

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service today in worshiping 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 luncheon after the service. We would love to greet you and answer any questions.
- **Today.** We asked the Lord to bless and protect Kelly Gerber as a catechumen as he journeys to full communion in the Orthodox Church. This afternoon at 1:00 we will witness the baptism of Maximilian Pavel Goebel. Let us pray for them!
- **Advent Retreat Saturday, December 8.** We have invited The Very Rev. Dr. Chad Hatfield, President of St. Vladimir's Seminary, to facilitate an advent retreat for us on December 8. The theme will be: "Mary, Mysteries & Mission - Orthodox Christian Foundation Stones." Please mark your calendar, pick up a flier, and RSVP!

This Week at Holy Trinity

Today, Nov. 18: 1:00 pm Baptism Maximilian Pavel Goebel.

Tue, Nov 20: 6:00 pm Festal Vigil.

Wed. Nov. 21: *Presentation of the Mother of God.*
9:00 am Divine Liturgy.
6:00 pm Great Vespers for Thanksgiving.

Thu. Nov. 22: 10:00 am Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy.
Followed by traditional potluck dinner.

Sat. Nov. 24: 6:00 pm Vigil & Confessions.

Sun. Nov. 25: 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
followed by fellowship meal.
Parking available at St. Brigid's.

Contact Fr. Kirill

Have a question or would like to chat?
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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, November 18, 2018

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Today's Epistle

Ephesians 4:1-6

Today's Gospel

Luke 12:16-21

25th Sunday after Pentecost.**Holy Fathers of the Local Council of the Russian Church (1917-1918)****Tone 8.****Today's Epistle Reading***Ephesians 4:1-6*

Brethren, I the prisoner in the Lord, exhort you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all humility and meekness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, careful to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, even as you were called in one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in all.

Today's Gospel Reading*Luke 12:16-21*

The Lord said this parable: The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: and he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

The Feast of the Holy Fathers of the 1917-1918 Council

The period from 1900 to 1917 in Russia was a time of spiritual rebirth and ecclesiastical reform. Calls for various reforms after almost 200 years of State control of the Church were heard among clergy and laity in the early 1880s. On March 2, 1917, under great pressure for political and ecclesiastical reform, and with Russia suffering severe military setbacks in the Great War, Tsar Nicholas abdicated. A provisional democratic government was set up, which allowed the Church again to undertake preparations for the long anticipated All-Russian Council.

After much debate, it was decided that each diocese would send delegates to the Council from among the clergy and the laity—as at the First All-American Sobor in Mayfield, Pennsylvania, in 1907—to sit in

council with the bishops, who would make the final decisions in matters of Church doctrine and practice. In August of 1917, in the shadow of the impending Bolshevik Revolution, the Council convened in Moscow—rather than in Saint Petersburg, the headquarters of the Holy Synod ever since the Patriarchate was abolished under Emperor Peter I in 1721. This in itself indicated a strong desire on the part of the Church to return to its traditional patterns of life and organization before the era of the Petrine Reform.

The Council's most momentous act was to restore the patriarchate to the Russian Church. On the morning of November 5, 1917, after vigil and prayer, an elderly monk drew the name of one of the three elected nominees from a chalice in front of the icon of the Kazan Mother of God. The name of Archbishop Tikhon (1866–1925) was drawn. Hence, the former primate of the American archdiocese became the first patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church since Patriarch Adrian died in 1700.

The Council continued to meet for nearly a year longer, despite the opposition of the Bolsheviks, and a number of significant reforms were passed before it had to close. Unfortunately, the Soviet oppression of the Church prevented many of these reforms from being put into practice.

At its May 4, 2017 session at Moscow's Danilov Monastery, the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church resolved to establish a new feast glorifying the holy fathers of the 1917-1918 Local Russian Church Council, to be celebrated on November 5/18, the day of the election of St. Tikhon to the Patriarchal throne of Moscow.

**Many Years!****Anniversary of Baptism**

Protodeacon Brendan Doss (Nov 20)

Namedays

Karen Cecilia Relucio (Nov 22)

Katherine Strelkoff (Nov 24)

Katherine Gaudreau (Nov 24)

Birthdays

Gregory Sokolov (Nov 22)

Katherine Gaudreau (Nov 23)

Thank You

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

Thanks to Matushka Sophia for preparing today's meal.