



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

2 Timothy 3:10-15 (Epistle)

Brethren, you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Luke 18:10-14 (Gospel)

The Lord told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

FEBRUARY 25TH, 2024 SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

FEB Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st - Libbie Meier
3rd - Alicia Glover
3rd - Carly Carneal
6th - Robert Hertneky
7th - Trey Nelson
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

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

WISDOM

“An old man much given to simplicity questioned Father Ammonas: “Three thoughts occupy me, either, should I wander in the deserts, or should I go to a foreign land where no one knows me, or should I shut myself up in a cell without opening the door to anyone, eating only every second day?” Father Ammonas replied, “It is not right for you to do any of these three things. Rather, sit in your cell and eat a little every day, keeping the word of the publican always in your heart, and you may be saved.”

“Mother Syncretiki said: “Imitate the Publican and you will not be condemned with the Pharisee. Choose the meekness of Moses and you will find your heart which is a rock changed into a spring of water.””

- Sayings of the Desert Fathers

WEEKLY JOKES

*Man survives Kodiak bear attack with just a .22 pistol.
The friend he shot in the knee was not as lucky.*

*How do you keep a person in suspense?
I'll tell you tomorrow.*

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Coffee Hour: 2/25 – H & P Mikita | H & D Eurich

Church Cleanup: 2/25 – No One | 3/3 – 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.

Calhan Community Highlights

Apologies for not listing this in last week's bulletin but we wanted to properly recognize that our own Trevor Hendrix is Calhan's Class of 2024's Valedictorian. Congrats and May God Grant Trevor and his family Many Years!!

Many Years to the Infant Sheahan and his family!

Congrats and May God Grant Logan, Abigail, baby Sheahan, his godfather Zach, and their families Many Years on the wonderful occasion of Sheahan's baptism!

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 started 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

Carpet Samples have been delayed by a week. 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.

Adult Class (March 9th)

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 the Publican and the Pharisee / Beginning of the Lenten Triodion

The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the Triodion (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins.

Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.

Two weeks before the beginning of the Fast, as part of our preparation for Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha, the Church prescribes the reading of Saint Mark's Gospel. From Monday to Friday the focus is on the end times, and the Savior's death and burial.

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, Jill, Beverly, Lily with child, Infant Dominic, Kalee with child, Joseph, Alisha with child, Jackie, Amber with child, Anna with child, Joan, Trisha, Stella, Lee, Carol, Ethan, DaeLynn with child, infant AdaLynn, Navvlet, Leilah, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Ron, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, infant Sloan, April, Madalyn, McKenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Ashton, infant Sophie, Jeanie

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

Departed:

Carl, Diane, Margaret, Rosemary, John, George, Darrel

Youth:

Nuggets Game: March 31 / April 6?

We are looking into going to a game at the end of next month or first week in April. March 31st is on a Sunday at 1:30 PM and April 6th is at 7 PM on a Saturday. The tickets are around \$40 a person (we are working to get them cheaper) and the only drawback for the March 31st game is its Western Easter for some of our mixed faith families who this may conflict with. If you have a game you think would be good, please let Fr. Stephen know and we can go from there.

St. Ambrose Donations

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