



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (Epistle)

Brethren, All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Luke 15:11-32 (Gospel)

The Lord said this Parable: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with...'

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MARCH 3RD, 2024 SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

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 - Riggin Fuchs
- 25th - Lacie Leithead
- 31st - Alex Baril

SCHEDULE

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

WISDOM

"All our attention must be centered on the parable of the Prodigal Son. We all see ourselves in it as in a mirror. In a few words the Lord, the knower of hearts, has shown in the person of one man how the deceptive sweetness of sin separates us from the truly sweet life according to God. He knows how the burden of sin on the soul and body, experienced by us, impels us by the action of divine grace to return, and how it actually does turn many again to God, to a virtuous life."

- St. John of Kronstadt

WEEKLY JOKES

I went to the doctors and he said: "Don't eat anything fatty." I said: "What like burgers?" He said: "No fatty, just don't eat anything."

My dad told me to make the little things count; so now I'm teaching math to dwarfs.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Luke 15:11-32 (Gospel Continued)

...my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

Coffee Hour: 3/3 - H & D Eurich | 3/10 BBQ Potluck

Church Cleanup: 3/3 - No One | 3/10 - 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.

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!

Carpet Update

Carpet Samples have been delayed by a week. Today 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.

Choir Rehearsals (Starting Today)

We will be having choir rehearsals after coffee hour starting today and going on until Holy Week. If you have ever wanted to join the choir, now is a good time.

Adult Class (March 9th)

BBQ Potluck (March 10th)

Due to lack of competitors and some commitment issues from those who wanted to compete, we decided to change this to a regular potluck but would like folks to keep it "Meat" themed for Coffee Hour as it is the last Sunday before Lent that we can have meat. For whoever can, please bring something meat related that everyone can enjoy.

Parish Council (Next Sunday - March 10th)

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

The Sunday after the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. This parable of God's forgiveness calls us to "come to ourselves" as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being "in a far country" far from the Father's house, and to make the journey of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that our heavenly Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only "arise and go," confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that "home" where we truly belong (Luke 15:11-24).

After the Polyeleion at Matins, we first hear the lenten hymn "By the Waters of Babylon." It will be sung for the next two Sundays before Lent begins, and it serves to reinforce the theme of exile in today's Gospel. Starting tomorrow, the weekday readings summarize the events of Holy Week. On Monday we read Saint Mark's account of the Entry into Jerusalem. On Tuesday we read how Judas went to the chief priests and offered to betray the Lord. On the night before His death Christ tells His disciples that one of them will betray Him. He also predicts that they will desert Him, and that Peter will deny Him three times. On Wednesday the Gospel describes how Judas betrayed the Savior with a kiss. Thursday's Gospel tells how Jesus was questioned by Pilate. On Friday we read the narrative of Christ's crucifixion and death.

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, James

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

Departed:

Donald, 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.

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