

## Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service today in worshipping the Holy Trinity. Please take a moment after the service to introduce yourself to our pastor, Father Kirill. You are cordially invited to join us for the fellowship (*agape*) luncheon after the service. We would love to greet you and to answer any questions you may have about our church.
- **Church School.** Young children meet for a short church school before Liturgy at 9:30 (during choir rehearsal) most Sundays in Father's office. A special longer church school is held after liturgy on a monthly basis in two sections: elementary ages and middle/high-school ages. These are announced in this bulletin and on the web site, holy-trinity.org.
- **Beautification of the Cathedral.** It was a busy week at Holy Trinity Cathedral! Renowned iconographer Dmitri Shkolnik is adding iconography to our main dome: glorious images of Our Saviour, His Mother, the Forerunner, and the heavenly powers. We'll adjust and move carefully around the scaffolding this week and possibly next. Church bell expert Constantine Stade has hung our newly commissioned bells marking the 150<sup>th</sup>. *He will do a short seminar on ringing them after Liturgy today.*

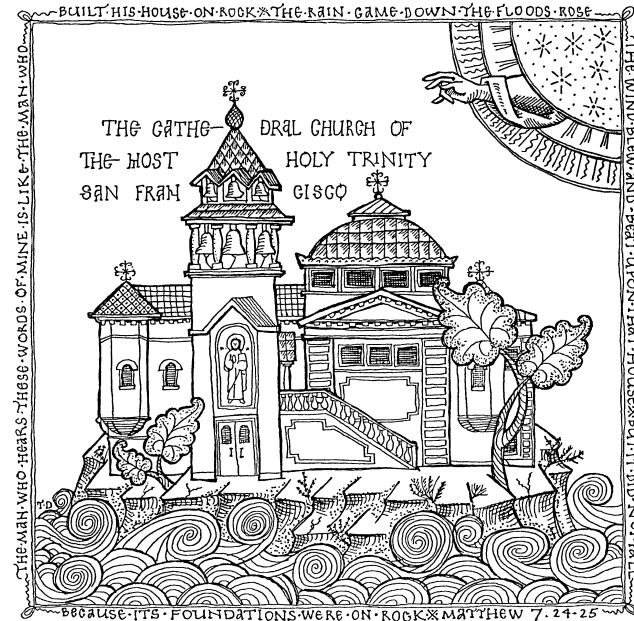
## This Week at Holy Trinity

- Wed. Sep. 5:** 6:00 pm Vespers & Study Group  
*Special guest discussion leader: Fr. Peter Robichau.*  
*Topic: Mad Men, Neuroscience and the Gospel: Why it is so hard to share our faith in a post-Christian world (and how to fix that)*
- Fri. Sep. 7:** 6:00 pm Festal Vigil
- Sat. Sep. 8:** **Nativity of the Theotokos**  
9:00 am Festal Divine Liturgy  
6:00 pm Vespers and Confessions.
- Sun. Sep. 9:** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
followed by fellowship meal and special monthly church school for grades K-4.  
*Parking available at St. Brigid's.*

## Contact Fr. Kirill

*Have a question or need to chat?*  
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# Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, September 2, 2018

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**Today's Epistle**

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

**Today's Gospel**

Matthew 22:1-14

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost****Ven. Anthony and Theodosius of  
the Caves in Kyiv (10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> c.)****Tone 5****Today's Epistle***2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4*

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, who has anointed us and set His seal upon us, and who has given us the Spirit as a pledge in our hearts. Now I call God to witness against my soul that it was to spare you that I did not again come to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; but rather we are fellow workers in your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to come to you again in sorrow. For if I make you sad, who can gladden me, save the very one who is grieved by me? And I wrote to you as I did, so that when I came I might not be pained by those who should have made me rejoice; for I had confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all. For I wrote to you in much affliction and anguish of heart, with many tears, not that you might be grieved, but that you might know the great love which I have for you.

**Today's Gospel***Matthew 22:1-14*

The Lord said this parable: The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: and the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: and he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.

**The Nativity of the Theotokos (September 8)**

On the feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, as on all liturgical celebrations of Christ's Mother, we proclaim and celebrate that through God's graciousness to mankind every Christian receives what the Theotokos receives, the "great mercy" which is given to human persons because of Christ's birth from the Virgin.

The fact that there is no Biblical verification of the facts of Mary's birth is incidental to the meaning of the feast. Even if the actual background of the event as celebrated in the Church is questionable from an historical point of view, the divine meaning of it "for us men and for our salvation" is obvious. There had to be one born of human flesh and blood who would be spiritually capable of being the Mother of Christ, and she herself had to be born into the world of persons who were spiritually capable of being her parents.

The feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, therefore, is a glorification of Mary's birth, of Mary herself and of her righteous parents. It is a celebration as well of the very first preparation of the salvation of the world. For the "Vessel of Light," the "Book of the Word of Life," the "Door to the Orient," the "Throne of Wisdom" is being prepared on earth by God Himself in the birth of the holy girl-child Mary.

This year here at Holy Trinity Cathedral, we will celebrate this feast on Friday, September 7, with the beautiful festal vigil at 6:00 PM, and with the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, September 8, at 9:00 AM.

**Many Years!****Anniversaries:**Felicia & Jason Dunham (6<sup>th</sup>)**Birthdays:**Mary Flynn (2<sup>nd</sup>)Sherman Tylawsky (2<sup>nd</sup>)Misha Edel (7<sup>th</sup>)Luke Jorgenson (8<sup>th</sup>)**Namedays:**Amy Elizabeth Berry (5<sup>th</sup>)**Thank You**

Please join us downstairs  
for our fellowship meal!  
We look forward to  
meeting our guests and  
visitors.

Thanks to Karina for  
preparing today's meal!  
We prayerfully remember  
the anniversary of the  
falling asleep of her  
mother, Elena.