



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

December 10th, 2023 MARTYRS MENAS, HERMOGENES, & EUGRAPHUS

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

At that time, as the Lord entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

DEC Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Robert Boyd
- 2nd - Pete Pyatt
- 2nd - Marah Robinson
- 2nd - Meagan Gardner
- 6th - Jeanie Mikita
- 11th - Anya (Boyd) Gazii
- 12th - Mayzie Ann Jackson
- 17th - Tatiana Boyd
- 20th - Lexi Ann Guy
- 27th - Larry Don & Lori Meier
- 29th - Sabrina Lee
- 31st - Natalie Hlatki

SCHEDULE

- Dec 16th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- Dec 17th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"Grumbling is caused by misery and it can be put aside by doxology (giving praise). Grumbling begets grumbling and doxology begets doxology. When someone doesn't grumble over a problem troubling him, but rather praises God, then the devil gets frustrated and goes off to someone else who grumbles, in order to cause everything to go even worse for him. You see, the more one grumbles, the more one falls into ruin. Sometimes the devil deceives us and makes us unable to be pleased with anything; however, one can celebrate all things in a spiritual manner, with doxology, and secure God's constant blessing." - St. Paisios of Mt. Athos

WEEKLY JOKES

I got you all a chameleon for Christmas! It's around here somewhere.

My doctor just diagnosed me with a severe lack of awareness. That came out of nowhere.

What do you call a bear that's stuck out in the rain? A drizzly bear.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Coffee Hour: 12/10 – Parish Potluck | 12/17 – Parish Potluck

Note: The December 24th Potluck is actually on the 17th when the Nativity Play is going on. There is no Coffee Hour for December 24th.

Church Cleanup: 12/10 – Molner | 12/17 – Leithead

Sports / Activities Schedules

Fr. Stephen is trying to make as many activities as he can. However, with Zoe's own schedule (gymnastics twice a week and hockey once a week) and not always having schedules for all of the games and such happening with the youth, it has become difficult to properly commit. For example, MaxPreps is accurate only half the time when it comes to the games and they only really ever publish the high school schedules (and sometimes those change without an update to the site) If your kid is in any sport (plays or 4H or anything really – he will watch your kid paint smiley faces on stones if they are into that kinda thing...) please get him a schedule so he can plan and make every effort to attend those events.

Calhan Christmas Parade

Thank you to everyone who came to help setup and/or be on the float. The event went really well. May God Grant you all Many Years!!

Parish Council (Today)

Adult Class (December 16th) – At Rectory after Vespers

Nativity Play (Next Sunday – December 17th)

Christmas Services (December 24th and 25th)

Due to Christmas Eve being on a Sunday, we will have Divine Liturgy followed by a modified Vigil Service. Christmas morning Liturgy will be at 9:00 AM. There will be no coffee hour on the 24th.

Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and EUGRAPHUS, of Alexandria

The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and EUGRAPHUS suffered for their faith in Christ under the emperor Maximian (305-313). Menas was sent by the emperor from Athens to Alexandria to suppress the riots that had arisen between the Christians and the pagans. Distinguished for his gift of eloquence, Menas instead openly began to preach the Christian Faith and he converted many pagans to Christ. Learning of this, Maximian sent Hermogenes to Alexandria to place the saints on trial. Moreover, he gave orders to purge the city of Christians. Hermogenes, although he was a pagan, was distinguished by his reverent bearing. And struck by the endurance of Saint Menas under torture and by his miraculous healing after the cruel torments, he also came to believe in Christ. Maximian himself then arrived in Alexandria. Neither the astonishing stoic endurance of Saints Menas and Hermogenes under torture, nor even the miracles manifested by God in this city, mollified the emperor. Instead, they vexed him all the more. The emperor personally stabbed Saint EUGRAPHUS, the secretary of Saint Menas, who had declared himself a Christian upon witnessing the endurance of Saints Menas and Hermogenes; and then gave orders to behead the holy Martyrs Menas and Hermogenes. The relics of the holy martyrs, cast into the sea in an iron chest, were afterwards found (see February 17) and transferred to Constantinople in the ninth century. The emperor Justinian built a church in the name of the holy Martyr Menas of Alexandria. Saint Joseph the Hymnographer (April 4) composed a Canon in honor of these holy martyrs.

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, 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, Pina, infant Muhammad, Rabia, Troy, Stella, Carol, Ethan, DaeLynn with child, infant Adalynn

Especially please keep Leliah in your prayers as she recovers from eye surgery and a head injury and Austin as he recovers from foot surgery.

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

Departed:

Fr. Michael, Ronald, Monoyara

Youth:

Caroling (December 24th)

Instead of Coffee Hour, we will be getting a group to go caroling at various homes. If you would like to join us, please let Fr. Stephen know.

St. Ambrose Donations

Bin in the hall. Please donate.

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