



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

JULY 14th, 2024
FATHERS OF 1ST 6 COUCILS
3RD SUNDAY PENTECOST

Scripture Readings

Romans 5:1-10 (Epistle)

Brethren, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Matthew 6:22-33 (Gospel)

The Lord said: The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

JULY Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Kylie Jackson
- 2nd - Lorene Denson
- 6th - Rodney Glover
- 7th - Bron Burnside
- 7th - Jonathan Mikita
- 8th - Brianna Pyatt
- 8th - Carrie Ann Guy
- 13th - Wyatt Mikita
- 15th - Linda Hendrix
- 16th - LD Meier
- 17th - Harry & Polly Mikita
- 17th - Bryan Hlatki
- 17th - Haylee Schulte
- 17th - Hannah Schulte
- 18th - Brooklyn Billmire
- 19th - Grady Leithead
- 19th - Evie Stevens
- 20th - Ernie & Jeanie Mikita
- 21st - Whitney Tunink
- 22nd - Luke Meier
- 22nd - Bill & Rachel Stevens
- 23rd - Marcellus Rozdilski
- 27rd - Brayden Glover
- 29th - Jason Mikita

SCHEDULE

No Prayers for Rain This Week

July 20th - No Vespers (Go to our Fair Booth)

July 21st - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"You cannot turn me from my holy Faith by threats, nor with promises of riches and pleasures. I will obey your orders willingly, if you will leave me free to follow my religion. I would rather surrender my head to you than to change my faith. I was born a Christian, and I shall die a Christian." - St. John the Russian

WEEKLY JOKES

I hired a handyman and gave him a to-do list. When I got home he had only completed items 1, 3, and 5. Turns out he only does odd jobs.

If you drive a Subaru in reverse, what are you? Ur a bus.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Coffee Hour: 7/14 – Potluck | 7/21 – No One

Church Cleanup: 7/14 – Hlatki | 7/21 – Hendrix

Community Highlight

This year at the State Fair, the Eurich Farm will be honored as a Centennial Farm. This is an amazing honor and we want to ask God to continue to Bless and Grant the Eurich families Many Blessed Years!

Many Years Wyatt and Morgan!

Welcome home to Wyatt and Morgan Mikita on the day of their baptism into the Orthodox Church. May God Grant them and their families Many Years!

Special Collection

On May 28, St Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral in Cleveland, Ohio was destroyed by a fire. We had meant to take a special collection weeks ago but due to the busyness of Church life, we somehow missed this. We will be taking a collection this weekend and the next few weeks, sending a check. If you would like to donate directly you can here: <https://www.sttheodosius.org>

El Paso Fair 2024 Tickets

Fair is this week and if you are signed up, Fr. Stephen will give you your tickets at the end of Liturgy. A schedule has also been printed this year for those signed up and this is in the back in the Nartex. We do have some spots still open for Friday (7–9 PM), and Saturday (12–2 PM and 2–4 PM). Please consider signing up for those final spots and thank you to everyone who signed up this week! God Bless you all!

Parish Council (Today)

Slavic Fest Parish Meeting (July 21st)

Next Sunday after Liturgy, we will have a brief meeting about Slavic Fest in the Church. Please stay after as well as let others know to be here that weekend.

Youth Camp (July 22nd–25th)

Please make sure you have everything you need and if not, see Fr. Stephen.

BBQ Contest (July 28th)

Our annual July BBQ contest will be happening now on the 4th Sunday in July. This is due mostly because El Paso Fair is the 13th–20th and we want to allow as many to participate as possible. Please see Mat. Lindsey to sign up for this fun event. We will give prizes for best meat and best side.

Adult Class (Moved to August 3rd)

New Carpet in Church – Update

The Bid presented to us was over \$52k and we are looking for new bids. If anyone wants to offer to help in looking for a more reputable / better company, the Parish Council would greatly appreciate it. See Fr. Stephen if you can help.

Fathers of the First Six Councils

The Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils underscores their critical role in establishing Orthodox Church doctrine and authority. These councils, composed of church leaders from around the world, addressed major theological disputes and heresies, defining the faith. Recognized councils include the First Council of Nicea, which addressed Arianism, and the Fourth Council of Chalcedon, which clarified the dual nature of Christ. Their dogmatic definitions, considered infallible, have shaped the Church's teachings and ensured unity.

The Council in Trullo, convened in 692, was pivotal in codifying canonical practices from previous councils. Known as Quinisext, it compiled essential rules that guide the Orthodox Church's practices today. This council reinforced the Church's commitment to maintaining doctrinal purity and canonical integrity. The lasting impact of these councils highlights their central role in the Orthodox Church's governance and spiritual life.

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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, Fr. Matthew, 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, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, April, Madalyn, McKenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Ashton, Jeanie, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Millie, Earnie, child Charlotte, Cathy, Michael, Frances, Jim, Anna, Chris, Cindy, Margret, Nate, Amy, Ryan, Dusty, Hannah with child, Natalie, Kelly with child, Micah

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

Departed:

Fr. James, Daniel, Donald, Willie, Carolyn, Lindsay

Youth:

Pool in Limon (July 21st)

After the Slavic Fest meeting, we will head up to Limon's pool and go swimming. Everyone is welcome. Join us!

Elitch Gardens (August 4th)

We will be going to Elitch this year instead of Water World. Liturgy will be at 8:30 AM that day and we will leave afterward to head up there. Please note the time change for Liturgy. Everyone is welcome!