



# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

## Scripture Readings

### 1 Timothy 4:9-15 (Epistle)

Brethren, this is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

### Luke 19:1-10 (Gospel)

At that time, as the Lord Jesus passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

## FEBRUARY 18TH, 2024 ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY ST. LEO THE GREAT

## FEB Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Libbie Meier
- 2nd - Trey Nelson
- 3rd - Alicia Glover
- 3rd - Carly Carneal
- 6th - Robert Hertneky
- 7th - Jared Mitchell
- 8th - Paul Robinson
- 13th - Daniel Rozdilski
- 20th - Myrle Hlatki
- 20th - Bill Hendrix
- 20th - Ben Hendrix
- 25th - Josh Tunink
- 25th - Richard Molner
- 26th - Harold Eurich
- 29th - Rodger Mikita

## SCHEDULE

- Feb 24th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- Feb 25th - Baptism of Sheahan (8:30 AM)
- Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

## WISDOM

"Refuse to listen to the devil when he whispers to you: give me now, and you will give tomorrow to God. No, no! Spend all the hours of your life in a way pleasing to God; keep in your mind the thought that after the present hour you will not be given another and that you will have to render a strict account for every minute of this present hour."

- St. Theophan the Recluse

"Do not ever say: 'These beggars annoy me!' So many millions of men live on earth and all are beggars before the Lord; emperors as well as laborers, the wealthy as well as servants, all are beggars before the Lord and the Lord never said: 'These beggars annoy me!'"

- St. Nikolaj Velimirovic

## WEEKLY JOKES

*Would it kill the makers of avocados to put a different toy inside? I have like 50 wooden balls already.*

*My wife dumped me due to my obsession with comic books. She said I have too many issues.*

# WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

**Coffee Hour:** 2/18 - Hlatki | 2/25 - Harry & Polly Mikita

**Church Cleanup:** 2/18 - No One | 2/25 - No One

Please continue to sign up for Coffee Hour and Church Clean Up. We have no one signed up to clean the church for the next few weeks. It is an easy job and doesn't require more than an hour of your time. A church clean up list has been posted as well to explain what is needed.

## Fish Fry at St. Michael's Catholic Church

Our brothers and sisters over at St Michael Catholic Church are having their annual fish fry if anyone is interested in attending. It will start February 16th at 6 PM and will happen every Friday until March 22nd. It's always good to support them as they always support us with our events. Enjoy!

## Carpet Update

Next Sunday we will have three new samples of the carpet. They are variations of the original one chosen. Becky will present the carpets to the parish. Please stay after Liturgy in the Church for this brief discussion.

## Parish Council Quick Meeting After Liturgy Today

Parish Council members, stay after Liturgy to discuss the furnace issue.

## Adult Class (February 25th)

## BBQ Cookoff (March 10th)

Get your grills fired up! In just a few weeks time on Meatfare Sunday, we will have our annual BBQ Cookoff Contest. There will be prizes for the best BBQ and best side dish (yes, this year we are going to judge the best side dish too!). If you are wanting to compete, let Mat. Lindsey know.

## Sunday of Zacchaeus

The paschal season of the Church is preceded by the season of Great Lent, which is also preceded by its own liturgical preparation. The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man, and how his life was changed simply because he "sought to see who Jesus was" (Luke 19:3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through Lent towards Pascha. It is the first movement of salvation.

Our Lenten journey begins with a recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. He promised to make restitution by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and by paying to those he had falsely accused four times as much as they had lost. In this, he went beyond the requirements of the Law (Ex. 22:3-12). The example of Zacchaeus teaches us that we should turn away from our sins, and atone for them. The real proof of our sorrow and repentance is not just a verbal apology, but when we correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our evil actions.

We are also assured of God's mercy and compassion by Christ's words to Zacchaeus, "Today salvation has come to this house" (Luke 19:9). After the Great Doxology and Trisagion at Sunday Matins (when the Tone of the week is in Tone 1, 3, 5, or 7) we sing the Troparion of the Resurrection: "Today salvation is come to the world, let us sing praises to Him Who arose from the tomb, and is the Author of our life. For having destroyed death by death, He has given us the victory and great mercy." Zacchaeus was short, so he climbed a tree in order to see the Lord. All of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We are also short in our spiritual stature, therefore we must climb the ladder of the virtues. In other words, we must prepare for spiritual effort and growth.

Saint Zacchaeus is also commemorated on April 20.

## 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. Nathaniel, Abp. Alexander, Met. Isaiah, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dennis, Meryl, Harold, Tammy, Steve Sr, Litsa, Leilani, child Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Iryland, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Michael, Beverly, Lily with child, Joseph, Infant Dominic, Jill, Kalee with child, Alisha with child, Jackie, Amber with child, Anna with child, Joan, Trisha, Stella, Carol, Ethan, DaeLynn with child, infant Adalynn, Nauvlet, Lee, Leilah, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Ron, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, infant Sloan, April, Madalyn, McKenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina

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

Please keep Fr. Anthony in your prayers as he enters in the last days of his earthly life.

### Departed:

Fr. Moses, Mother Elizabeth, Carl, Diane, Margaret, Rosemary, John, George

### Youth:

#### Roller Skating (Today)

Our Roller Skating outing today after Liturgy. Everyone is invited! We will head to Skate City off of Austin Bluffs and Barnes: 4575 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Colorado Springs, CO 80918 after coffee hour (12:30ish).

## St. Ambrose Donations

Please continue to donate.

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