



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

MAY 5TH, 2024
HOLY PASCHA!!

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Scripture Readings

Acts 1:1-8 (Epistle)

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

John 1:1-17 (Gospel)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Christopher Rozdilski
- 2nd - Leonard Volosin
- 3rd - Jeb & Jennifer Billmire
- 5th - Austin Jackson
- 5th - Colleen Hendrix
- 7th - Vickie Tipton
- 8th - Victor Volosin
- 8th - Nadia Sisneros
- 10th - Ben & Linda Hendrix
- 10th - Makenzie Schulte
- 11th - Lauren Nelson
- 13th - Madeleine Hlatki
- 14th - Joshua Sisneros
- 16th - Butch & Helen Sakala
- 18th - Dee Eurich
- 19th - Abigail Heuberger
- 24th - Rachel Stevens
- 25th - Bill & Colleen Hendrix
- 26th - Betty Eurich
- 27th - Harry Mikita
- 27th - Josh & Lacie Leithead
- 28th - Tori Jackson
- 29th - Kaleb Ritter
- 29th - Matt & Libbie Dawson
- 29th - Fr. Stephen & Mat. Lindsey Osburn
- 30th - Brock Burnside

SCHEDULE

- May 11th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- May 12th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"We needed an Incarnate God, a God put to death, that we might live. We were put to death together with Him, that we might be cleansed; we rose again with Him because we were put to death with Him; we were glorified with Him, because we rose again with Him."

- St. Gregory the Theologian

WEEKLY JOKES

Why was the Easter Bunny hired for the job? He had the most eggs-perience!

Why do people paint eggs for Easter? It's easier than trying to wallpaper them!

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Coffee Hour: 5/5 – BASKETS! | 5/12 – No Coffee Hour

Church Cleanup: 5/5 – Stevens | 5/12 – No One

There is no coffee next Sunday due to Mother's Day. We do need someone to sign up to clean the church still for May 12th. Please consider signing up.

Christ is Risen!

We want to wish you all a blessed and happy feast day in the resurrection of our Lord. Thank you everyone for all their hard work this Lenten season. I know that I've put alot of folks to be in church for services as well as our efforts to help missions throughout the world, but it has been for a good and just cause and I want to commend everyone for stepping up, contributing, helping where needed, and making every effort to be faithful during this time of year. It has not been an easy Lent with the passing of my father and having to travel so much but I really appreciate having the support and the ease of this parish to get us through this. Thank you all for your prayers and well wishes to my family and mother. On behalf of Mat. Lindsey, Zoe, and I, enjoy the feast, Christ is Risen!, and may God grant everyone in our community Many More Blessed Years!
-Fr. Stephen and family.

Calhan Community Highlight

Congratulations to Niki Fischer on being awarded the Chapter Degree of the Douglas County FFA Chapter on Friday, May 3rd. We are super proud of her and want to wish her and her family Many Blessed Years!

Father Away (May 6th-11th)

Fr. Stephen and family will be back in Vegas for his father's funeral this week. Please keep them in your prayers. They will be back Saturday morning. If there are any issues, please contact him or Rod.

Adult Class (May 18th)

HOLY PASCHA: The Resurrection of Our Lord

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the center of the Christian faith. Saint Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead, then our preaching and faith are in vain (I Cor. 15:14). Indeed, without the resurrection there would be no Christian preaching or faith. The disciples of Christ would have remained the broken and hopeless band which the Gospel of John describes as being in hiding behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. They went nowhere and preached nothing until they met the risen Christ, the doors being shut (John 20: 19). Then they touched the wounds of the nails and the spear; they ate and drank with Him. The resurrection became the basis of everything they said and did (Acts 2-4): "... for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have" (Luke 24:39).

The resurrection reveals Jesus of Nazareth as not only the expected Messiah of Israel, but as the King and Lord of a new Jerusalem: a new heaven and a new earth.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. . . the holy city, new Jerusalem. And I heard a great voice from the throne saying "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people. . . He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away (Rev. 21:1-4).

In His death and resurrection, Christ defeats the last enemy, death, and thereby fulfills the mandate of His Father to subject all things under His feet (I Cor. 15:24-26).

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing (Rev. 5: 12)

The Christian faith is celebrated in the liturgy of the Church. True celebration is always a living participation. It is not a mere attendance at services. It is communion in the power of the event being celebrated. It is God's free gift of joy given to spiritual men as a reward for their self-denial. It is the fulfillment of spiritual and physical effort and preparation. The resurrection of Christ, being the center of the Christian faith, is the basis of the Church's liturgical life and the true model for all celebration. This is the chosen and holy day, first of sabbaths, king and lord of days, the feast of feasts, holy day of holy days. On this day we bless Christ forevermore (Irmos 8, Paschal Canon).

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, Michael

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

Departed:

Lonnie, Paul, Steve Sr, infant Dorthy, Vladimir, James, Larry, Vontae, Carol

Youth:

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.

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