



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2024
SUNDAY AFTER ELEVATION
12TH SUNDAY PENTECOST

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (Epistle)

Brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Matthew 19:16-26 (Gospel)

At that time, one came and said to the Lord Jesus, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

SEPT Birthdays & Anniversaries

2nd – Austin & Tori Jackson
5th – Linda Deak
6th – Victor & Terri Volosin
12th – Ken Denson
13th – Doreen Himelrick
14th – Cassandra Head
17th – Trevor Hendrix
20th – Noah Scott
22nd – Bill Stevens
23rd – Rick & Shirley Sandbothe
24th – Dave Guy
29th – Michael Mikita
29th – Bodie Glover
29th – Eilidh Robinson

SCHEDULE

September 18th – Prayers for Rain (7 AM)
September 21st – Great Vespers (5 PM)
September 22nd – Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"The Most High planted in the middle of Paradise The thrice blessed wood, the gift of life for us, In order that, in approaching it, Adam might find eternal and immortal life, But he did not strive earnestly to know this life, And he failed to attain it, and revealed death. However, the robber, seeing how the plant in Eden Had been beautifully transplanted in Golgotha, Recognized the life in it and said to himself: 'This is what my father lost formerly In Paradise.'"

– St. Romanos the Melodist, On the Adoration at the Cross

WEEKLY JOKES

Why did the pig take his car to the auto body shop? To get his 'porking brake fixed- Joke by Barrett Volosin

Wanna hear a paper joke? Nevermind. It's tearable.

Why didn't the vampire bite Taylor Swift? She had bad blood.

How does the man on the moon get a haircut? Eclipse it.

It finally happened. The other day, I changed a light bulb, crossed the road, and walked into a bar. My whole life is a joke.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Coffee Hour: 9/15 – Potluck | 9/22 – Potluck

Church Cleanup: 9/15 – Britton | 9/22 – No One

New Carpet in Church

We have the Carpet samples in the Hall. Please vote for your favorite today so we can get a quote. Thank you!

Mrs. Hart – Calhan Principal Meal Train

Link for Continued Support: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/97y055>

Slavic Fest Food Prep Schedule

The schedule for Slavic Fest Prep is in the Narthex. Please make every effort to stay after Liturgy today and help make Pierogis and Noodles.

Parish Council (Today)

Church School Starts Today

We will have our first class today and it will be a group class with all the kids together. Next week we will go to our normal classes.

Adult Class (September 21st)

Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

The pagan Roman Emperors sought to erase the memory of the holy sites where Jesus Christ suffered and rose from the dead. Emperor Hadrian (117–138) ordered that Golgotha and the Lord's Sepulchre be buried, erecting a temple to Venus and a statue of Jupiter in their place. Pagans worshipped and offered sacrifices at these sites, hoping to erase their Christian significance. However, after nearly 300 years, the sacred places were rediscovered and opened for Christian veneration through Divine Providence under the rule of Emperor Constantine the Great.

In 313, Emperor Constantine issued the Edict of Milan, which legalized Christianity and ended persecutions in the Western Roman Empire. His co-ruler, Licinius, continued oppressing Christians in the East until his defeat, after which the Edict of Milan was enforced throughout the entire empire. Constantine had a divine vision of the Cross, with the message "By this you shall conquer," which guided him to victory in three major wars. Desiring to find the Cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified, Constantine sent his mother, Empress Helen, to Jerusalem with a mission to locate and honor the holy sites.

Empress Helen, although elderly, was determined to find the Life-giving Cross. After much searching and prayer, she discovered the Cross buried beneath a temple to Venus. Along with the Cross, the tomb of Christ, three crosses, and nails used in the crucifixion were unearthed. To identify the true Cross, Patriarch Makarios touched the crosses to a dead body, and upon contact with the true Cross, the man was miraculously revived. This confirmed the discovery, and Christians gathered in great numbers to venerate the Holy Cross.

Constantine and Helen had churches built over the sacred sites, including the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem, completed in 335. Another important event remembered on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross is the return of the Cross to Jerusalem from Persia after a fourteen-year captivity. Emperor Herakleios triumphantly carried the Cross into the city, but only after shedding his royal garments and walking barefoot, in humility, as Christ had walked to Golgotha. The Cross became a symbol of victory, humility, and divine power, celebrated by Christians throughout the world.

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, child Kylie, Jennifer, Cassi with child, Kayla, Kelly, Brittany with child, Lauren with child

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

And all of those who are suffering throughout our community and the world who are in need of prayers.

And for the building up of all of our churches, including the missions throughout the USA.

Departed:

Fr. Alexander, Igumen Leonty, Dalton, James, Mark, Chris, Timothy, Johnny, Matthew

Youth:

On Hold Until After Slavic Fest