



# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION † ORTHODOX CHURCH

JULY 5, 2026 | 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | TONE 4

## UNCOVERING OF THE RELICS OF VEN. SERGIUS OF RADONEZH

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### ROMANS 10:1-10 | EPISTLE (103)

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down from above) "or, 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

#### MATTHEW 8:28-9:1 | GOSPEL (28)

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

### WISDOM FROM THE FATHERS

*"Do not say, 'this happened by chance, while this came to be of itself.' In all that exists there is nothing disorderly, nothing indefinite, nothing without purpose, nothing by chance ... How many hairs are on your head? God will not forget one of them. Do you see how nothing, even the smallest thing, escapes the gaze of God?"*

ST. BASIL † THE GREAT

### MANY YEARS!

#### FATHER TIKHON AND FAMILY

Dear Father Tikhon and your beloved family, The parish family of St. Mary's Holy Dormition Orthodox Church joyfully welcome you! We thank God for bringing you to us and look forward with glad hearts to worshipping and serving together. May your ministry here be blessed with peace, grace, and much fruit. To you and your lovely family: may this new home be filled with joy and the love of Christ. **Many Years!**

#### ANNIVERSARIES

- 17<sup>TH</sup> – Harry & Polly Mikita
- 20<sup>TH</sup> – Ernie & Jeanie Mikita
- 22<sup>ND</sup> – Bill & Rachel Stevens

#### BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 <sup>ST</sup> – Kylie Jackson   | 17 <sup>TH</sup> – Haylee Schulte    |
| 2 <sup>ND</sup> – Lorene Denson   | 17 <sup>TH</sup> – Bryan Hlatki      |
| 6 <sup>TH</sup> – Rodney Glover   | 17 <sup>TH</sup> – Hannah Schulte    |
| 7 <sup>TH</sup> – Jonathan Mikita | 18 <sup>TH</sup> – Brooklyn Billmire |
| 7 <sup>TH</sup> – Bron Burnside   | 19 <sup>TH</sup> – Grady Leithead    |
| 8 <sup>TH</sup> – Carrie Ann Guy  | 19 <sup>TH</sup> – Evie Stevens      |
| 8 <sup>TH</sup> – Brianna Pyatt   | 21 <sup>ST</sup> – Whitney Tunink    |
| 13 <sup>TH</sup> – Wyatt Mikita   | 22 <sup>ND</sup> – Luke Meier        |
| 15 <sup>TH</sup> – Linda Hendrix  | 27 <sup>TH</sup> – Brayden Glover    |
| 16 <sup>TH</sup> – LD Meier       | 29 <sup>TH</sup> – Jason Mikita      |

### CALENDAR

#### JUL 4<sup>TH</sup> – SATURDAY

Great Vespers, 6:30 pm

#### JUL 5<sup>TH</sup> – 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am  
- coffee hour to follow in hall -

#### JUL 11<sup>TH</sup> – SATURDAY

Great Vespers, 6:30 pm

#### JUL 12<sup>TH</sup> – 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am  
- coffee hour to follow in hall -

# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION † ORTHODOX CHURCH

## THE UNCOVERING OF THE RELICS OF ST. SERGIUS OF RADONEZH

St. Sergius of Radonezh, the great father of Russian monasticism, reposed in the Lord on September 25, 1392, having spent his life in the forests north of Moscow raising up a community of prayer that would become the Holy Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra. He asked to be buried in the earth like every other monk, without honor or distinction.

Thirty years later, in 1422, as the brethren prepared to build a stone church in his memory, St. Sergius appeared in a vision to a pious layman, revealing that his body lay in water and asking that it be uncovered. When the monks opened the grave on July 5th of that year, they found his relics and even his monastic garments entirely incorrupt, though the wooden coffin around them had decayed. The uncovering was accompanied by numerous healings, and the faithful understood it as heaven's own confirmation of the saint's holiness.

The relics were placed in the newly built Trinity Cathedral, where the monk Andrei Rublev would soon paint his celebrated icon of the Holy Trinity for the iconostasis, in honor of St. Sergius's constant teaching that contemplation of the Trinity's undivided love overcomes the fear and division of this world.

For six centuries pilgrims have come to venerate St. Sergius at his reliquary, seeking the same gifts he offered in life: patient labor, hospitality to the stranger, and a quiet, unhurried trust in God. His disciples went on to found dozens of monasteries across the Russian north, so that it is said nearly every monastic house in that land traces its spiritual lineage back to his humble wilderness cell. In venerating the uncovering of his relics, the Church proclaims again that holiness of life is not lost to decay, and that Christ glorifies those who first sought to be hidden and small for His sake.

## TROPARIA & KONTAKION

### TROPARION | TONE 4 (RESURRECTION)

*When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"*

### TROPARION | TONE 8 (VEN. SERGIUS)

*From thy youth thou didst receive Christ into thy soul, O ven'erable one, and above all didst desire to leave behind the turmoil of the world. Thou didst courageously settle in the wilderness, where thou didst raise children in obedience, the fruits of humility. Thus, as an abode of the Trinity, thou didst enlighten all who approached in faith and didst grant healing to all. O our Father Sergius, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved!*

### KONTAKION | TONE 4 (RESURRECTION)

*My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!*

### KONTAKION | TONE 8 (VEN. SERGIUS)

*Having risen from the earth today and shining like the sun, thy precious and incorrupt relics are as fragrant flowers, scented with miracles, granting healing to all the faithful, and making glad thy flock which thou didst wisely gather and tend. Now as thou standest before the throne of the Trinity, entreat God's help and grace for them and for all Orthodox Christians, so that we may sing: "Rejoice, O divinely-wise Sergius!"*

## PRAYER LIST

### LIVING:

Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Silouan, Fr. Ambrose, Fr. George, Mother Cassiana, Dcn. Herman Combs & Family

Muriel, Mother Magdalena, April, Madalyn, Makenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Victoria, Russ.

### DEPARTED:

Michelle, Jake, Russ, Barclay, Joe.

### WITH CHILD:

Kelsey, Kelly.

### CATECHUMENS:

John.

### CONFINED:

Basil, Hannah, Theodore.

### INFANTS:

Dominic, AdaLynn, Gus.

## COMMEMORATIONS

5th Sunday after Pentecost; Venerable Athanasius, founder of the Great Lavra and Coenobitic Monasticism on Mount Athos, and his six disciples; Uncovering of the relics of Venerable Sergius of Radonezh; Martyr Anna at Rome; Martyr Cyrilla of Cyrene in Libya, a widow; Hieromartyr Lampados of Irenopolis; Hieromartyr Cyprian of Mount Athos; "Economissa" Icon of the Mother of God

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RMOYC** — This week our young people depart for Orthodox Youth Camp. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel! We ask the Lord to grant them a safe journey, joyful fellowship, and hearts open to learning and growing in the faith. May the Holy Spirit richly bless their time together and bring them home strengthened in Christ.

**Book Signing** — With Heidi White, Sat. July 25, 10 AM, Haven School, Black Forest.

**Summer Food Program** — Free Kids Food & Fun Boxes for youth 18 & under at KidsEat.org.

**Youth Paddleboarding** — With St. Luke's, Sun. July 12, after Liturgy.

**Youth Group** — Rockies game, Sun. Aug 23, after Liturgy.

(Contact Mka. Mary Jewett for more information on local pan-orthodox youth events.)