



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Galatians 1:11-19 (Epistle, Sunday After)

Brethren, I make known to you, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Matthew 2:13-23 (Gospel, Sunday After)

At that time, when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

DECEMBER 29TH, 2024
DAVID THE KING
JOSEPH THE BETROTHED
JAMES THE BROTHER OF THE LORD

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

January 5th - Liturgy w/ Vespers (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love, and the future to God's providence."

- St. Augustine of Hippo

"Beloved brethren, let us prepare ourselves with all our strength, and let us strive with courage and constancy to attain the crown."

- St. Cyprian of Carthage

"As a pilot calls on winds and a storm-tossed sailor calls on a harbor, so do I call upon You, O Lord. Help me to finish the course of this new year in peace, health, and the pursuit of righteousness."

- St. Basil the Great

WEEKLY JOKES

What did Simba say after he lit the Menorah? Hanukkah Matata!

Did you hear about the guy who invented the knock knock joke? He won the no bell prize.

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant. But then I changed my mind.

What happens if you walk on the ice during Christmas? Yule slip.

THANK YOU GOD BLESS EVERYONE!

It's not Goodbye. It's See you Later.

As we prepare to say goodbye, our hearts are filled with gratitude for each and every one of you. Over the last 6 years, everyone's love, support, and kindness have been a source of strength and encouragement in our ministry. This community is more than just a parish to us. It is a family. This is a place where we have grown spiritually and have shared countless cherished moments. Though Mat. Lindsey, Zoe, and I are moving on, please know that we will carry all of you in our prayers and will continue to pray for you. We ask you continue to pray for us as well and that God bless each and every one of you with Many Years and Abundant Blessings! It is not Goodbye. It is see you all later, whether through visits or in the Kingdom of Heaven.

With a heartfelt gratitude and love in Christ,
Fr. Stephen, Mat. Lindsey, and Zoe Osburn. (And Sora and Bently too)

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 are here. Please take one in the Narthex.

Pledges 2025

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

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)
Sunday, January 26 - Liturgy (Fr. George Khristich)
Saturday February 1 - Liturgy (Fr. Andreas Blom)
Sunday, February 9 - Consecration Liturgy at St. John's
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)

Scripture Readings for this entire time-frame have been printed and put in pews. Please don't take them home.

Commemoration of the Holy Righteous David the King, Joseph the Betrothed, and James the Brother of the Lord

The Holy Prophet-King David, Saint Joseph the Betrothed, and Saint James the Brother of the Lord are commemorated on the Sunday after the Nativity. If there is no Sunday between December 25 and January 1, their commemoration is moved to December 26. At an early date, some churches in the East began to commemorate certain important figures of the New Testament at the time of Theophany, and later during the Nativity season. In Syria, for example, Saint Stephen (December 27), Saints James (April 30) and John (September 26), and Saints Peter and Paul (June 29) were commemorated near the end of December. In Jerusalem, the saints mentioned above were combined with a feast that the Jews of Hebron celebrated on December 25 or 26 in honor of the Old Testament Patriarch Jacob. Later on, the Christians substituted Saint James (October 23) for Jacob, and then the commemoration of the Brother of the Lord became associated with his ancestor King David. In time, Saint Joseph was linked with Saints David and James. Saint Joseph had four sons from his previous marriage: James, Judah, Joses, and Simon (or Symeon), and three daughters: Esther, Martha, and Salome, who was the mother of Saint John the Theologian.

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, James, Kim, Victor, Leilah, Jillian, infant Brooklyn, Gerhard, Brad, child Libby Kate, infant Emery, Karen, Jeremy, Veronica, Eugene, child Theo, Anna

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

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

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. Jeanne, Mat. Marie, Catherine, child Reed, Theodore, Norma