

### 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. The Nativity Fast is a great time to go in preparation of our Lord's Birth.

### Upcoming Events:

**Parish Council and Potluck Date:** December 9th after Liturgy

### A Word about Veteran's Day:

When Dwight D. Eisenhower was President from 1953 to 1961, he received a letter from eight-year-old Keith Aiken of Trumbull, CT. Kevin wrote, "After listening to the news about the cold war, I am worried about the people in the world. In thinking it over, I have a plan. Get all the leaders together who want war, put them in a ring and let them fight it out." I'm sure that many veterans of foreign war feel this way about war. Just let those who want to fight, do the fighting! Don't involve everybody else in it! War is a terrible thing and yet it seems that war is inevitable in our world. Matt. 24:6 "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come." Most Bible commentators believe, however, that Jesus was talking about the coming destruction of Jerusalem, which took place about 70 A.D. But could it be that wars are also a sign of the second coming of Christ? Many people believe so. Wars do seem inevitable. General Sherman once said, "You don't know the horrible aspects of war. I've been through two wars and I know. I've seen cities and homes in ashes. I've seen thousands of men lying on the ground, their dead faces looking up at the skies. I tell you, war is hell!" I don't question Sherman's feelings and convictions about war. If you've never been there you just don't know. However, I have heard it put this way. WAR IS HELLISH, BUT NOT HELL! Based on Scripture, I would say this is true. Nothing is as horrible as hell. WWII qualifies as perhaps the greatest war, or the most hellish war in history. In all, 61 countries with 1.7 billion people, three-fourths of the world's population, took part. In terms of money spent, it has been put at more than \$1 trillion dollars, which makes it the most expensive war of all. The human cost of lives, not including the 5 to 6 million Jews killed in the Holocaust, is estimated to have been 55 million dead - 25 million of those military and 30 million civilian. War is indeed hellish! Some aspects of war are never right, regardless of the war, but we must support those are willing to go and give on behalf of their country!

As someone wrote:

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the VETERAN, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the VETERAN, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.

It is the VETERAN, who salutes the Flag, who serves under the Flag.

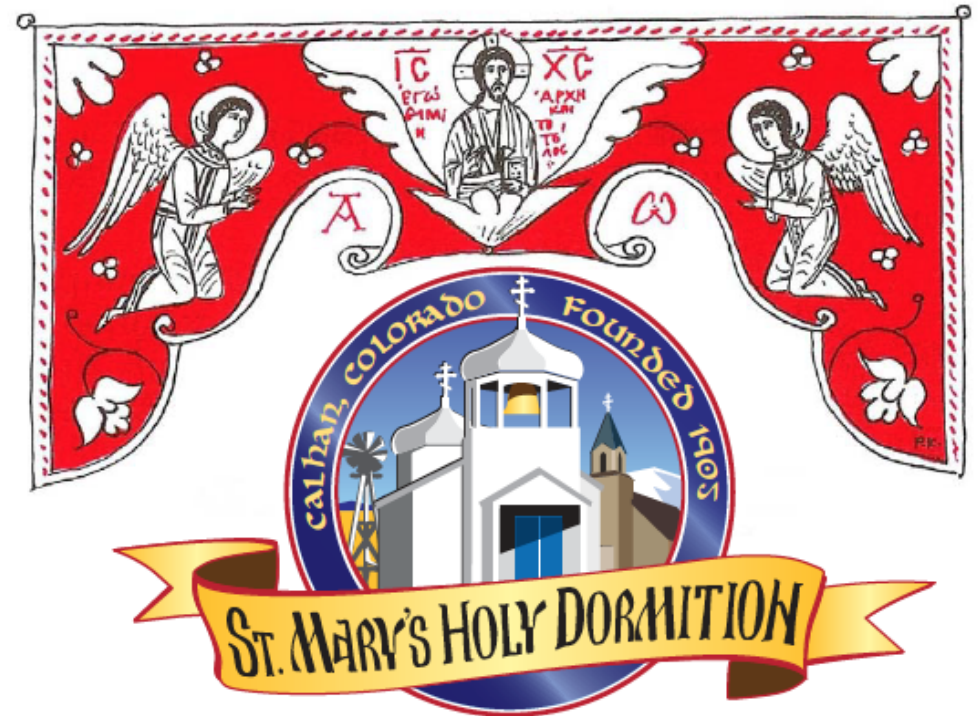
Today we want to honor all our armed service veterans. To you, veterans, we owe a debt of gratitude because you were willing to go, to serve and to give on behalf of the United States of America! God bless you!

-Taken from a sermon by Steve Shepard

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

## 11 November 2018

### 24th Sunday After Pentecost



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## Scripture Readings:

### **Ephesians 2:14-22 (Epistle)**

For 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 10:25-37 (Gospel)**

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

## **Birthdays/Anniversaries - November**

Nov 5 - Georgianna Glover	Nov 20 - Debbie Hlatki
Nov 7 - Becky Fischer	Nov 21 - Camden Robinson
Nov 9 - Jason Britton	Nov 22 - Vera Kopsho
Nov 15 - Terri Volosin	Nov 22 - Morgan Britton
Nov 15 - Abigail Rose Leithead	Nov 23 - Garth Perry
Nov 15 - Greg Olyejar	Nov 28 - Josh Leithead
Nov 20 - Richard and Debbie Molner	Nov 29 - Lori Meier

### **This Week at St. Mary's**

*Nativity Fast Begins Thursday November 15th until Christmas Day.*

*Great Vespers (Saturday 5:30 PM November 17th)*

*Divine Liturgy (Sunday 9:30 AM November 18th)*

### **Announcements:**

#### **Nativity Play**

On December 23rd after Liturgy, our youth will be performing a play based on the Nativity story. We need help making sets and costumes so if you can volunteer, please see Mat. Lindsey, Carrie, and/or Vicki for more information.

#### **Youth Game Night**

Next Saturday night we are going to be having a board game night in the Hall after Vespers. We invite all our youth, young people, and young at heart (everyone is welcome) to attend. If you would like to come, please let Fr. Stephen know so he can get an accurate count for snacks.

#### **Thanksgiving Baskets:**

We are taking a special collection today and over the next couple weeks for our annual Thanksgiving charity baskets. Please consider giving generously to this cause; the basket will be next to the commemorative loaves after Liturgy.

#### **Parish Council Meeting (November 11th):**

Parish Council Members, we have our monthly meeting today after Liturgy, please make sure to stay and attend.