

Announcements

- **Church school:** We are holding sessions for our youngest learners (K-3) in the bookstore at 9:30 before Liturgy every week. Older children are invited to help read the Hours at the same time. Beginning February 4, we will also hold *monthly* classes (by age group) during the fellowship meal. Please chat with Fr. Kirill about your child's class and spiritual growth.
- **Wednesday night seminar:** On Wednesday, February 7, Vespers at 6 pm will be followed by a seminar: "Great Lent 101."
- **Lenten Retreat:** Mark your calendars! On Saturday, **March 10**, we will welcome His Eminence, Archbishop Michael of New York as our speaker.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Wed. Jan. 31: No Vespers this week.

Thu. Feb. 1: 6:00 pm Festal Vigil

Fri. Feb. 2: **Meeting of the Lord**
9:00 am Festal Divine Liturgy

Sat. Feb. 3: 6:00 pm Vigil

Sun. Feb. 4: 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
followed by fellowship meal
and church school classes

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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, January 28, 2018

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Today's Epistle

2 Tim. 3:10-15

Today's Gospel

Luke 18:10-14

34th Sunday after Pentecost**The Publican and the Pharisee.****Beginning of the Lenten****Triodion. New Martyrs and
Confessors of Russia. Tone 1.****Today's Epistle**

2 Tim. 3:10-15

Timothy, my son, thou hast closely followed my doctrine, my conduct, my purpose, my faith, my long-suffering, my love, my patience, my persecutions, my afflictions; such as befell me at Antioch, Iconium and Lystra; what persecutions I endured, but the Lord delivered me out of them all. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution, while evil men and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But do thou continue in the things that thou hast learned and that have been entrusted to thee, knowing from whom thou hast learned them. For from thy childhood thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to instruct thee unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Today's Gospel

Luke 18:10-14

Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

The Meeting of the Lord

On Thursday evening and Friday, we celebrate the Meeting (or Presentation) of the Lord. We bless candles during the Vigil on Thursday. Coming forty days after the Feast of the Nativity, this feast has traditionally been seen as the definitive endpoint to celebrations of Christmas. This feast meditates on the meeting between the source of life – a little child – and the elderly Simeon, who recognizes his *hope* and the One Who enlightens us.

“God be merciful to me a sinner...”

The Lenten season begins with prayer for humility, which is the beginning of true repentance. For repentance, above everything else, is *a return to the genuine order of things*, the restoration of the right vision. It is, therefore, rooted in humility, and humility—the divine and beautiful humility—is its fruit and end. “Let us avoid the high-flown speech of the Pharisee,” says the *Kontakion* of this day, “and *learn the majesty* of the Publican's humble words...” This weekend, we sing for the first time the *troparia* which will accompany us throughout the entire Lent: “Open to me the gates of repentance, O Giver of Life...”

-Fr Alexander Schmemmann

**Many Years!****Birthdays this week:**

Matushka Patricia Jorgenson (Jan 30)
Fr. Kirill Sokolov (Jan 31)

Namedays:

Anne Kirueshkin (Feb 3)

Anniversaries:

Fr. Kirill (Diaconate; Jan 30)
Sbdn. Peter Taibbi & Fr. Kirill
(Reader; Feb 2)

Annual Meeting

Today is our Annual Parish Meeting. Please join us as we commence this 150th year of Holy Trinity Cathedral!

Thank You!

A special thank you to everyone who made last weekend's celebration in honor of Fr. John so wonderful.