



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Hebrews 6:13-20 (Epistle)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Mark 9:17-31 (Gospel)

At that time, one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."

APRIL 14TH, 2024 ST. JOHN CLIMACUS FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3rd - Zoe Osburn
- 5th - Anastajia Rozdilski
- 7th - Ryleigh Tunink
- 8th - April Schulte
- 8th - Matt Dawson
- 10th - Merrick Dawson
- 18th - Jack Pyatt
- 18th - Makiya Schulte
- 22nd - Millie Manyik
- 22nd - Jennifer Billmire
- 22nd - Myree Hickman
- 23rd - Sarah Dumler
- 23rd - Logan Jackson
- 25th - Stone Stevens
- 26th - Kail Molner
- 27th - Kristen Burnside
- 29th - Mason Hendrix
- 29th - Malachi Hendrix
- 30th - Lilah Nelson

SCHEDULE

- Apr 17th - Presanctified Liturgy (6:00 PM)
- Apr 20th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- Apr 21st - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"This is why you mustn't be lazy, but rather be eager to do good. Because now's the time for work; Later's the time for reward. On earth, war; in heaven, rest. And of necessity you'll do one or the other: you'll either win or be defeated. You'll either stay close to God or be separated from Him. There's no third way."

- St. Dmitri of Rostov

"I tried to approach you, but you pushed me away, so that I should taste of death."

- St. Augustine

WEEKLY JOKES

I ordered a chicken and an egg on Amazon. I'll let you all know.

Did you hear that Aladdin was banned from the magic carpet race? He was caught using performance enhancing rugs.

I received a flyer on anger management the other day. I lost it.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Coffee Hour: 4/14 - Potluck | 4/21 - No One

Church Cleanup: 4/14 - No One | 4/21 - No One

We really need people to sign up for Coffee Hour and Church Clean Up. "No One" is very popular and he/she/they/them/xi/xir shouldn't be. Please sign up.

Calhan Community Highlight

Congratulations to Natalie Hlatki! She graduated from Navy Bootcamp this week and will now go on to serve our country. On top of graduating, she was given the Navy Club of The US Military Excellence Award, which best exemplifies the qualities of enthusiasm, devotion to duty, military appearance and behavior, self-discipline and teamwork. This is the highest award a recruit may earn. May God Grant Natalie and her family Many Blessed Years!

Panakhida for Larry, James, and Vladimir

Today after Liturgy we will serve the Panakhida memorial service for Larry (Larry Don's father), James (Fr. Stephen's dad's godfather), and Vladimir (Fr. Stephen's best friend's father in law). Please keep all of the in your prayers and may their Memories be Eternal!

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.

Choir Rehearsals (Every Week until Holy Week)

Holy Saturday Readings

Readings have been handed out. We still have one more left if anyone wants to do it. In the meantime, parents, help your kids practice a little each day and remember that don't have to be perfect. God is happy to hear their effort. They also can just read and not chant. May God bless all our youth!

Parish Council (Today)

Father Away (April 19th-24th)

Fr. Stephen and family will be away next weekend on personal matters. Fr. Joseph Sharman will be serving next weekend. If there are any issues, please contact Fr. Stephen as normal.

Adult Class (April 27th)

4th Sunday of Great Lent: St. John Climacus

Saint John Klimakos, a saint venerated on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, authored "The Ladder of Divine Ascent," a text outlining the struggles and rewards of the Christian life. The book serves as a testament to the perseverance required to reach God's Kingdom, as referenced in the Gospel of Matthew. Saint John himself embodied this perseverance. He left behind a life of wealth and comfort at a young age to devote himself to God on Mount Sinai. There, he mentored under a spiritual elder and practiced Hesychasm, a form of prayer that integrates physical postures and breathing with repetitive prayer formulas.

Following his elder's death, Saint John spent decades living an ascetic life in a remote cell. "The Ladder of Divine Ascent" arose from his experiences. The book delves into the various temptations a Christian faces and offers guidance on overcoming them. Saint John himself exemplified overcoming these temptations through practices like strict fasting and prayer. He would only eat small quantities of permitted foods to combat pride, and prioritized prayer and writing over excessive sleep to conquer despondency. His entire life was a testament to his unwavering faith and devotion.

Saint John's icon depicts a quote from his book that reflects the concept of compunction, a continual self-examination that extinguishes inner passions. He is remembered as a model of piety and his teachings, exemplified by his own rigorous spiritual practices, continue to inspire Christians today.

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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, Navvlet, Leilah, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, 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, Vladimir, James, Larry, Vontae, James, Marian, Ken, James, Chris, Steve, Ron, Carol, Leilani

Youth:

Mario Kart Tourney (April 28):

On you mark! Get set! Letsa Go! We will once again be hosting a Mario Kart Tournament for the kids to enjoy after Liturgy on Palm Sunday. There will be prizes for different age groups. We are requesting that any kids (or Austin) bring their Switch controllers so we have enough for 4 person races.

St. Ambrose Donations

Please continue to donate.