

## Announcements

- **Sunday of Orthodoxy and Visit of the Metropolitan.** His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon will be here at Holy Trinity Cathedral on the evening of the Sunday of Orthodoxy! The presence of His Beatitude, along with our own Archbishop Benjamin and his vicar, Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa, elevates our commemoration of the Triumph of Orthodoxy wonderfully. Please consider it a privilege, honor, and obligation to attend Vespers as one of the welcoming hosts for our area clergy and faithful on Sunday, March 17, at 6:00 PM. We will have a reception afterwards; please sign up to help using the links e-mailed earlier this week (if you aren't getting Holy Trinity weekly e-mails, please let Fr. Kirill know).
- **Lenten Retreat.** On Saturday, March 30, we will welcome Father John Pierce of Tacoma, Washington, as our speaker. His theme is "A Psalm of David: Sin, Repentance, and Forgiveness at the Dawn of a New Kingdom." Pick up a flier and visit [holy-trinity.org](http://holy-trinity.org) to register today! We also are happy for volunteers to help prepare meals for our guests.

## This Week at Holy Trinity

**Wed. Mar. 6:** 6:00 pm Vespers.

**Sat. Mar. 9:** 6:00 pm Vigil & Confessions.

**Sun. Mar. 10:** **Sunday of Forgiveness**  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
followed by fellowship meal.

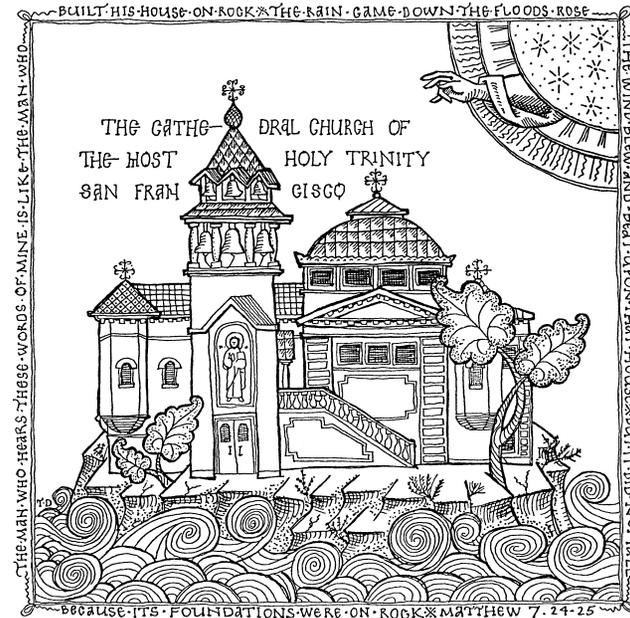
**6:00 pm Vespers of Forgiveness**  
**Beginning of the Great Fast**  
*Parking available Sunday at St. Brigid's.*

**Mar. 11-16:** **Clean Week: First Week of Lent**  
Services 2-3 times every day. Visit [holy-trinity.org](http://holy-trinity.org)  
for our complete calendar.

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# Holy Trinity Cathedral



## Sunday, March 3, 2019

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**Today's Epistle**

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

**Today's Gospel**

Matthew 25:31-46

**Sunday of Meatfare. Sunday of****the Last Judgment.** Martyr

Eutropius of Amasea (ca. 308)

Tone 7.

**Today's Epistle**

1 Cor. 8:8-9:2

Brethren, food does not commend us to God. We lose nothing if we refuse to eat; we gain nothing if we eat. But take heed lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees thee who hast knowledge at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And through thy knowledge the weak one will perish, the brother for whom Christ died. Now when you sin thus against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I shall never eat meat again, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? And if to others I am not an apostle, yet to you I am; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

**Today's Gospel**

Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said: "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and

clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**Criterion for Judgment**

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book *Great Lent* (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

**Many Years!****Birthdays:**

Justin Disney (Mar 5)  
Steven Micros (Mar 8)  
Micah Flynn (Mar 9)

**Anniversary:**

William Paul Barnes (Reception  
into Church; Mar 8)

**Thank You!**

Thanks to Katherine G. for  
preparing today's lunch!

**Church School Today**

Church school classes today  
begin fifteen minutes or so  
after fellowship meal begins.