



ST. MARY'S AFTERFEAST OF THE MEETING HOLY DORMITION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE

FEBRUARY 4TH, 2024

Scripture Readings

Colossians 3:12-16 (Epistle)

Brethren, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Matthew 25:14-30 (Gospel)

The Lord said this parable: For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

FEB Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Libbie Meier
- 2nd - Trey Nelson
- 3rd - Alicia Glover
- 3rd - Carly Carneal
- 6th - Robert Hertneky
- 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 10th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- Feb 11th - Baptism for Freyja (8:30 AM)
- Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"For if Christ is God, as indeed He is, but took not human nature upon Him, we are strangers to salvation. Let us then worship Him as God, but believe that He also was made Man. For neither is there any profit in calling Him man without Godhead nor any salvation in refusing to confess the Manhood together with the Godhead. Let us confess the presence of Him who is both King and Physician."

- St. Cyril of Jerusalem

WEEKLY JOKES

My wife asked me to take her to one of those restaurants where they prepare the food right in front of you. So I took her to Subway and that's how the fight began.

My daughter wanted a bouncy castle for her birthday. The guy said the rental was \$50, and the set-up fee was \$1000. I said: "That's outrageous." He just shrugged and said: "That's inflation for you."

I got mugged by six dwarves last night. Not happy.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Coffee Hour: 2/4 – Polly & Harry Mikita | 2/11 – Potluck

Church Cleanup: 2/4 – C. Hlatki | 2/11 – Hendrix

Please continue to sign up for Coffee Hour and Church Clean Up. 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!

Meal Train for the Bourgs

If you are interested in helping Logan, Abigail, and their newborn Sheahan, a Meal Train has been setup where you can bring them meals on different days. Please see Fr. Stephen if you have any questions. Link here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/nvr1qe/>

House Blessings Have Begun – Sign up Sheet in Narthex

If you have not yet signed up for your house to be blessed or spoken with Fr. Stephen, please do so. You are not required to do anything special but it is important to have your home blessed every year.

Adult Class moved from Feb 3rd to Feb 11th after Vespers

Seems like the class is constantly being moved but due to health and weather issues, we've had to keep moving. We HOPE to have class next Saturday Night after Vespers.

Baptisms in February (11th & 25th)

We have 2 baptisms happening this month. We will be baptizing the infant Freyja (Brigid) next Sunday at 8:30 AM and the infant Sheahan (Herman) in a couple weeks time. Please make every effort to come and support the families and our newest little members of the Church.

Parish Council Meeting (Next Sunday) – Community Potluck

We will bless the “new” (Same) Parish Council members next Sunday at the end of Liturgy. Auditors and Rose Marie Lady officers please stay as well to be blessed.

Meeting of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple

The Meeting of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, as described in the Gospel of Luke (2:22-40), recounts the events forty days after Jesus' birth when He was brought to the Temple in Jerusalem for presentation to the Lord according to the Law of Moses. The righteous Elder Simeon, who had been promised by divine revelation that he would see the Messiah before his death, encountered the infant Jesus at the Temple. Simeon took Jesus in his arms, offering thanks to God and prophesying about Jesus' significance as the salvation for all people. Additionally, an 84-year-old widow named Saint Anna the Prophetess, who devoted herself to fasting and prayer at the Temple, recognized Jesus as the Redeemer and shared the news with others.

The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord is one of the oldest celebrations in the Christian Church, though it gained greater prominence in the sixth century following miraculous events during the reign of Justinian, including the cessation of a plague in Constantinople after prayers were offered on this feast day.

Church hymnographers throughout history have contributed to the celebration of this feast with their compositions, and various icons, including “the Softening of Evil Hearts” or “Simeon's Prophecy,” depict the sorrowful yet prophetic image of the Virgin Mary with seven swords piercing her heart, symbolizing the fulfillment of Simeon's prophecy. In Constantinople, the emperors would mark the Feast Day with special celebrations at the Blakhernae church during the All-Night Vigil until the fall of the Byzantine Empire.

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, Alicia, Iryland, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Michael, Beverly, Lily with child, Infant Dominic, Jill, Kalee with child, Joseph, 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

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

Departed:

Fr. Moses, Mother Elizabeth, Carl, Azrah, Diane, Margaret, Donna, Rosemary, John, Glynis, Ana, Lloyd

Youth:

Roller Skating (Feb 18th)

Our Roller Skating outing has been moved to the 18th to accommodate some of the kids who want to go but have other activities happening on the 4th. Everyone is still invited to go and we will just go on the 18th instead of the 4th!

St. Ambrose Donations

Please continue to donate when able.

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