



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

APRIL 7TH, 2024 VENERATION OF THE CROSS THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Scripture Readings

Hebrews 4:14-5:6 (Epistle)

Brethren, seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek".

Mark 8:34-9:1 (Gospel)

At that time, when the Lord Jesus had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

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 10th - Presanctified Liturgy (6:00 PM)

Apr 13th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)

Apr 14th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"What does it mean to take up your cross? I means the willing acceptance, at the hand of Providence, of every means of healing, bitter though it may be, that is offered. Do great catastrophes fall on you? Be obedient to God's will, as Noah was. Is sacrifice demanded of you? Give yourself into God's hands with the same faith as Abram had when he went to sacrifice his son. Is your property ruined? Do your children die suddenly? Suffer it all with patience, cleaving to God in your heart, as Job did. Do your friends forsake you, and you find yourself surrounded by enemies? Bear it all without grumbling, and with faith that God's help is at hand, as the apostles did."

- St. Nikolai Velimirovich

WEEKLY JOKES

My wife thinks it's weird that I stare at the window during a heavy rainstorm. It would be a lot less weird if she'd just let me in.

For her birthday, I took my wife to an orchard and we stood there looking at the trees for half an hour. Not the Apple Watch she was expecting apparently.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Coffee Hour: 4/7 - H & D Eurich | 4/14 - Potluck

Church Cleanup: 4/7 - Stevens | 4/14 - No One

Please continue to sign up for Coffee Hour and Church Clean Up. Please note on the Coffee Hour sign up sheet that we have a potluck set for April 21st. That is a mistake. We do need someone to sign up that Sunday too, please.

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)

Holy Saturday Readings

Parents and teachers, reminder that your kids will be assigned their Holy Saturday readings today. 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!

Grupo Valle De Vida Talk (Today)

Today after Liturgy, 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). 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)

3rd Sunday of Great Lent: Veneration of the Cross

The Third Sunday of Lent is that of the Veneration of the Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the lenten season not merely to remind men of Christ's redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt.10:38). For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both "the power of God and the wisdom of God" for those being saved (1 Cor.1:24).

St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Apostle to America

St. Tikhon left his mark on both North America and Russia. A key figure in Orthodox Christianity, especially in North America he established the "Diocese of the Aleutians and North America" and consecrated churches throughout the early 1900s. His compassion and leadership even earned him honorary US citizenship.

Back in Russia, his humility and wartime charity led to his election as Patriarch in 1917. However, this coincided with the rise of the repressive Bolshevik regime. St. Tikhon bravely condemned violence against the Church and the Czar's family, urging unity among Orthodox Christians. He also tried navigating a diplomatic path to avoid further persecution. Imprisoned for opposing Church property seizure, his loyalty declaration upon release couldn't erase the trust he held within the community.

Constant hardships weakened St. Tikhon, leading to his death in 1925. Revered as a martyr, his 1989 glorification by the Church of Russia marked a turning point, symbolizing a thaw in relations with the Soviet Union.

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, Larry

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

Departed:

Fr. Anthony, 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.

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