

### 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

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

**Sunday Choir Rehearsals:** The choir will be having a rehearsal every Sunday after Liturgy until Theophany to prepare for both the Nativity and Theophany Feast Days and the songs for the play. Please make every effort to stay after coffee hour for a little while to lend your wonderful singing talents. Thanks!

### Thanksgiving Sermon - Thank You, O Lord:

Everyone capable of thanksgiving is capable of salvation and eternal joy.

Thank You, O Lord, for having accepted this Eucharist, which we offered to the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and which filled our hearts with the joy, peace and righteousness of the Holy Spirit.

Thank You, O Lord, for having revealed Yourself unto us and given us the foretaste of Your Kingdom.

Thank You, O Lord, for having united us to one another in serving You and Your Holy Church.

Thank You, O Lord, for having helped us to overcome all difficulties, tensions, passions, temptations and restored peace, mutual love and joy in sharing the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Thank You, O Lord, for the sufferings You bestowed upon us, for they are purifying us from selfishness and reminding us of the "one thing needed;" Your eternal Kingdom.

Thank You, O Lord, for having given us this country where we are free to worship You.

Thank You, O Lord, for this school, where the name of God is proclaimed.

Thank You, O Lord, for our families: husbands, wives and, especially, children who teach us how to celebrate Your holy Name in joy, movement and holy noise.

Thank You, O Lord, for everyone and everything.

Great are You, O Lord, and marvelous are Your deeds, and no word is sufficient to celebrate Your miracles.

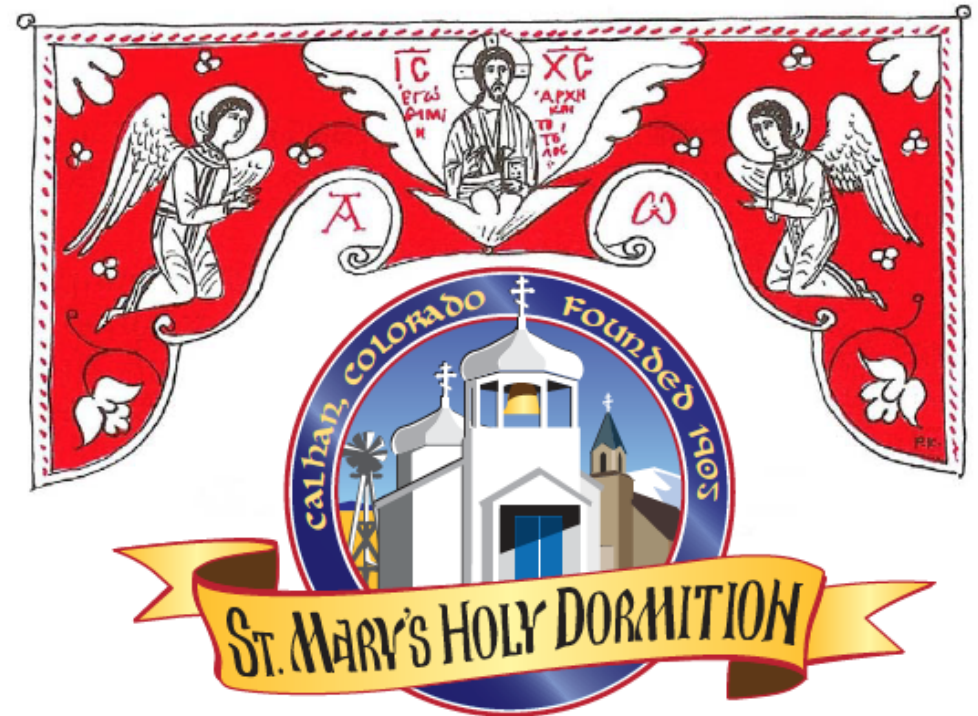
Lord, it is good to be here! Amen!

- Final Sermon of Protopresbyter Alexander Schmemmann,  
the late Dean of Saint Vladimir's Seminary

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

## 18 November 2018

### 25th Sunday After Pentecost



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## Scripture Readings:

### **Ephesians 4:1-6 (Epistle)**

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

### **Luke 12:16-21 (Gospel)**

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

## **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**

*Great Vespers (Tuesday 6:00 PM November 20th)*

*Feast Day Divine Liturgy (Wednesday 8:00 AM November 21st)*

*Great Vespers (Saturday 5:30 PM November 24th)*

*Divine Liturgy (Sunday 9:30 AM November 25th)*

### **Announcements:**

#### **Youth Game Night**

Thank you to everyone who came out. Everyone had a great time and thank you to Colleen and Debi for donating games and to all the others who brought snacks and drinks for the kids. Stay tuned for next month's activity: Gingerbread Houses

#### **All State Football Team & Spencer Memorial Award:**

This past week, it was announced that our very own Michael Mikita and Bryan Htalki were named to the All State Football team and also recipients of the Spencer Memorial Award. This is a great honor and they are both highly deserving of each. On behalf of all of us at St. Mary's, May God Grant Them Both Many, Many Blessed Years!

#### **Unpaid Pledges:**

At our recent Parish Council meeting, the topic of pledges was brought up and there are many who are not up to date on their commitment for the year. Please make every effort, if you can to catching up on your tithing. With the holidays coming up, our finances will all be focused elsewhere, but remember that God only asks us to commit a small portion, a little sacrifice of ourselves to building up His Church. It is equally important for us to remember this lesson and also to teach our young people the importance of tithing and stewardship. Thanks!

#### **Pierogi, Kielbasa, & Noodles For Sale**

We still have some leftover Pierogi, Kielbasa, & Noodles from Slavic Fest that are for sale. If you would like to purchase some, please see Butch for details.