

Confessions:

Fr. Stephen is available for confessions on Saturday evenings after Vespers or by appointment. Please make an effort to go at least once every 3-6 months.

Upcoming Events:

**Parish Council and Potluck Date:** November 11th after Liturgy  
**Slavic Fest 2018:** Mark the Date! October 13 and 14.



Quotes from the Fathers:

The drunkard, the fornicator, the proud—he will receive God’s mercy. But he who does not want to forgive, to excuse, to justify consciously, intentionally ... that person closes himself to eternal life before God, and even more so in the present life. He is turned away and not heard by God.

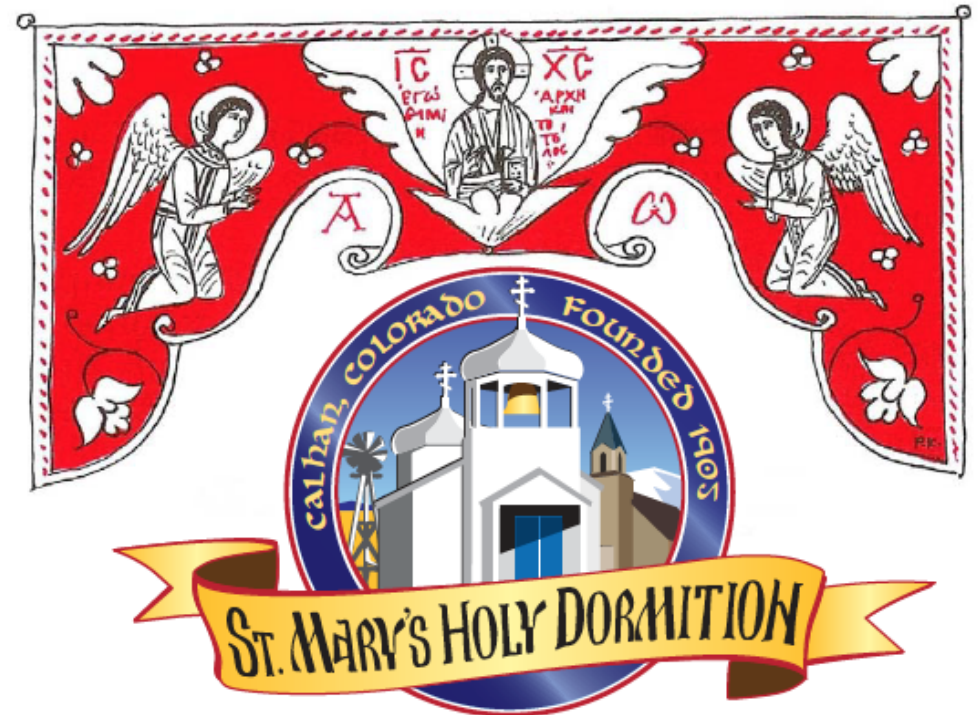
- Elder Sampson

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# SUNDAY BULLETIN

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# Scripture Readings:

## 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (Epistle)

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

## Matthew 25:14-30 (Gospel)

For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

## Birthdays/Anniversaries - September

Sep 5 - Terry and Margo Wilkinson	Sep 23 - Rick and Shirley Sandbothe
Sep 5 - Linda Deak	Sep 24 - Dave Guy
Sep 6 - Victor and Terri Volosin	Sep 26 - Alfred (Freddie) Draney
Sep 7 - Stephen Osburn Sr. (Father's Dad)	Sep 28 - Terry Wilkinson
Sep 12 - Ken Denson	Sep 29 - Michael Mikita
Sep 13 - Shelly Stephens	Sep 29 - Bodie Glover
Sep 14 - Cassandra Fischer	Sep 29 - Natalie Norton
Sep 17 - Trevor Hendrix	Sep 29 - Eililoh Robinson

### This Week at St. Mary's

*Prayer Service for Rain (Wednesday 6 AM September 19th)*

*Great Vespers (Saturday 5:30 PM September 22nd)*

*Divine Liturgy (Sunday 9:30 AM September 23rd)*

### Announcements:

#### New Website:

If you haven't had a chance yet to see the new redesigned website, please check it out. Along with the fresh, exciting, and new look inspired by our farming community, the new website has some features to share: Online sales for all events (including pre-purchasing of tickets ahead of time for Slavic Fest), Daily Scripture Readings, Schedule of Services (with Google Calendar to allow for syncing with mobile devices or preferred calendar), Newsletter and Archive, Responsive and Mobile Friendly Design, and easier than ever to donate directly online.

#### Benches for Hall:

We still are looking for donations to help cover the extra burden of the new benches. If you would please consider donating to this above and beyond your normal tithe. See Fr. Stephen or drop off a check at the office if you'd like to help with this expense.

#### Slavic Fest 2018:

We have begun preparations for Slavic Fest. Please stay after Fellowship to help with making the food for the event. We've also printed out some flyers that need to be hung around Calhan and the surrounding areas. Please consider taking one to hang at grocery stores, halls, work, etc.. Tickets for the event are live for purchase on the new website. This is also a great time to start spreading the word of the upcoming festival so please don't hesitate to post about it on Facebook and sharing posts from our page. If you need any images or the digital flyer, please see Fr. Stephen or download it from the website.

#### Father's Away:

Please note that from September 18th to October 2nd, Fr. Stephen, Mat. Lindsey, and Zoe are away for vacation. During this time, Fr. Stephen will have limited access to his phone but will make every effort to check when he can. Frs. Anthony and Panayiotas will serve Liturgy while they are away. If you have any immediate emergencies, please contact Fr. Anthony or Earnie.