



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

DECEMBER 1ST, 2024 VENERABLE BOTOLPH OF IKEN & PROPHET NAHUM

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 2:4-10 (Epistle)

Brethren, God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Luke 18:18-27 (Gospel)

At that time, a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For 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." And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

DEC Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Robert Boyd
- 2nd - Pete Pyatt
- 2nd - Marah Robinson
- 2nd - Meagan Gardner
- 6th - Jeanie Mikita
- 11th - Anya (Boyd) Gazii
- 12th - Mayzie Ann Jackson
- 17th - Tatiana Boyd
- 20th - Lexi Ann Guy
- 27th - Larry Don & Lori Meier
- 29th - Sabrina Lee
- 31st - Natalie Hlatki

SCHEDULE

- December 7th - Great Vespers (5 PM)
- December 8th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"When you sit down to eat, pray. When you eat bread, do so giving thanks to Him who is generous. When you drink wine, remember Him who has given it to you for your pleasure and as a relief in sickness. When you dress, thank Him for His kindness in providing you with clothing. When you look at the sky and the beauty of the stars, throw yourself at God's feet and adore Him who in His wisdom has arranged things in this way. Similarly, when the sun goes down and when it rises, when you are asleep or awake, give thanks to God, who created and arranged all things for your benefit, to have you know, love, and praise their Creator"

- St. Basil the Great

WEEKLY JOKES

How do Death Eaters freshen their breath? With Dementos.

What did the turkey say to the computer? "Google, Google!"

My friend Joe recently went on the Dolly Parton diet. It really made Joe lean, Joe lean, Joe lean, Joe leannnnn...

Why was the cow so calm during the Black Friday rush? She was used to udder chaos.

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Coffee Hour: 12/1 - Molner/Billmire | 12/8 - No One

Church Cleanup: 12/1 - Guy | 12/8 - Hlatki

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 boxes of Kielbasa for sale (\$50). Please pick it up in the Hall and leave a check or cash with the Office.

Freezer Fridge in Office

We need to get rid of the freezer in the office and if anyone would like to take it, it's yours. There is no cost for this but you can certainly leave a donation to the Church.

December Parish Council (December 15th)

Youth Christmas Concert (December 22nd)

Thank You, O Lord!

Final Words of Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, the late Dean of St. Vladimir's Seminary

Everyone capable of thanksgiving is capable of salvation and eternal joy.

Thank You, O Lord, for having accepted this Eucharist, which we offered to the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and which filled our hearts with the joy, peace and righteousness of the Holy Spirit.

Thank You, O Lord, for having revealed Yourself unto us and given us the foretaste of Your Kingdom.

Thank You, O Lord, for having united us to one another in serving You and Your Holy Church.

Thank You, O Lord, for having helped us to overcome all difficulties, tensions, passions, temptations and restored peace, mutual love and joy in sharing the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Thank You, O Lord, for the sufferings You bestowed upon us, for they are purifying us from selfishness and reminding us of the "one thing needed;" Your eternal Kingdom.

Thank You, O Lord, for having given us this country where we are free to worship You.

Thank You, O Lord, for this school, where the name of God is proclaimed.

Thank You, O Lord, for our families: husbands, wives and, especially, children who teach us how to celebrate Your holy Name in joy, movement and holy noise.

Thank You, O Lord, for everyone and everything.

Great are You, O Lord, and marvelous are Your deeds, and no word is sufficient to celebrate Your miracles.

Lord, it is good to be here! Amen!

Prophet Nahum

The Holy Prophet Nahum, whose name means "God consoles," was from the village of Elkosh (Galilee). He lived during the seventh century B.C. The Prophet Nahum prophesies the ruin of the Assyrian city of Nineveh because of its iniquity, the destruction of the Israelite kingdom, and the blasphemy of King Sennacherib against God. The Assyrian king Ashurbanipal died in 632 B.C., and over the next two decades, his empire began to crumble. Nineveh fell in 612 B.C.

Nahum differs from most of the prophets in as much as he does not issue any call to repentance, nor does he denounce Israel for infidelity to God. Details of the prophet's life are unknown. He died at the age of forty-five, and was buried in his native region. He is the seventh of the Twelve Minor Prophets. The Prophet Nahum and Saint Nahum of Ochrid (December 23) are invoked for people with mental disorders.

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, Lee, Carol, April, Madalyn, McKenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jeanie, Jetlyn, Earnie, Cathy, Jim, Anna, Chris, Cindy, Nate, Ryan, Dusty, Natalie, Micah, Georgiana, Margret, Darrell, child Kylie, Jennifer, Kayla, Kelly, Terri, Kyle, Matti, Debbie, Scott, Roger, Catherine, James, Kim, Victor, Austin, Leilah, Jillian, infant Brooklyn

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, Mat. Marie, Medrick, Norma, John, Ray, Gabe, child Grayson

Youth:

Cheyenne Mtn Zoo (Today)

Tickets are ordered and printed. We carpool to the zoo at 12 PM today.

St. Nick Visit (Next Sunday - 8th)

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