



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

**AUGUST 4TH, 2024
HOLY SEVEN YOUTHS
6TH SUNDAY PENTECOST**

Scripture Readings

Romans 12:6-14 (Epistle)

Brethren, having gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Matthew 9:1-8 (Gospel)

At that time, as the Lord got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" - then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

AUGUST Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4th - Taytam Robinson
- 5th - Kelly Glover
- 7th - Gary & Georgianna Glover
- 7th - Emmary Britton
- 7th - Mat. Lindsey Osburn
- 10th - Robert & Tatiana Boyd
- 11th - Sheila Mikita
- 13th - Denise Mikita
- 13th - Trey & Lauren Nelson
- 15th - Debbie Molner
- 16th - Kade Pyatt
- 17th - Daniel Tipton
- 17th - Scott Mikita
- 17th - Ken & Lore Denson
- 18th - Juston Scott
- 23rd - Joey Gdovin
- 27th - Logan & Abigail Bourg
- 28th - Ernie Mikita
- 31st - Dave & Carrie Guy
- 31st - Rodney & Kelly Glover

SCHEDULE

- August 6th - Transfiguration Liturgy (8:00 AM)**
- August 7th - Prayers for Rain (7 AM)**
- August 10th - Great Vespers (5 PM)**
- August 11th - Divine Liturgy (8:30 AM)**

WISDOM

"The grace that the communion gives is so great that a man, no matter how unworthy and sinful and even if he is from head to toe covered with the wounds of sins, only if he approaches the Lord, who redeemes us all, with a calm awareness of his great sin, to be cleansed by the grace of Christ, that he will shine more and more and become completely enlightened, and will be saved"

- St Seraphim of Sarov

WEEKLY JOKES

Sadly, I do most of my proof reading after I hit sned.

A man once said to God, "What's a million years to you?" And God said, "A second." Then the man said to God, "What's a million dollars to you?" And God said, "A penny." So the man said to God, "Would you give me a penny?" God stopped and said "Yes I will, just a second."

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Coffee Hour: 8/4 – Potluck | 8/11 – No One

Church Cleanup: 8/4 – No One | 8/11 – No One

Please consider signing up for Coffee Hour next weekend as we moved the potluck to today to accommodate the parish council meeting. Additionally, we really need folks to step up and sign up for cleaning the Church. We were doing really well there for awhile but now we are starting to slack again. “No One” signs up more for Church Clean Up and Coffee Hour than the Chicago White Sox are able to win games.

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.

St. John Mission – Cross Blessing (Tonight – 6 PM)

Tonight (6 PM) at the new church off of Woodmen and Mohawk, the Cross which will go on the dome is going to be blessed. All have been invited to go. In other news, the dome will be lifted onto the church this week as well. Very exciting times! Glory to God!

Parish Council (Today)

Community Dance (August 10th – 8 PM)

We will be having another community dance on the 10th. Please tell your friends and family. BYOB. Flyers in the Narthex.

Palisade Peaches and Pears Order (Due August 11th)

St. Michael Catholic Church is selling Peaches and Pears again. If you are interested in buying some, all orders must be received by Sunday, August 11th. Please contact Michael at 719-351-6751 if you are interested.

Adult Class (On Hold Until September)

7 Holy Youths “Seven Sleepers” of Ephesus

The Seven Youths of Ephesus—Maximilian, Iamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodianus (Constantine), and Antoninus—lived in the third century and were friends from childhood, serving together in the military. When Emperor Decius commanded citizens to offer sacrifices to pagan gods under threat of torture and death, the youths refused, confessing their Christian faith. Stripped of their military status, they fled to a cave on Mount Ochlon to prepare for martyrdom through prayer. Disguised as a beggar, Iamblicus would occasionally venture into the city for supplies. Upon learning of the emperor’s return, the youths prepared to surrender, but Decius had the cave sealed to trap and starve them. Secret Christians preserved their memory by placing plaques in the cave detailing their story.

Almost two centuries later, during Emperor Theodosius the Younger’s reign, the youths miraculously awoke, unaware of the time that had passed. Their bodies and clothing were untouched by decay. Saint Iamblicus’s use of ancient coins in the city led to their discovery. The Bishop of Ephesus, recognizing divine intervention, visited the cave, read the plaques, and verified the youths’ identities. This event demonstrated the mystery of the Resurrection of the Dead to the Church. The emperor, upon meeting them, saw them lay down and fall into eternal sleep once more. Although initially wishing to enshrine them, the emperor honored their request to remain in the cave. Their relics were later seen by the Russian pilgrim Igumen Daniel in the twelfth century. The Seven Sleepers are commemorated on October 22 and August 4, and their prayer is invoked for those suffering from sleeplessness.

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, Georgiana, Darrell, Timothy

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

Departed:

Fr. James, infant Gus, Carolyn

Youth:

Elitch Gardens (August 11th)

Next weekend Liturgy will be at 8:30 AM and we will leave afterward to head up to the park. Please note the time and date change for Liturgy. Everyone is welcome!