



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

NOVEMBER 3RD, 2024
MARTYRS AKEPSIMAS, JOSEPH,
& AEITHALAS OF PERSIA

Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 (Epistle)

Brethren, t God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Luke 8:41-56 (Gospel)

At that time, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, “Who touched Me?” When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, “Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’” But Jesus said, “Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.” Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, “Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace.” While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, “Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher.” But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, “Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.” When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, “Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.” And they ridiculed Him...

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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 6th – Prayers for Rain (7 AM)
November 9th – Great Vespers (5 PM)
November 10th – Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

“The thief who received the kingdom of heaven, though not as the reward of virtue, is a true witness to the fact that salvation is ours through the grace and mercy of God. All of our holy fathers knew this and all with one accord teach that perfection in holiness can be achieved only through humility. Humility, in its turn, can be achieved only through faith, fear of God, gentleness and the shedding of all possessions. It is by means of these that we attain perfect love, through the grace and compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be glory through all the ages. Amen.

– St. John Cassian

WEEKLY JOKES

It's been 6 months since I joined the gym and no progress. I'm going there in person tomorrow to see what's really going on.

A robber held up a well-dressed man, pointing his gun and yelling, “Give me all your money!” The man replied, “Don't you know who I am? I'm a U.S. congressman!” The robber retorted, “In that case, give me all my money!”

Waiting for results on election night is like waiting for your grade on a group project. I know I did my part right, but I'm worried the rest of you screwed it up.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Luke 8:41-56 (Cont.)

... knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Coffee Hour: 11/3 - Harold and Dee | 11/10 - Potluck

Church Cleanup: 11/3 - Guy | 11/10 - Britton

There is no one signed up for Coffee Hour after the 10th. We will do Potluck the next 2 Sundays (10th and 17th) but after that please consider signing up.

New Carpet in Church - We will Discuss later this month

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 Mikita Family Today

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

Fr. Andreas With Us for Liturgy (Next Sunday)

Fr. Andreas, our diocesan dean will be with us and our parish next Sunday for Liturgy. Please make every effort to be here.

Parish Council (November 17th)

Parish Council will be meeting the 17th, instead of the 10th due to Fr. Andreas' visit.

Christmas Play (December 22nd)

Church school will be meeting as a group today to discuss the play for this year. For the remainder of the calendar year, the kids will meet after Communion to rehearse and practice for the play.

Adult Class (On Hold)

Hieromartyrs Akepsimas, Bishop in Persia, Presbyter

Joseph, and Deacon Aeithalas

Martyrs Akepsimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter and Aeithalas (Aeithalás) the Deacon of Persia were leaders of the Christian Church in the Persian city of Naesson. His flock devotedly loved their hierarch for his ascetic life and tireless pastoral work. The emperor Sapor ordered his men to seek out and kill Christian clergy. Saint Akepsimas also was arrested, even though he was already an eighty-year-old man. They took him to the city of Arbela, where he came before the judge Ardarkh, a pagan priest of the sun god. The holy Elder refused to offer sacrifice to the Persian gods. For this he was fiercely beaten and thrown into prison, where on the following day the seventy-year-old priest Joseph and the deacon Aeithalas were severely beaten and thrown into jail with him. For three years the saints were held in confinement, and suffered from hunger and thirst. Emperor Sapor came to the temple of the god of fire, located not far from Arbela, and wanted to take a look at the three holy martyrs. Exhausted and covered with festering wounds, the saints were brought before the emperor. When he asked them to worship the pagan gods they firmly refused, confessing their faith in Christ instead. The holy bishop was beheaded, but the presbyter and deacon were taken into the city to be stoned. The execution of the presbyter Joseph was prolonged for several hours. A guard was placed near the place of execution, so that Christians would not take the body of the holy martyr. On the fourth night a strong windstorm raged near the city, lightning killed the guard, the wind tossed stones about, and the body of Saint Joseph disappeared. Deacon Aeithalas was taken to the village of Patrias, where he was stoned. Christians secretly buried his body. A tree grew on the saint's grave and its fruit brought healings.

**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

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

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:

Mat. Anne, Gabe, child Grayson, Rachel, Charles, Lloyd, Frank

Youth:

Cheyenne Mtn Zoo (Dec 1st?)

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.

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