

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 or coffee after the service. We would love to greet you and answer any questions.
- **Annual Parish Meeting.** Thank you for your participation in last week's annual parish meeting. Next Sunday, the 10th, we will formally pray for and install the 2019 parish council members.
- **Church School.** Our special monthly church schools for Grades K-4 and Grades 5 and older both meet next week after we begin our fellowship meal. If you have any questions, please speak with Fr. Kirill, Matushka Sophia, or one of the teachers. In addition, on Sunday mornings, there is a short church school for our young learners at 9:30 in Father's office (while choir rehearsal is happening next door in the Library).
- **Movie Night.** The producers of *Won't You Be My Neighbor* have offered us the opportunity to do a screening here at our Cathedral. We will have a movie night on Wednesday, February 6, following Vespers. Join us and invite a friend or neighbor! Posters and social media posts are available.

This Week at Holy Trinity

- Wed. Feb. 6:** 6:00 pm Vespers followed by Movie Screening: *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* at 6:45.
- Sat. Feb. 9:** 6:00 pm Vigil & Confessions.
- Sun. Feb. 10:** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship meal, special monthly church school for all ages, and parish council meeting. *Parking available at St. Brigid's.*

Contact Fr. Kirill

Have a question or would like to chat?
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Sunday, February 3, 2019

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Today's Epistle

1 Timothy 1:15-17

Today's Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

36th Sunday after Pentecost.**Afterfeast of the Meeting of the Lord
Holy and Righteous Simeon the God-
receiver and Anna the Prophetess****Tone 3****Today's Epistle Reading***1 Timothy 1:15-17*

Timothy my son: The saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first. But for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Christ Jesus might show forth all patience, as an example to those who shall believe in Him unto life everlasting. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel Reading*Matthew 15:21-28*

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

Forty days after Christ was born He was presented to God in the Jerusalem Temple according to the Mosaic Law. At this time as well His mother Mary underwent the ritual purification and offered the sacrifices as prescribed in the Law. Thus, forty days after Christmas, on the second of February, the Church celebrates the feast of the presentation called the Meeting (or Presentation or Reception) of the Lord.

The meeting of Christ by the elder Simeon and the prophetess Anna (Lk 2.22-36) is the main event of the feast of Christ's presentation in the Temple. It was "revealed to Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ" (Lk 2.26) and, inspired by the same Spirit, he came to the Temple where he met the new-born Messiah, took Him in his arms and said the words which are now chanted each evening at the end of the Orthodox Vespers service:

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for the revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Thy people Israel (Lk 2.29-32).

At this time as well Simeon predicted that Jesus would be the "sign which is spoken against" and that He would cause "the fall and the rising of many in Israel." He also foretold Mary's sufferings because of her son (Luke 22.34-35). Anna also was present and, giving thanks to God "she spoke of Jesus to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem" (Lk 2.38).

The celebration of the Meeting of the Lord in the church is not merely a historical commemoration. Inspired by the same Holy Spirit as Simeon, and led by the same Spirit into the Church of the Messiah, the members of the Church also can claim their own "meeting" with the Lord, and so also can witness that they too can "depart in peace" since their eyes have seen the salvation of God in the person of his Christ. -Fr. Thomas Hopko

**Many Years!****Anniversaries**

Fr. Kirill Sokolov and Sdn Peter Taibbi
set aside as readers (Feb 2, 1992)
Chrismation of Frank Kidner (9th)

Namedays

Anne Kirueshkin (3rd)

Birthdays

Priscilla Davis (6th)
Elizabeth MacNab (7th)
William Basil Hunt (9th)

Thank You

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

Thanks to Anne Kirueshkin
for preparing today's meal.