

**August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 2**

**Hieromartyr Eutychius, disciple of St. John the Theologian**

## Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 9:2-12 (Epistle)

If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

Matthew 18:23-35 (Gospel)

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

## Many Years!

### anniversaries

7th - Gary & Georgianna Glover  
10th - Robert & Tatiana Boyd  
13th - Trey & Lauren Nelson  
17th - Ken & Lore Denson  
27th - Logan & Abigail Bourg  
31st - Dave & Carrie Guy  
31st - Rodney & Kelly Glover

### birthdays

4th - Taytam Robinson  
5th - Kelly Glover  
7th - Emmary Britton  
7th - Mat. Lindsey Osburn  
11th - Sheila Mikita  
12th - Fr. George Khristich  
13th - Denise Mikita  
15th - Debbie Molner  
16th - Kade Pyatt  
17th - Daniel Tipton  
17th - Scott Mikita  
18th - Justin Scott  
23rd - Joey Gdovin  
28th - Ernie Mikita

## Calendar

St. Mary's annual meeting will be held today, following liturgy. You must be a parish member to vote in this meeting, please plan on attending and making your voice heard.

August 30<sup>th</sup> Vespers  
— Saturday 6:00p

August 31<sup>st</sup> Divine Liturgy  
— Sunday 9:30a

## Forgiving our debtors.

| Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? — *Matthew 18:21*

(In today's gospel) That unfortunate servant lost everything: the forgiveness of God, release from the whole debt, and the return to freedom of himself, his wife and his children. Everything that he had received, he lost in one moment, in that terrible moment when he did not forgive his debtor. And so we too can lose everything: forgiveness which we have received in the Sacrament of Confession, and the Grace which we have received in the Sacrament of Holy Communion — in one moment — in that moment when we will not forgive our debtors.

God grant that such a moment never come to us. And therefore, for the sake of our own salvation, our own well-being and the well-being of those close to us, let us wholeheartedly forgive our debtors. And let us rejoice that we have such debtors, because only by forgiving them their debts, can we prove to the Lord how much we value His forgiveness. And let us also rejoice, because our Lord forgives us enormous things, and all that we can forgive is so small and insignificant. Let us rejoice every time when we say in the Lord's Prayer: "and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." — *Archbishop Andrei, The One Thing Needful*

Fellow sinner! If you have already acknowledged yourselves to be the greatest sinners, worthy of every censure and torment, if you have known the vileness and absurdity of sins, if you sense how immeasurably you offend the Lord God through them, if you feel your great responsibility for them, if you hunger and thirst for God's justification and mercy, then try to show all the mercy you can to those around you: Blessed are the merciful, says the Lord, for they shall obtain mercy." — *St. John of Kronstadt*

Let us count, beginning from here, the trespasses of man towards God. First of all, man was guilty of punishment by God, because he estranged himself from his Creator and went over to the enemy, by running away and revolting against his natural Lord. Secondly, because he exchanged his independent freedom with the deadly slavery of sin and chose to be governed by the power of destruction, instead of remaining near God. Is there a greater evil than not to see the beauty of the Creator, but instead, to turn one's face to the ugliness of sin? What sort of punishment should be set for the contempt of the divine goods and preference of the lures used by the devil? Also, who can enumerate man's myriad trespasses? The destruction of the image and the ruin of the seal, we received at our initial creation. The loss of the drachma and the departure from the paternal table. The addiction to the filthy life of the swine and the waste of the precious wealth and all the other similar trespasses we can find in the Holy Bible and think of by ourselves, who can enumerate them? — *St. Gregory of Nyssa, At Prayer, Homily V*

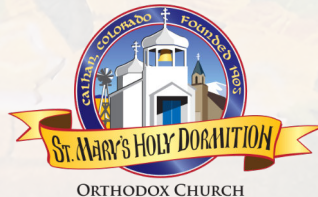
All the sorrows and sufferings caused us by other people never come to us except with God's permission for our essential good... They are indispensable, in order that we may have occasion to forgive our neighbors and so receive forgiveness for our own sins. — *St. Ignatius Brianchaninov*

### Troparion | Tone 4

*By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, thou didst become a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith, even to the shedding of thy blood. O Hieromartyr Eutychius, entreat Christ God to save our souls!*

### Kontakion | Tone 3

*A successor of the Apostles and an excellent example to bishops, Eutychius, thou wast glorified as a martyr. Thou didst shine forth like the sun enlightening all, dispelling the dark night of godlessness. Therefore, we honor thee as truly a godly celebrant of the Mysteries of Christ.*



## Prayer List

### living

**Clergy:** Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis

**Community:** Diane, Bourg Family, Betty, Muriel, Child Gerhard & Meryl, Harold, Tammy, Litsa, Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Michael, Jill, Beverly, Infant Dominic, Joseph, Jackie Joan, Trisha, Lee, Carol, Ethan, infant AdaLynn, Nauvlet, Leilah, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, April, Madalyn, McKenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Carolyn, Millie, child Charlotte, Cathy, Michael.

**Those with child:** Libbie

**Those who are confined:** Ethen, Casey, Basil, Mark, Hannah, Theodore

### departed

Brian Molner, Avier Cruz, Juliana Cecil, Carl Finney

*To add or remove a name from this list, please drop a note in the bookstore collection box in the hall.*

## Commemorations

Hieromartyr Eutyches, disciple of Saint John the Theologian; Venerable Arsenius, Abbot of Komel, Vologda; Martyr Tation (Tatio) of Claudiopolis; Virgin Martyr Syra of Persia; Saint George Limniotes, Confessor of Mount Olympus; Repose of the New-Hieromartyr Cosmas of Aitolia, Equal of the Apostles; Saint Martyrius, Archbishop of Novgorod; Venerable Serapion the Wonderworker, Abbot of Saint John the Baptist Monastery

## Coffee Hour

A warm thank you to Vickie for sponsoring last weeks coffee hour. Today's Coffee Hour will be a potluck. Please join us in the hall across the street for a time of fellowship and a light meal. If you would like to sign up to sponsor a coffee hour, please use the form in the parish hall to select a date and sign up.

Coffee Hour Schedule:

August 31<sup>st</sup> — Terrie and Millie

September 7<sup>th</sup> — Available

September 14<sup>th</sup> — Available

September 21<sup>th</sup> — Available

September 28<sup>th</sup> — Available