

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. Also, on the day of the play, we will be having a little refreshment afterwards and are looking for volunteers to bring snacks and drinks for the amazing actors and actresses we have. If you can help with this, it is much appreciated.

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

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Thanksgiving Weekend



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Scripture Readings:

Ephesians 5:9-19 (Epistle)

(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Luke 13:10-17 (Gospel)

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Birthdays/Anniversaries - November

Nov 5 - Georgianna Glover

Nov 7 - Becky Fischer

Nov 9 - Jason Britton

Nov 15 - Terri Volosin

Nov 15 - Abigail Rose Leithead

Nov 15 - Greg Olyejar

Nov 20 - Richard and Debbie Molner

Nov 20 - Debbie Hlatki

Nov 21 - Camden Robinson

Nov 22 - Vera Kopsho

Nov 22 - Morgan Britton

Nov 23 - Garth Perry

Nov 28 - Josh Leithead

Nov 29 - Lori Meier

This Week at St. Mary's

Great Vespers (Saturday 5:30 PM December 1st)

Divine Liturgy (Sunday 9:30 AM December 2nd)

Announcements:

St. Nicholas Day (Youth): December 2nd

Parents, a friendly heads up for our St. Nicholas Day Celebrations. Next Sunday, we will be having a visit from St. Nicholas. There is a tradition where children leave their shoes out the night before his arrival and he pays a visit by leaving goodies in their shoes. As such, we are going to extend this tradition by asking that all children leave their shoes in the Narthex (Entrance) when they arrive at church Sunday. They will be barefoot during service, so we ask they wear clean socks. Also, we will have many activities going on after Liturgy such as, hot chocolate and cookies, decorating ornaments, reading a story about St. Nicholas, spending time with St. Nicholas and a group photo. It looks to be a fun time!

Carolling (Youth): December 16th

On December 16th, after Coffee Hour, we are going to round up the children and anyone who would like to come to drive around to all of our extended flock's homes to sing some Christmas music. Shiela is organizing the route and more information will be available soon.

Unpaid Pledges:

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.