



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

December 17th, 2023
**SUNDAY OF THE
FOREFATHERS**

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

The Lord said this parable: "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.' For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper."

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 23rd - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- Dec 24th - Divine Liturgy w/ Vigil (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"A certain monk told me that when he was very sick, his mother said to his father, "How our little boy is suffering. I would gladly give myself to be cut up into pieces if that would ease his suffering." Such is the love of God for people. He pitied people so much that he wanted to suffer for them, like their own mother, and even more. But no one can understand this great love without the grace of the Holy Spirit." St. Silouan the Athonite

WEEKLY JOKES

How much did Santa have to pay for parking? Nothing. It was on the house.

Why was E the only letter in the alphabet to get a Christmas present? Because the rest of the letters were not-E.

My wife told me to put ketchup on the shopping list...But now I can't see anything.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Coffee Hour: 12/17 – Parish Potluck | 12/24 – No Coffee Hour

Church Cleanup: 12/17 – Leithead | 12/24 – Britton

Sign up Lists for January to June 2024 are posted in the Narthex. The Coffee Hour list will be moved after Liturgy.

House Blessing Sign Up List

House Blessing list is in the Narthex. Scheduling will begin now but be for after January 6th.

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.

Christmas Donations for the Poor (By Next Sunday)

We didn't do the Reverse Advent Calendar this year as most just donate a series of cans and other goods. However, that doesn't mean we aren't going to do anything. If you are able, please bring some canned goods, boxes, and new clothes that we can drop off at the Eastern Plains pantry for Christmas by next Sunday after Liturgy. You can also drop them off at the rectory any time this week.

Adult Class Will Resume January 6th

Nativity Play (Today)

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.

Sunday of the Forefathers

The Sunday of the Holy Forefathers is the Sunday that falls between December 11-17, the second Sunday before the Nativity. The ancestors of Christ according to the flesh are remembered on this Sunday of the Nativity Fast.

All the great Fathers and Mothers and Prophets of the Old Testament, starting with Adam, Abraham, the Righteous Sarah, Isaac and Jacob, including Holy Prophet Elias and Daniel, and concluding with Holy Prophet Zechariah (Zachary), Joachim and Anna, Holy Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist and The Theotokos. They lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, "In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:3, 22:18).

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, Lloyd

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

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

Departed:

Fr. Michael, Richard, Ronald, Monoyara

Youth:

Caroling (Canceled)

St. Ambrose Donations

Bin in the hall. Please donate.

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