



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

DECEMBER 22nd, 2024
25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY BEFORE

Scripture Readings

Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 (Epistle, Sunday Before)

Brethren, by faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Matthew 1:1-25 (Gospel, Sunday Before)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. **(FLIP OVER)**

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 24th - Christmas Vigil (4 PM)
- December 25th - Divine Liturgy (9:00 AM)
- December 28th - Great Vespers (5 PM)
- December 29th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"Christ is born, glorify Him! Christ from heaven, go out to meet Him! Christ on earth, be exalted! Sing unto the Lord, all the earth!"

- St. Gregory Nazianzus

"He became what we are that He might make us what He is."

- St. Athanasius of Alexandria

WEEKLY JOKES

During Christmas, there are only 25 letters in the alphabet. No-el.

Why don't you ever see Santa in a hospital? Because he has private elf care!

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa? Claustrophobic.

There are 10 types of people in the world. Those that understand binary and those that do not.

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Gospel Cont. Matthew 1:1-25

Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, 'God with us.'" Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

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.

Learn How to Direct a Divine Liturgy

Fr. Andreas will hold three January classes on assembling Divine Services, focusing on Vespers and Liturgy. If you are interested in attending, please register online here: <https://shorturl.at/51h4x>

Calendars on their way...Will Be here next Sunday

Pledges 2025

Please let Carrie know what your pledge will be next year so we can properly budget going into 2025.

Helping Fr. Stephen and Family move (Today)

It is a sad time but with us moving, we will need help loading some of the bigger items into our storage pods. If you are available after the Christmas concert to help, we would really appreciate it.

Osburn Going Away Luncheon (December 29th)

Please bring desserts and salads aka diabetes and the thing that fixes it to next Sunday's Going Away Luncheon for the Osburn Family.

Annual Blessing of Waters (January 20th)

Pan Orthodox Meet Up at 10:30 AM at Monarch Pass Visitor Center (24500 US-50, CO 81201) followed by lunch at 2:30 PM Salida Steam Plant Theater (220 W Sackett Avenue, Salida, CO 81201)

Service Schedule (Jan - Mar 2nd)

Fr Andreas has provided the following schedule post Fr. Stephen and family departure.

Sunday, January 5 - Liturgy, Vespers, Blessing of Waters (Fr. Oleksii Bykon)

Sunday, January 12 - Liturgy (Fr. Oleksii Bykon)

Sunday, January 19 - Liturgy (Fr. Oleksii Bykon)

Saturday, January 25 - Liturgy (Fr. Andreas Blom)

Sunday, February 9 - Consecration Liturgy at St. John's off of Woodmen.

Sunday, February 16 - Liturgy (Fr. James Worth)

Saturday, February 22 - Liturgy (Fr. Anthony Machnee)

Sunday, March 2 (Forgiveness Sunday) - Liturgy, Forgiveness Vespers (Fr. James Worth)

Sunday before the Nativity

The Sunday before the Nativity, also known as the Sunday of the Holy Fathers, commemorates the ancestors of Christ according to the flesh, including the righteous men and women from Adam to Joseph, the Betrothed. This includes the Patriarchs, Prophets, and other figures who played pivotal roles in the history of salvation, such as Abraham, Moses, David, and Daniel, as well as righteous women like Sarah, Ruth, and Esther. It highlights God's unfolding plan for humanity's redemption, culminating in the birth of Christ, and honors the faith and virtues of those who prepared the way for the Incarnation.

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, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Michael, Jill, Beverly, Lee, Carol, April, Madalyn, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, McKenzie, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jeanie, Jetlyn, Earnie, Cathy, Jim, Anna, Chris, Cindy, Nate, Ryan, Dusty, Micah, Margret, Darrell, Jennifer, Kayla, Kelly, Terri, Kyle, Matti, Scott, Roger, Catherine, James, Kim, Victor, Leilah, Jillian, infant Brooklyn, Gerhard, Brad, child Libby Kate, infant Emery, Karen, Jeremy, Veronica, Eugene, child Theo

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. Jeanne, Mat. Marie, Patricia, Marcia, Theodore, Medrick, Norma

Youth:

Youth Christmas Concert (Today)

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