

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.
- **Congratulations and Prayers.** We celebrated the baptism of infant Alexander Zerit this morning. We ask that God keep him as he continues to grow in faith!
- **November!** November is a beautiful month in the church calendar and in the life of our parish. We celebrate the important and moving feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos (Nov 20 and 21) and our hallmark feast of Thanksgiving (Nov 27 and 28). *Did you know?* We have a wonderful Thanksgiving potluck dinner following liturgy on Thanksgiving Day. Join us!
- **Advent Retreat Saturday, December 7.** We have invited Dr. Edith Humphrey, to facilitate an advent retreat for us on December 7. The theme will be: "Meant to be Mediators." Please mark your calendar for this opportunity to discover what the Scriptures and the Fathers have to say about the Church and prayer. Fliers are available at the conclusion of today's service. Register today!

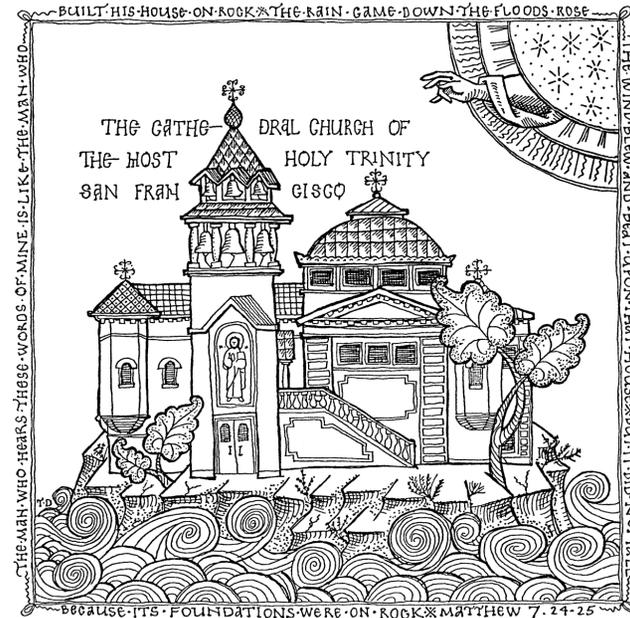
This Week at Holy Trinity

- Wed. Nov. 20:** 6:00 pm Festal Vigil for the Entrance of the Theotokos
- Thu. Nov. 21:** *Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple*
9:00 am Divine Liturgy
- Sat. Nov. 23:** 5:00 pm Intro to Orthodoxy Class (all welcome!)
6:00 pm Vigil & Confessions
- Sun. Nov. 24:** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship meal
Parking available at St. Brigid's.

Contact Fr. Kirill

Question? Want to sit down to talk? Or be on the email list?
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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, November 17, 2019

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Today's Epistle

Galatians 6:11-18

Today's Gospel

Luke 12:16-21

22nd Sunday after Pentecost.**St. Gregory, Wonderworker
of Neo-Cæsarea (ca. 266-270).****Tone 5.****Today's Epistle Reading***Galatians 6:11-18*

Brethren: See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even they who are circumcised keep the Law; but they desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision is of any avail, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, and upon the Israel of God.

Henceforth let no man trouble me, for I bear on my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

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.

Temples of the Living God

In the Orthodox Church the Virgin Mary is the image of those who are being saved. If Jesus Christ is the Savior, Mary is, par excellence, the image of the *saved*. She is, in every aspect of her life, as Father Alexander

Schmemmann so often said, not the great *exception*, but rather the great *example*. From her conception to her dormition, that is, her true and real death, she shows how all people must be when they are sanctified by the Holy Spirit as servants of God and imitators of Christ.

In the festival of the entrance of Mary into the temple [November 20-21] we have seen how Christ's mother is continuously hymned as the "living temple of the holy glory of Christ our God." She is praised as the "living ark which contained the Word that cannot be contained." She is glorified as "the temple that is to hold God," consecrated by the spirit to be the "dwelling place of the Almighty." She enters the Holy of Holies to become herself the "animated Holy of Holies," the one in whom Christ is formed, thereby making her, and everyone who is one with her in faith, the "abode of heaven."

We are all made to be living temples of God. We are all created to be dwelling places of his glory. We are all fashioned in His image and likeness to be abodes of His presence. The first Christian martyr, the protodeacon Stephen whose memory is celebrated on the third day of Christmas, was killed for proclaiming this marvel when he bore witness that "the Most High does not dwell in houses made with hands." For this, like Jesus himself, he was accused of planning the destruction of the earthly temple at Jerusalem (Acts 7:48; 6:14). The apostle Paul proclaims this same doctrine clearly and without equivocation when he writes to the Corinthians and to us that "we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building" (1 Cor 3:9).

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are. (1 Cor 3:16-17)

from The Winter Pascha, by Fr. Thomas Hopko

**Many Years!****Anniversary of Baptism**Protodeacon Brendan (Nov 20th)**Birthdays**Gregory Sokolov (Nov 22nd)
Katherine Gaudreau (Nov 23rd)**Thank You**

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

Thanks to the family of newly-baptized Alexander Zerit for preparing today's lunch.