



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

MARCH 24TH, 2024
SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Scripture Readings

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 (Epistle)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

John 1:43-51 (Gospel)

At that time, Jesus went to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote - Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

- Tonight - Annunciation Liturgy (6:00 PM)
- Mar 30th - Reader's Vespers (5:00 PM)
- Mar 31st - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"In times past, God, without body and form, could in no way be represented. But now, since God has appeared in the flesh and lived among men, I can depict that which is visible of God....for Christ is the image of the invisible God. (Col. 1:15.) I do not venerate the matter but I venerate the Creator of matter, Who became matter for me, Who condescended to live in matter, and Who, through matter accomplished my salvation; I do not cease to respect the matter through which my salvation is accomplished."
- St. John Damascene on the Holy Icons

WEEKLY JOKES

Lent is the best time of the year to run a marathon because that's when you fast.

A sweater I purchased was picking up static electricity, so I returned it to the store. They gave me another one free of charge.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Coffee Hour: 3/24 – Dan & Vickie | 3/31 – No One

Church Cleanup: 3/24 – Hendrix | 3/31 – Britton

Please continue to sign up for Coffee Hour and Church Clean Up. We have no one for the next few weeks signed up for Coffee Hour.

Memory Eternal Fr. Anthony Karbo

As many of you know, this past week our beloved Fr. Anthony fell asleep in the Lord. He was in every way what every Christian is called to be: A Saint. While not (yet) canonized, I fully believe he will be one day. He was such a good, gentle, and loving man. He was a good friend. He was a brother. He was everything I hope to be as a priest. He had a love of Christ that so few possess and yet – this is the kicker – he did everything he could to get everyone else to love Christ the same way he did. We will sing the Panakhida today in his memory as well.

The Funeral services on Friday and Saturday were absolutely beautiful and if you would like to read Archbishop Benjamin's words they are on our diocesan website:

<https://dowoca.org/2024/03/23/eulogy-for-fr-anthony-karbo/>

Additionally, Fr. David Morrison's homily on Saturday will be up soon once the cranky priest who runs the site gets it on there...

I want to end by saying something that my words for Fr. Anthony are nothing compared to the wonderful words by our Archbishop and by Fr. David, but I want to share the last words that Fr. Anthony spoke to me weeks ago (to give some context, I asked him what he thought his legacy would be and if he was mad that he would die when he had so much more he wanted to do):

“Fr. Stephen, I spent many weeks thinking about this. Many sleepless nights, actually. I came to a conclusion though (and he took a deep breath and answered about 30 seconds after) and I've always felt and preached this, but now its a little different: I think God is taking me now because the rest of you need to pick up the slack. Ok bye.” (He liked just ending conversations after he said what he had to say).

I've thought about those words every day. Fr. Anthony was always trying to preach Christ and expand the Kingdom of God. I ask myself, am I doing the same? Are any of us? To the right of this and every Bulletin, I ask if anyone has brought someone new to Church this month. How many can honestly say they have? We should be building a new, bigger church. We should have 30+ catechumens. Why don't we? We can. We will. Let's pick up the slack. Let's do it. Memory Eternal, my brother. I look forward to seeing you one day. You'll be able to find me in the crowd, I'll be the one with the 5 Golden Knights Stanley Cup Rings on.

- In Christ, Fr. Stephen

Our Lenten Act of Service for This Year

Our theme for this year's Lent is Mission. Each week we will take a special collection to the following missions (in order of weeks): St. Tikhon's in Parker, St. John the Baptist in Colorado Springs (east side mission), Annunciation of the Theotokos in Norway, St. George Orthodox Church in St. George Utah, St. Jacob Orthodox Church in Bend Oregon, St. John the Merciful Orthodox Church in Kissimmee, FL. If you are interested in sending directly, please see Fr. Stephen.

Presanctified Liturgy Potluck

Just a friendly reminder that we will again be doing a weekly potluck after Presanctified Liturgies. If you are coming to those services (and you should), please consider bringing something for everyone to share. They are a wonderful time of fellowship during the middle of the week.

Choir Rehearsals (Every Week until Holy Week)

No Presanctified this Week

Father Away (March 25th-30th)

Fr. Stephen and family will be away Monday until Saturday night visiting family in Vegas. If there are any issues please contact him or Rod.

Adult Class (April 13th)

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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. 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, Tayla with child, Joseph, Alisha with child, Jackie, Amber with child, Anna with child, Joan, Trisha, Stella, Lee, Carol, Ethan, DaeLynn with child, infant AdaLynn, Nauvlet, Leilah, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, infant Sloan, April, Madalyn, McKenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Ashton, infant Sophie, Jeanie, James, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Taylee with child, Georgianna, Clint, Murl

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

Departed:

Fr. Anthony, Chris, Steve, Ron, Carol, Leilani, Akira, Donald, Diane, Margaret, Nick

Youth:

Nuggets Game: Canceled

Sadly we had to cancel the game as we couldn't secure tickets for a reasonable cost and not enough who could commit. We will announce else in the next couple of weeks.

St. Ambrose Donations

Please continue to donate.