



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

DECEMBER 8TH, 2024
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
VEN. PATAPIUS OF THEBES

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 2:14-22 (Epistle)

Brethren, He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Luke 17:12-19 (Gospel)

At that time, as the Lord entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

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 14th - Great Vespers (5 PM)
December 15th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"During the Nativity Fast the Church encourages us to intensify our spiritual lives in order to ready our souls and bodies for the Feast. We do this by increasing our prayer life, read more scripture and spiritual books, especially lives of the saints. A little less television, no anger, no gossiping, no laziness and let's try to avoid the Christmas parties. If we prepare in this way, God will bless us and we will find the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord to be far more spiritually rewarding than ever before. May God help us to struggle courageously."

- His Grace, Bishop Thomas - Antiochian Archdiocese of North America

WEEKLY JOKES

Pre- means before, and post- means after. Using both at the same time would be preposterous.

Saw a man standing on one leg at an ATM. Confused, I asked him what he was doing... He said: "Just checking my balance."

Why was the snowman looking through the carrots? He was picking his nose.

How do sheep say Merry Christmas? Fleece Navidad.

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Coffee Hour: 12/8 - Linda | 12/15 - Potluck

Church Cleanup: 12/8 - Hlatki | 12/15 - No One

Please sign up to clean the Church and Coffee Hour.

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.

Teen Angel Shopping List

We are sponsoring 14 kids this year and have already covered 6 through the Rose Marie Ladies. If you would like to help, please see Vickie.

December Parish Council (December 15th)

Helping Fr. Stephen and Family move (December 22nd)

It is a sad time but with us moving, we will need help loading some of the bigger items into our storage pod which arrives on the 14th. If you are available after the Christmas concert to help, we would really appreciate it. We will also be loading it throughout the coming weeks so if you would like to come over and help load some boxes and bins, we will certainly be grateful. Thank you!

Venerable Patapius of Thebes

Saint Patapius was born in Thebes into a devout Christian family. From a young age, he rejected the vanities of the world and sought a life of spiritual asceticism. Moving to the Egyptian desert, he gained a reputation for his piety and wisdom, attracting numerous pilgrims who sought his advice despite his desire for solitude. To each visitor, he offered rest, hospitality, and spiritual guidance, earning widespread respect for his devotion to the salvation of souls.

Seeking greater seclusion, Saint Patapius later moved to Constantinople, establishing a cell near the Blachernae church. Yet, even there, his reputation for sanctity and miraculous healing spread. Many infirm individuals sought him, and through his God-given gift of healing, he offered relief to those in need. Among the miracles attributed to him was the healing of a woman suffering from a severe and painful form of cancer, whose faith and the Saint's intercession brought about her immediate and complete recovery.

Saint Patapius lived a life characterized by virtue, humility, and divine grace. His countless miracles and unwavering faith inspired those around him. After his peaceful passing, he was buried in the church of Saint John the Baptist, leaving behind a legacy of holiness and a testament to the power of faith and prayer.

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, 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, child Kylie, Jennifer, Kayla, Kelly, Terri, Kyle, Matti, Scott, Roger, Catherine, James, Kim, Victor, Austin, Leilah, Jillian, infant Brooklyn, Gerhard, Pina

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:

St. Nick Visit (Today)

Youth Christmas Concert (22nd)

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