



# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

## Scripture Readings

### 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 (Epistle)

Brethren, food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

### Matthew 25:31-46 (Gospel)

The Lord said this Parable: When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## MARCH 10TH, 2024 MEATFARE SUNDAY THE LAST JUDGMENT

### MAR Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3rd - Madalyn Schulte
- 3rd - Cris Brooks
- 4th - Zach Stevens
- 5th - Nicole Fischer
- 6th - Larry Don Meier
- 6th - Fr. Stephen: Priesthood Anniversary
- 8th - Jedidiah Leithead
- 8th - Brileigh Gardner
- 9th - Chris Dumler
- 9th - Harold & Dee Eurich
- 10th - Brilee Herron
- 11th - Polly Mikita
- 12th - Butch Sakala
- 13th - Robin Mikita
- 15th - Fr. Stephen: Diaconate Anniversary
- 17th - LeAnn Perry
- 17th - Ashlynn Stevens
- 18th - Darla Leithead
- 18th - Riggan Fuchs
- 25th - Lacie Leithead
- 31st - Alex Baril

## SCHEDULE

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

## WISDOM

*"The Lord remained silent before Pilate and Herod; He made no attempt to justify Himself. You must imitate His holy and wise silence when you see that your enemies accuse you, with every intention of certain conviction; they accuse only with the purpose of hiding their own evil intention under the guise of judgment."*

- St. Ignatius Brianchaninov

## WEEKLY JOKES

*Have you heard about a new sport called Quiet Tennis? It's like regular tennis but without the racket.*

*I was abducted by aliens. They made me wash my hands, clean my room, and eat my vegetables. Turns out I was on the mothership.*

# WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

**Coffee Hour: 3/10 – BBQ Potluck | 3/17 – No One**

**Church Cleanup: 3/10 – Leithead | 3/17 – Hlatki**

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

## 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. They are every Friday at 6 PM until March 22nd. It's always good to support them as they always support us with our events. Enjoy!

## Furnace Update

Furnace has been replaced and is working great. Thank you to Rod for handling this. It has been an adventure!

## Choir Rehearsals (Every Week until Holy Week)

## BBQ Potluck (Today)

## Parish Council (Today)

## Adult Class (March 16th)

We will be having Adult Class again next week instead of the 23rd and then are off for a few weeks time, resuming April 13th.

## Forgiveness Sunday Vespers (March 17th)

As next Sunday is the day before Great Lent begins, please make every effort to be here for Liturgy and stay after for Vespers. There will be no Church school that day.

## Sunday of the Last Judgment

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, "Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.

## 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, 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, Nuvlet, 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, James, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob

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

### Departed:

Leilani, Akira, Donald, Carl, Diane, Margaret, Rosemary, John

### Youth:

#### Nuggets Game: March 31st

After speaking with folks and trying to decide the best, March 31st is the only day that works. We are trying to currently find the best price for the game. Group tickets are \$70 and resale we can get for around \$48-50. If you know of any deals, please let Fr. Stephen know. We also need to nail down the number of people going as soon as possible so we can get tickets.

## St. Ambrose Donations

Please continue to donate.

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