

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: Next Sunday, 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. We also will be having our dress rehearsal December 22nd after Vespers.

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!

Quotes from the Fathers

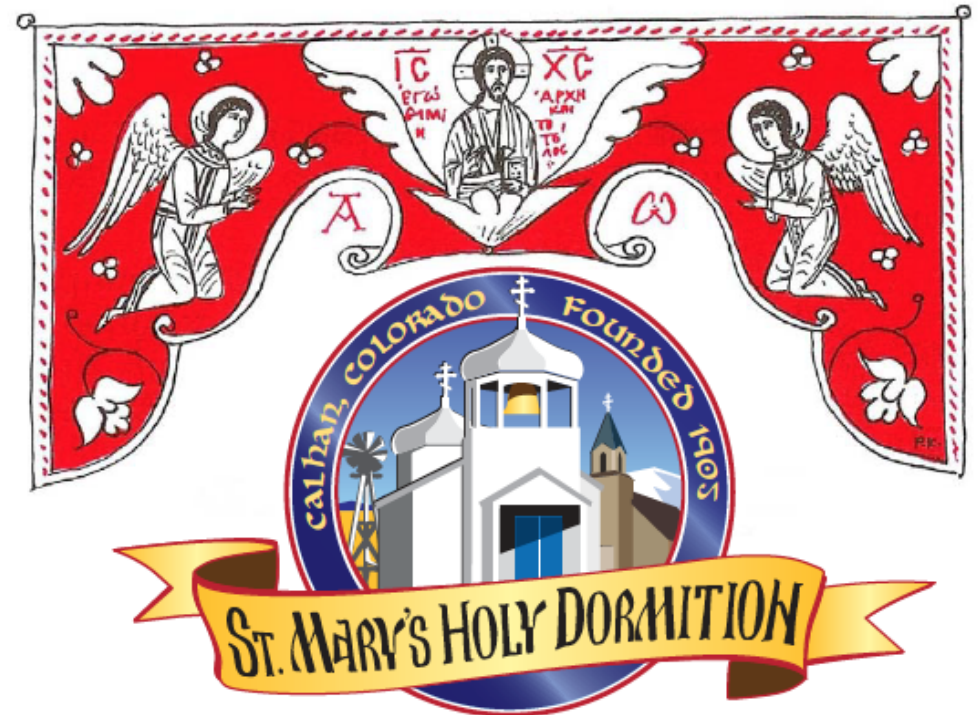
“Children, I beseech you to correct your hearts and thoughts, so that you may be pleasing to God. Consider that although we may reckon ourselves to be righteous and frequently succeed in deceiving men, we can conceal nothing from God. Let us therefore strive to preserve the holiness of our souls and to guard the purity of our bodies with all fervor. Ye are the temple of God, says the divine Apostle Paul; If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy”

- St. Nicholas of Myra

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Scripture Readings:

Ephesians 6:10-17 (Epistle)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Luke 18:18-27 (Gospel)

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Birthdays/Anniversaries - December

Dec 1 - Robert Boyd

Dec 1 - Anna Draney

Dec 2 - Pete Pyatt

Dec 2 - Marah Robinson

Dec 6 - Jeanie Mikita

Dec 11 - Anya (Boyd) Gazii

Dec 13 - Shirley Sandbothe

Dec 17 - Tetiana Boyd

Dec 20 - Lexi Ann Guy

Dec 23 - John Deak

Dec 27 - Larry Don and Lori Meier

Dec 31 - Natalie Hlatki

This Week at St. Mary's

Divine Liturgy (Sunday 8:00 AM December 6th)

Great Vespers (Saturday 5:30 PM December 8th)

Divine Liturgy (Sunday 9:30 AM December 9th)

Announcements:

St. Nicholas Day (Youth): December 2nd

You better watch out; you better not cry; better not pout; I'm telling you why; St. Nicholas is coming to Calhan. Shortly we will be having our visit from St. Nicholas in the Hall, though it looks like he's already been here with the goodies left in the children's shoes. There are many activities happening such as hot chocolate and cookies, decorating ornaments, hearing a story about St. Nicholas, and spending time with him. Please stay and join us.

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 importanting of tithing and stewardship. Thanks!