

Announcements

- **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." Fr. Chad promises that this retreat will help us return to the basic foundation stones of living a Christian Life. RSVP today!
- **More December Sunday Highlights.** *Let us go to meet Him!*
 - Today:** 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.
 - 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. Dec 5: No Vespers here. 7:00 pm Vigil in San Anselmo.

Thu. Dec 6: St. Nicholas Day
9:30 am Divine Liturgy San Anselmo St. Nicholas Parish.

Fri. Dec 7: 6:00 pm Memorial Service.

Sat. Dec. 8: 8:30 Divine Liturgy.
Advent Retreat (see flier for details – first talk at 11am).
4:00 pm Vigil & Confessions (note special time).
Parking available at St. Brigid's 8 am – 6 pm.

Sun. Dec. 9: 10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship meal and monthly church school (grades K-4).
Parking available at St. Brigid's.

Contact Fr. Kirill

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Sunday, December 2, 2018

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Today's Epistle

Ephesians 6:10-17

Today's Gospel

Luke 18:18-27

27th Sunday after Pentecost.

Prophet Habakkuk (6th century B.C.).

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Today's Epistle Reading

Ephesians 6:10-17

Brethren: be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against the spiritual forces of wickedness on high. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and completing every task, still to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the eagerness to spread the gospel of peace; above all taking the shield of the faith, with which you may be able to quench all the fiery arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 18:18-27

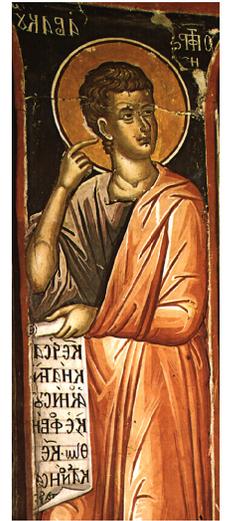
At that time, a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother. And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved? And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

The Holy Prophet Habakkuk

The Holy Prophet Habakkuk, the eighth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, was descended from the Tribe of Simeon, and he prophesied around 650 B.C.

The Prophet Habakkuk foresaw the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple, the Babylonian Captivity and the later return of the captives to their native land. During the war with the Babylonians the prophet withdrew to Arabia, where the following miracle occurred. When he was bringing dinner to the reapers, he met an angel of the Lord, and instantly by the strength of his spirit he was transported to Babylon, where at the time the Prophet Daniel was languishing in prison. The food intended for the reapers assuaged the hunger of the exhausted Prophet Daniel (Dan. 14:33-37).

After the end of the war with the Babylonians, the Prophet Habakkuk returned to his homeland and died at a great old age. His relics were found at the time of Emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450), together with the relics of the Prophet Micah (August 14). The Fourth Ode of the Psalter ("O Lord, I have heard thy report, and was afraid...") is based on Habakkuk 3:2-19.



Many Years!

Anniversary of Baptism

Vitesse (Josephine) &
Quête (Amelia) Disney (Dec 2)

Namedays

Brian Nikolai Tsai & Nicholas Reidy &
Nicholas Sokolov (Dec 6)

Birthdays

Matushka Sophia Sokolov (Dec 5)
Donna Smith (Dec 7)

Thank You

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

Thanks to all those who helped prepare today's lunch.