

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.
- **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! We are so blessed that Fr. Chad is able to come and be with us - let's take advantage of the opportunity!
- **More December Highlights.** Let us go to meet Him!
 - Sunday Dec 2:** Monthly Church School (Grades 5+)
 - Sunday Dec 9:** Monthly Church School (Grades K-4)
 - Sunday Dec 16:** Adopt-a-Family Gift Wrapping (and parish council meeting). We will be fundraising in December to provide new icons and prayer books for the four church families in Paradise who lost their homes and possessions to the Camp Fire.
 - Sunday Dec 23:** Nativity Flowers and Decorating. Join us after the fellowship meal for carols, cider, and flowers. Let's trim the church! All ages welcome!

This Week at Holy Trinity

Wed. Nov. 28: 6:00 pm Vespers.

Sat. Dec. 1: 6:00 pm Vigil & Confessions.

Sun. Dec. 2: 10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship meal and monthly church school (all grades).
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 25, 2018

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Today's Epistle

Ephesians 5:9-19

Today's Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

26th Sunday after Pentecost.

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**Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Clement,
Bishop of Ochrid and Enlightener of the
Bulgarians (916). Tone 1.**

Today's Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:9-19

Brethren: Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and righteousness and truth), and try to learn what is well pleasing to the Lord. Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for all that is made manifest is light. Therefore it is said, "Wake up from thy sleep, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

See, therefore, that you walk with care, not as unwise, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, for in that is dissipation. But be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

The Dating of Christmas

...December 25th as the date of the Christ's birth appears to owe nothing whatsoever to pagan influences upon the practice of the Church during or after Constantine's time. It is wholly unlikely to have been the actual date of Christ's birth, but it arose entirely from the efforts of early Latin Christians to determine the historical date of Christ's death. And the pagan feast which the Emperor Aurelian instituted on that date in the year 274 was not only an effort to use the winter solstice to make a political statement, but also almost certainly an attempt to give a pagan significance to a date already of importance to Roman Christians. The Christians, in turn, could at a later date re-appropriate the pagan "Birth of the Unconquered Sun" to refer, on the occasion of the birth of Christ, to the rising of the "Sun of Salvation" or the "Sun of Justice." –William J. Tighe, *Touchstone Magazine*

St Caesarius of Arles, On the Coming of Christ

Since the Lord's birthday is approaching, let us with Christ's help prepare ourselves for the nuptials and heavenly banquet by being clear of all dissipation and adorned with good works. Let us give alms to the poor, attend vigils more promptly, pray or chant the psalms standing in church; observe peace with all men, and recall to harmony those whom you know are at variance. If with the help of Christ you are willing to fulfill these things faithfully, you will be able to approach the Lord's altar in this life with an easy conscience and in the future life will happily arrive at eternal bliss.



Many Years!

Anniversary of Chrismation

Robert (Rdr Stephen) Parent (Nov 30)
Justin & Sarah Disney (Dec 1)

Namedays

Andrew Listvinsky (Nov 30)

Birthdays

Ella Jorgenson (Nov 27)
Larissa Edel (Dec 1)

Thank You

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

Thanks to Elleni for preparing today's meal.