

### 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:

**Annual Parish Meeting:** TBA in January

**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. Also we encourage everyone to invite their friends and family to join us for both Liturgy and the Play!

**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!

### Special Announcement:

**Special Collection for Fr. Kyle and Family:** This week we will be taking a special collection for the family of Fr. Kyle Parrott. Due to some unfortunate medical issues, they are unable to provide any sort of Christmas for their family as well as his wife is not able to find work right now due to those medical issues. We are asking everyone to donate to this special cause so that they may share in the joys of this holiday season. We will take the collection today and write a check to them next Sunday. Thank you.

### Quotes from the Fathers

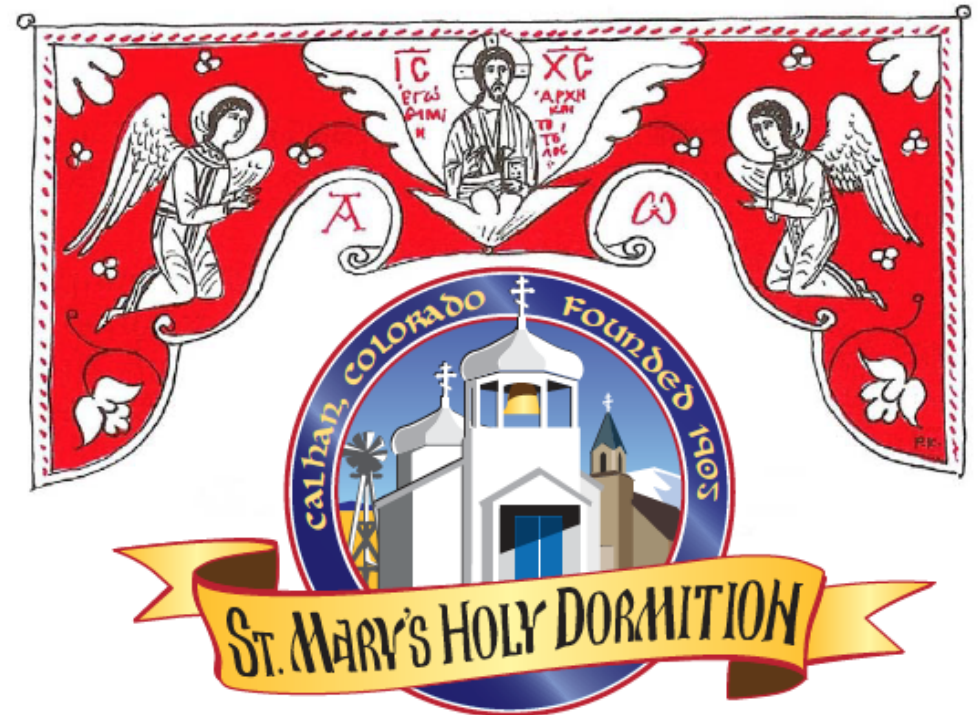
“Come, let us wonder at the virgin most pure, wondrous in herself, unique in creation, she gave birth, yet knew no man; her pure soul with wonder was filled, daily her mind gave praise in joy at the twofold wonder: her virginity preserved, her child most dear. Blessed is He who shone forth from her!”

— St. Ephraim the Syrian, Songs of Praise

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

## 9 December 2018

### 28th Sunday after Pentecost



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## Scripture Readings:

### **Colossians 1:12-18 (Epistle)**

Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

### **Luke 17:12-19 (Gospel)**

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

## **Birthdays/Anniversaries - December**

Dec 1 - Robert Boyd

Dec 2 - Pete Pyatt

Dec 2 - Marah Robinson

Dec 6 - Jeanie Mikita

Dec 11 - Anya (Boyd) Gazii

Dec 17 - Tetiana Boyd

Dec 20 - Lexi Ann Guy

Dec 27 - Larry Don and Lori Meier

Dec 31 - Natalie Hlatki

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

*Great Vespers (Saturday 5:30 PM December 15th)*

*Divine Liturgy (Sunday 9:30 AM December 16th)*

### **Announcements:**

#### **St. Nicholas Day (Youth): December 2nd**

Thank you to everyone who was involved in making this event a lot of fun for the children. Already looking forward to next year!

#### **Carolling (Youth): December 16th**

Don't forget that next Sunday, at 3:30 PM we will meet back up at the hall to caravan to some of our extended flock's homes and sing some Christmas music. Shiela has organized the route and if you have any questions, please see her. After carolling, we will return to the hall for soup and hot cocoa. Please join us and bring some holiday cheer to those around us.

#### **Pledge Forms for 2019:**

In the Narthax are new pledge forms for 2019. Please note that this year's forms include some additional information to help every one of us in our commitment to the Church. Please *prayerfully* consider your pledge, then sign and return your form to Fr. Stephen or Lori by **January 6th, 2019**.

#### **House Blessings:**

House blessings will begin on January 7th. A sign up list is in the Narthex. If you would like Fr. Stephen to bless your home and/or farm, please sign up, indicating time of day that is normally best for you. If you have a special request, please note that and Father will contact you to arrange his visit.

#### **Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal (December 22nd):**

The Rehearsal for the Play will be at 3:30 PM before Vespers. Please make every effort to make sure your children are at the church. After rehearsal and right before Vespers, we will be feeding them grilled cheese and tomato soup for dinner.