St. Mary's Holy Dormition — Calhan, Colorado — Founded 1905

June 28, 2026 | 4th Sunday after Pentecost | Tone 3
The Relics of the Holy Unmercenaries Cyrus & John

Scripture Readings

Romans 6:18–23 | Epistle (93)

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 8:5–13 | Gospel (25)

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

Wisdom from the Fathers

> *"For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain."*
>
> St. Paul ✝ The Apostle

> *"Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good."*
>
> St. Peter ✝ The Apostle

Image (above): Greg, Polly, Harry, Georgie, and Roger receive special recognition from bishop Vasily, for their generous service to St. Mary's Holy Dormition - Many Years!

Many Years!

Father George

With grateful and loving hearts, the parish family of St. Mary's Holy Dormition Orthodox Church offers our deepest thanks to Father George Khristich for the gift of his priesthood and his faithful dedication to our community over this past year.

Father, you have walked with us through the fasts and feasts, offered the Holy Mysteries with reverence and love, and been present to us in both our joys and our sorrows. Your gentle shepherding, your prayers, and your quiet witness to Christ have blessed and nourished our souls and drawn us closer to one another and to the Lord.

May our Savior continue to strengthen you, protect your family, and grant you many peaceful and fruitful years in His service.

Birthdays This Week

28TH – Mylee Ratzlaff
30TH – Chandler Glover
1ST – Kylie Jackson
2ND – Lorene Denson

Calendar

Sat Jun 27
Catechism Class, 5:30 PM
Great Vespers, 6:30 PM

Sun Jun 28
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
Coffee Hour following — Team 1 (Apostles Fast)

Mon Jun 29
Divine Liturgy, 7:00 AM
The Holy Glorious and All-Praised Apostles, Peter and Paul

Sat Jul 4
Great Vespers, 6:30 PM

Sun Jul 5
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
Coffee Hour following — Team 2

The Holy Unmercenaries Cyrus & John

On June 28 the Church celebrates the translation of the relics of the holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers Cyrus and John. These two physicians, martyred near Alexandria in 311, healed the sick freely, asking no payment, for they understood that the gift of healing comes from God alone. It is from this selfless service that they receive the title *unmercenaries*, those who take no silver.

In the year 412 their relics were carried to the village of Manuphin, a place long feared because a pagan temple there had become a dwelling of evil spirits. Patriarch Theophilus of Alexandria had hoped to cleanse it, but died before he could. His successor, Saint Cyril, prayed fervently, and an angel of the Lord appeared to him, commanding that the relics of Cyrus and John be brought to that very place. Saint Cyril obeyed, building a church in the martyrs' honor.

From that day the influence of the Enemy was driven out, and the spot once dreaded became a fountain of grace. Countless healings and miracles followed for those who came in faith, just as the saints had healed in life.

Their witness joins this Sunday's Gospel, where a Roman centurion confesses, "Only speak a word, and my servant will be healed." The same Lord who marveled at that faith works through His saints still, asking of us not payment but trust. Through the prayers of the holy physicians Cyrus and John, may He heal our souls and bodies.

Troparia & Kontakion

Troparion — Tone 3 (Resurrection)

> *Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.*

Troparion — Tone 5 (Sts. Cyrus & John)

> *O Christ God, Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy martyrs Cyrus and John, as an invincible rampart; through their prayers frustrate the plans of the heathens, and strengthen the faith of the Orthodox Christians, for Thou alone art good and lovest mankind.*

Kontakion — Tone 3 (Resurrection)

> *On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.*

Kontakion — Tone 3 (Sts. Cyrus & John)

> *Having received the gift of miracles through divine grace, O saints, you work wonders in the world unceasingly. You remove all of our passions through your invisible surgery, divinely-wise Cyrus and glorious John, for you are truly divine physicians.*

Wisdom from the Fathers

> *"Where the Cherubim sing the glory, where the Seraphim are flying, there shall we see Paul, with Peter... as a chief and leader of the choir of the Saints, and shall enjoy his generous love."*
>
> St. John Chrysostom † Golden-Mouth

Prayer List

Living:
Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Silouan, Fr. Tikhon & Family, Fr. Ambrose, Mother Cassiana, Mother Magdalena, Dcn. Herman & Family, Muriel, April, Madalyn, Makenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Victoria

Departed:
Michelle Flesher † June 22, 2026
Brian Milner (1 Year) † June 18, 2025
John Pasko (42 Years) † June 27, 1984
Margaret Jrebacher (45 Years) † June 28, 1981
Mary Sabol (49 Years) † June 28, 1977
Andrew Sabol (64 Years) † June 28, 1962
Andrew Eurich (72 Years) † July 4, 1954
Joseph Kemock (74 Years) † July 2, 1952
Joseph Novotney (85 Years) † June 30, 1941
Mike Yurich (110 Years) † June 30, 1916

With Child:
Kelsey, Kelly

Catechumens:
John

Confined:
Basil, Hannah, Theodore

Infants:
Dominic, AdaLynn, Gus

Commemorations

Translation of the Relics of the Holy Unmercenaries Cyrus & John; Ven. Xenophon, Abbot of Robeika; Ven. Sergius & Herman of Valaam; St. Paul the Physician of Corinth; Icon of the Mother of God "Of the Three Hands"; Hieromartyr Basil; Martyr Pappias; Ven. Sergius of Paphlagonia

Parish Announcements

Memory Eternal! — New in this week's bulletin: join us in remembering and praying for those who are celebrating their heavenly homecoming anniversaries!

2026 Summer Food Program — Free Kids Food Boxes for ages 18 and under, June–July, Monday pickup. Register at KidsEat.org.

Youth Paddleboarding — Sunday, July 12, Location TBD, after Liturgy at Holy Theophany and the meal, parish youth are invited to join local orthodox youth for an afternoon on the lake.

Youth Rockies Game — Sunday, August 23, Attend Transfiguration for Liturgy, eat with them and then head to the game! Ticket prices TBD.

Contact Mka. Mary Jewett for more information on the above youth events.