



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Romans 6:18-23 (Epistle)

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 8:5-13 (Gospel)

At that time, as the Lord Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

JULY 21st, 2024 PROPHET EZEKIEL 4TH SUNDAY PENTECOST

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 - Jeremy and Meagan Gardner
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 Rozdiłski
27rd - Brayden Glover
29th - Jason Mikita

SCHEDULE

July 24th - Prayers for Rain (7 AM)

July 27th - Great Vespers (5 PM)

July 28th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"When I first entered an Orthodox Church, I learned that Orthodoxy is not about me. It's about being where God is, here in the Church." - Abp. Benjamin, Diocese of the West

WEEKLY JOKES

Scientists have found that cows produce more milk when the farmer talks to them. Apparently it's a case of in one ear and out the udder.

Instead of water, I put redbull in the the back of my coffee maker this morning. I was halfway to work before I realized I forgot my car.

My Friday was going great until I realized it was Thursday.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Coffee Hour: 7/21 - No One | 7/28 - BBQ Contest

Church Cleanup: 7/21 - Hendrix | 7/28 - No One

El Paso Fair Recap

A huge thank you to everyone for all their help this year! The week was a bit rough with the weather (the impromptu Prayers for Rain we did Wednesday helped a little too much...) and the numbers were down at the Fair but we made it through and by and large it was a success. Many good conversations were had. We got some serious inquirers to our parish, Holy Theophany, and St. John's Mission which is why we are here. All in all, it was a good week and we are blessed by so many to be able to be a real presence in the community. Thank you again and May God Grant everyone in our parish 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>

Blood Donation at the Lutheran Church

Donating blood is safe and simple, and it contributes to the well being of the larger community through the recipients. Please consider donating blood, this time in honor of our recently passed friend, Carolyn Gardner. Carolyn lived with blood cancer before her last days, and we can remember her by giving this precious resource to others.

Sign up off the Link on our Facebook or go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> and search by Zip Code.

Slavic Fest Parish Meeting (July 28th)

We have moved the meeting to next Sunday after Liturgy. It will be brief (15 minutes) inside of the Church. Please stay after as well as let others know to be here that weekend.

BBQ Contest (July 28th)

Our annual BBQ Contest is next Sunday after the Slavic Fest meeting. Please see Mat. Lindsey to sign up for this fun event. We will give prizes for best meat and best side/dessert.

Adult Class (Moved to August 3rd)

Parish Council (August 4th)

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.

Prophet Ezekiel

The Holy Prophet Ezekiel, a priest from the tribe of Levi, was taken to Babylon at the age of twenty-five during King Nebuchadnezzar's second invasion of Jerusalem. While in captivity, Ezekiel had a vision at thirty years old, depicting the future of the Hebrew nation and all mankind. He saw a shining cloud, four living creatures with four faces each (symbolizing the four Evangelists), and a wheel full of eyes, representing the sharing of light with all nations. Above the creatures, a firmament shone like crystal with a throne resembling glittering sapphire, prefiguring the Incarnation of the Son of God and the Virgin Mary as the living Throne of God.

Ezekiel's prophecies included the tribulations for Israel due to their unfaithfulness and the promise of their return from Babylon and the restoration of the Jerusalem Temple. His visions, such as the temple full of glory and the valley of dry bones, prefigured the resurrection of the dead and eternal life through Christ. Ezekiel performed miracles, including dividing the waters of the Chebar River and increasing food during famine. He was executed for denouncing idolatry, leaving behind a legacy in the Old Testament. Saint Demetrius of Rostov explains that Ezekiel's teachings emphasize repentance and righteousness, promising life to sinners who turn to God's commandments.

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, Alisha with child, Jackie, Amber with child, Anna with child, Joan, Trisha, Stella, Lee, Carol, Ethan, infant AdaLynn, Austin, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, April, Madalyn, McKenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Ashton, Jeanie, Jetlyn, Murl, Millie, Earnie, child Charlotte, Cathy, Michael, Frances, Jim, Anna, Chris, Cindy, Margret, Nate, Ryan, Dusty, Hannah with child, Natalie, Kelly with child, Micah, Sabrina with child

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

Departed:

Fr. James, infant Gus, Amy, Carolyn, Lindsay

Youth:

Pool in Limon (Today)

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

Elitch Gardens (August 11th)

We moved the date a week to accommodate the Elbert Fair kids. Liturgy will be at 8:30 AM that day and we will leave afterward to head up. Please note the time and date change for Liturgy. Everyone is welcome!

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