



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Hebrews 1:10-2:3 (Epistle)

Brethren, "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail." But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him.

Mark 2:1-12 (Gospel)

At that time the Lord Jesus entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" - He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

MARCH 31ST, 2024 ST. GREGORY PALAMAS SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Apr 3rd - Presanctified Liturgy (6:00 PM)

Apr 6th - Reader's Vespers (5:00 PM)

Apr 7th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"It is pointless for someone to say that he has faith in God if he does not have the works which go with faith. What benefit were their lamps to the foolish virgins who had no oil (Mt. 25:1-13), namely, deeds of love and compassion?"

"You should secretly give from what you have to those in need, so that you receive from God, Who sees in secret, a hundred times more, as well as life eternal in the age to come (cf. Mt. 6:4; Mk. 10:30)."

- St. Gregory Palamas

WEEKLY JOKES

Two robbers were robbing a liquor store when one robber grabs a bottle and asks the other robber "is this whiskey?" The other says "yeah but not as whiskey as wobbling a bank".

Every morning I announce loudly to my family that I'm going jogging, but then don't go. It's a running joke.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Coffee Hour: 3/31 - No One | 4/6 - No One

Church Cleanup: 3/31 - Britton | 4/6 - No One

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.

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)

Grupo Valle De Vida Talk (April 7th)

On April 7th, a representative from Grupo Valle De Vida, a group that helps with families dealing with physical, mental, and spiritual aspects of drug abuse will be giving a brief talk (5 Minutes) after Liturgy. They also will be selling T-Shirts to raise funds for their ministry in the hall. Please consider donating above and beyond your normal tithing and staying for this. They are doing excellent work!

Adult Class (April 13th)

Parish Council (April 14th)

2nd Sunday of Great Lent: St Gregory Palamas

Saint Gregory Palamas, born in Constantinople around 1296, defied expectations by leaving a life of privilege to become a monk on Mount Athos. There, he devoted himself to hesychasm, a mystical prayer practice focused on achieving inner quietude.

In the 1330s, the theological world was shaken by a debate concerning the nature of God and the light experienced during Jesus' Transfiguration. Saint Gregory Palamas emerged as the champion of hesychasm, arguing that while God's essence is unknowable, his energies, which can be perceived through prayer, are uncreated. This distinction proved crucial, as some argued that experiencing the divine light was heretical.

Saint Gregory's defense proved successful. His teachings were ultimately accepted as Orthodox doctrine, solidifying his place as a theological giant. He was consecrated Archbishop of Thessalonica in 1347. Despite his accomplishments, his remaining years were not without hardship. He faced opposition from those who disagreed with his views and even endured imprisonment.

Saint Gregory Palamas died in 1359 and was canonized in 1368. The Second Sunday of Great Lent is dedicated to him, a testament to his lasting impact on the Orthodox Church. His legacy extends beyond his role in the hesychasm controversy. He is revered as a theologian who helped illuminate the complexities of experiencing the divine through prayer and contemplation.

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, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Taylee with child, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Carolyn

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

Departed:

Fr. Anthony, Marian, Ken, James, Chris, Steve, Ron, Carol, Leilani, Akira

Youth:

Mario Kart Tourney (April 28):

Get your engines ready! On April 28th, Palm Sunday, we will have a Mario Kart tournament in the Hall during Coffee Hour for the kids.

St. Ambrose Donations

Please continue to donate.