



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

NOVEMBER 24TH, 2024
**AFTERFEAST OF THE ENTRANCE
OF THE THEOTOKOS**

Scripture Readings

Galatians 6:11-18 (Epistle)

Brethren, see with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Luke 13:10-17 (Gospel)

At that time, as the Lord was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound - think of it - for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

NOV Birthdays & Anniversaries

5th - Georgianna Glover
7th - Becky Fischer
9th - Jason Britton
15th - Abigail Leithead
15th - Greg Olyejar
15th - Terri Volosin
20th - Richard & Debbie Molner
20th - Debbie Hlatki
21st - Camden Robinson
22nd - Morgan Sparks
23rd - Garth Perry
28th - Josh Leithead
29th - Lori Meier

SCHEDULE

November 30th - Great Vespers (5 PM)
December 1st - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"Laughter is the strongest weapon in the victory over anger."
- St. Gregory the Theologian

"Can you place your hope in the world? Whom has it not deceived? To whom has it not lied? It promises much, but gives very little. Only those who hope in the Lord, according to the words of the Prophet David, do not sin, i.e., they are not deceived in their hope!"
- St. Anthony of Optina

"The only hope of salvation from the delusions and the heresies, the innovations and the traps of wicked people and of the devil is prayer, repentance and humility."
- Elder Joseph the Hesychast

WEEKLY JOKES

I once submitted 10 puns to a joke competition. I really thought with that many, one was sure to be a winner. Sadly, no pun in ten did.

My wife hated my impulse purchase of a revolving chair, but then she sat on it. Eventually she came round.

Apparently you can't use 'Beefstew' as a password. It's not stroganoff.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Coffee Hour: 11/24 - Potluck | 12/1 - Molner/Billmire

Church Cleanup: 11/24 - Nobody | 12/1 - Guy

Please sign up to clean the Church and Coffee Hour.

New Carpet in Church - On Hold until January

Slavic Fest Food for Sale

We have some leftover bags of Pierogi (Potato and Cheese) and boxes of Kielbasa for sale. The Pierogi are \$6 a dozen while the Kielbasa is \$50 a box. Please pick it up in the Hall and leave a check or cash with the Office.

Panakhida for Eurich Family (Today)

We will have a Panakhida at the end of Liturgy for the members of the Eurich family who are no longer with us.

Natalie Hlatki Work with Rooted (Today)

Natalie will be giving a short presentation about her work with the Orthodox College Campus Ministry, Rooted today. Please stay after Liturgy to hear the exciting things she is doing and how we as a parish can help.

Parish Council (Today)

December Parish Council (December 15th)

Because Parish Council is today, we will move the next one a week back so we have a little time before council meetings.

Christmas Pageant (December 22nd)

Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

The Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple marks a significant event in Christian tradition. Saints Joachim and Anna, the parents of the Virgin Mary, vowed to dedicate their child to God's service after years of praying for an end to their childlessness. At the age of three, Mary was presented at the Temple, accompanied by a procession of relatives, acquaintances, and young maidens bearing lighted candles and singing sacred songs. In a miraculous moment, Mary ascended the fifteen high steps leading to the Temple sanctuary, guided and strengthened by divine power. The High Priest, inspired by God, led her into the Holy of Holies, an area reserved exclusively for the High Priest, leaving witnesses astonished at the extraordinary event.

After dedicating Mary to God, Joachim and Anna returned home, leaving their daughter to dwell in the Temple's quarters for virgins. These quarters, mentioned in Scripture and historical accounts, were for those consecrated to divine service. The early life of the Virgin Mary at the Temple is largely shrouded in mystery. According to Church Tradition, she spent her youth in prayer, reading Scripture, engaging in handiwork, and growing in devotion to God. Saint Jerome noted that the specifics of her time in the Temple are known only to God and the Archangel Gabriel, who was her guardian.

The Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos has been celebrated since ancient times, with evidence of its observance dating back to early Palestinian Christians and the construction of a church in its honor by Empress Helen. Saints Gregory of Nyssa, Germanus, and Tarasius further highlighted its significance through their writings and sermons. This feast signifies the divine blessing upon humanity, the promise of salvation, and the coming of Christ, underscoring its importance in the Christian liturgical calendar.

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:

Clergy: Abp. Benjamin, Abp. Nathaniel, Abp. Alexander, Met. Isaiah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Matthew

Community: Meryl, Harold, Tammy, Litsa, child Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, Alicia, Iryland, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Michael, Jill, Beverly, Jackie, Trisha, Stella, Lee, Carol, Kodiak, John, Miriham, Cheri, April, Madalyn, McKenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Ashton, Jeanie, Jetlyn, Murl, Millie, Earnie, Cathy, Michael, Frances, Jim, Anna, Chris, Cindy, Nate, Ryan, Dusty, Natalie, Micah, Georgiana, Margret, Darrell, child Kylie, Jennifer, Kayla, Kelly, Terri, Kyle, Matti, Debbie, Norma, Scott, Roger, Catherine, James

Those with child: Lily, Alisha, Amber, Anna, Hannah, Cassi, Abigail, Kelly, Brittany, Lauren

Those who are confined: Casey, Basil, Mark, 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 St. John's in Colorado Springs and all missions throughout the USA.

Departed:

Abp. Peter, Ray, Gabe, child Grayson, Rachel, Charles

Youth:

Cheyenne Mtn Zoo (Next Sunday)

We are looking at going to the zoo on the 1st of December with anyone who would like to join. Please let Fr. Stephen know if you are interested so he can get a proper headcount and cost. The Rose Marie Ladies are covering the cost.

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