



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Philippians 4:4-9 (Epistle)

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

John 12:1-18 (Gospel)

At that time, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt." His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

APRIL 28th, 2024

PALM SUNDAY ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

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 SEE BACK OF BULLETIN WISDOM

"Kings are many; of which do you speak, O Prophet? Give us a sign which other Kings have not. If you say, A king clad in purple, the dignity of the apparel has been anticipated. If you say, Guarded by spear-men, and sitting in a golden chariot, this also has been anticipated by others. Give us a sign peculiar to the King whose coming you announce. And the Prophet makes answer and says, Behold! Your King comes unto you, just, and having salvation: He is meek, and riding upon an ass and a young foal, not on a chariot. You have a unique sign of the King who came. Jesus alone of kings sat upon an unyoked foal, entering into Jerusalem with acclamations as a king."

- St. Cyril of Jerusalem

WEEKLY JOKES

What have you got if you have too many knights? A sir-plus.

We should be able to call in healthy: "I'm not coming in today. I feel really good and I don't want to waste it on being at work."

What do you call a French guy being mauled by a lion? Claude.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Coffee Hour: 4/28 – Hendrix | 5/5 – Pascha Baskets!

Church Cleanup: 4/28 & 5/5 – Community Cleanup

We moved our parish clean up to after Holy Saturday Liturgy. Please stay and help! Additionally, if you would like to come this week and clean or mow or whatever, please do.

Memory Eternal Stephen Sr. & Thank You

This last week has been a very tough one for the Osburn household. We lost a dear member of our family as well as someone who was very dear to the community here in Calhan. I will speak more on my father during announcements but I want to give a huge thank you to everyone who prayed for him during his illness and prays for him now in his death. We will sing the Panakhida service for him today after Liturgy. Today is also the 40th day for Fr. Anthony's memorial and we will include him as well. May Fr. Anthony and Stephen's Memory Be Eternal!

Holy Week Schedule 2024

Monday – April 29th – Bridegroom Matins (6:00 PM)

Tuesday – April 30th – Bridegroom Matins (6:00 PM)

Wednesday – May 1st – Holy Unction (6:00 PM)

Thursday – May 2nd – Vespert Liturgy (8:00 AM) / Matins w/ Passion Gospels (6:00 PM)

Friday – May 3rd – Vespers of Holy Friday (4:00 PM) / Matins of Holy Saturday (6:30 PM) (Potluck between Services)

Saturday – May 4th – Holy Saturday Liturgy (9:30 AM) / Pascha Services (11:00 PM)

Sunday – May 5th – Agape Vespers (10:00 AM)

Holy Week Schedule has been printed in large font format and is with the bulletins in the Narthex. There are plenty of copies, so feel free to take one. Also, don't forget that we will have a light pot-luck meal between services on Holy Friday.

Holy Saturday Readings (Next Saturday 9:30 AM)

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. Don't forget they will be reading next Saturday at Liturgy. Please be here by 9:20 AM. May God bless all our youth!

Adult Class (TBA)

Explanation of Holy Week

In the Orthodox Church the last week of Christ's life is officially called Passion Week. In popular terminology it is called Holy Week. Each day is designated in the service books as "great and holy." There are special services every day of the week which are fulfilled in all churches. Earthly life ceases for the faithful as they "go up with the Lord to Jerusalem" (Matins of Great and Holy Monday).

Each day of Holy Week has its own particular theme. The theme of Monday is that of the sterile fig tree which yields no fruit and is condemned. Tuesday the accent is on the vigilance of the wise virgins who, unlike their foolish sisters, were ready when the Lord came to them. Wednesday the focus is on the fallen woman who repents. Great emphasis is made in the liturgical services to compare the woman, a sinful harlot who is saved, to Judas, a chosen apostle who is lost. The one gives her wealth to Christ and kisses his feet; the other betrays Christ for money with a kiss. On each of these three days the Gospel is read at the Hours, as well as at the Vespers when the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is served. The Old Testament readings are from Exodus, Job, and the Prophets. The Gospel is also read at the Matins services which are traditionally called the "Bridegroom" services because the general theme of each of these days is the end of the world and the judgment of Christ. It is the common practice to serve the Bridegroom services at night.

Behold, the bridegroom comes in the middle of the night and blessed is the servant whom he shall find watching, and unworthy the servant whom he shall find heedless. Take care then, O my soul, and be not weighed down by sleep that you will not be given over unto death and be excluded from the Kingdom. But rise up and call out: Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou O God, by the Theotokos have mercy on us (Troparion of the First Three Days).

During the first three days of Holy Week, the Church prescribes that the entire Four Gospels be read at the Hours up to the point in each where the passion of Christ begins. Although this is not usually possible in parish churches, an attempt is sometimes made to read at least one complete Gospel, privately or in common, before Holy Thursday.

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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, 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, infant AdaLynn, Nauvlet, 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, Millie, Earnie, child Charlotte, Cathy

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

Departed:

Fr. Anthony, Steve Sr, infant Dorthy, Vladimir, James, Larry, Vontae, Ken, Ron, Carol, Leilani

Youth:

Mario Kart Tourney (Canceled):

Sadly, we had to cancel the tournament as due to Fr. Stephen being away, he was unable to get prizes for the tournament. We will do this tournament in a few weeks/months time.

Easter Egg Hunt (May 19th):

We will have our annual Easter Egg hunt 2 weeks after Pascha due to Mother's Day being on the 12th.

St. Ambrose Donations

Please continue to donate.