the wedding. He converted her and her servant, Eutolmius, to Christianity, and they all became monastics. They hid on Mount Publion in monasteries. Episteme had a vision of receiving golden crowns, foretelling their martyrdom. When pagans discovered the monasteries, the monks and nuns hid, but Galaction stayed, reading Scripture. Soldiers captured him, and Episteme requested to join him in martyrdom, which the Abbess permitted. Galaction and Episteme endured severe tortures, including amputation of limbs and tongues before being beheaded. Eutolmius secretly buried their bodies and wrote an account of their virtuous lives and martyrdom.

## 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, Earnie

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

### Departed:

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

## Youth:

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

Due to the football game yesterday, we moved movie night to the 11th of November. 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.

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