

Announcements

- **Advent Retreat Saturday, December 7.** We have invited Dr. Edith Humphrey, to facilitate a Nativity Fast retreat for us on December 7. The theme will be: “Meant to be Mediators.” Please clear your Saturday and attend. Fliers are available at the conclusion of today’s service. *Register today!* The day begins with registration at 10 and the first session beginning at 10:30.
- **Books!** Dr. Humphrey’s books are available in our Bookstore and Candle Counter at special Retreat pricing beginning this weekend! Titles include: *Further Up and Further in: Orthodox Conversations with C.S. Lewis on Scripture*; Fr. Alexander Schmemmann’s *For the Life of the World* (she wrote the new introduction); *Grand Entrance: Worship on Earth as in Heaven*; and *Scripture and Tradition: What the Bible Really Says*.
- **Preparing your pledge.** It is the time of year when we prayerfully make our annual pledge, offering our “first fruits” to God. “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). Envelopes and pledge cards are available from the candle counter. This year we are adding the ability give securely online. You can find the link at our web site, holy-trinity.org.
- **Our Christmas Gift.** Every year, during the Nativity Fast, we have a special charity project. This year, on December 22, we will assemble emergency hygiene kits for distribution through IOCC. A collection will be held on the 8th, 15th, and 22nd to help buy the supplies needed.

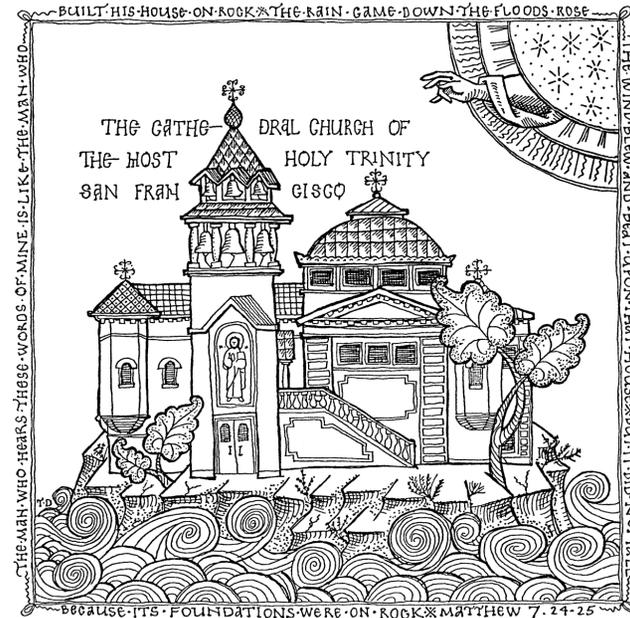
This Week at Holy Trinity

- Wed. Dec. 4:** 6:00 pm Vespers
- Thu. Dec. 5:** 7:00 pm Vigil for St. Nicholas Day in San Anselmo.
- Fri. Dec. 6:** *St. Nicholas the Wonderworker*
9:30 am Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas in San Anselmo
- Sat. Dec. 7:** *Advent Retreat – first talk at 10:30 am (see flier)*
6:00 pm Vigil & Confessions
- Sun. Dec. 8:** 9:00 am Baptism of Aurora Anastasia Moraga
10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship meal
Parking available this Saturday and Sunday at St. Brigid’s

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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, December 1, 2019

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Today's Epistle

Ephesians 2:14-22

Today's Gospel

Luke 18:18-27

24th Sunday after Pentecost.

Prophet Nahum (7th c. B.C.)

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Today's Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:14-22

Brethren, Christ Himself is our peace, and it is He who has made both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of enmity, by abolishing in His flesh the Law of commandments expressed in decrees, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby in Himself slaying the enmity.

And He came and announced the good tidings of peace to you who were afar off and peace to those who were near, for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. Now therefore you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is fitted closely together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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 Nahum

The Holy Prophet Nahum, whose name means "God consoles" or "comforter," was from the village of Elkosh (Galilee) and was of the tribe of Simeon. He lived during the seventh century B.C. The Prophet Nahum prophesies the ruin of the Assyrian city of Nineveh because of its iniquity and the blasphemy of King Sennacherib against God. The destruction of Nineveh and Assyria demonstrates how God works in history in every age. The psalm-like text is an expression of a longing that evil, and evil people, may not have the last word in history. The divine vengeance praised by Nahum is a power that for him is exercised by God alone, thus preempting and precluding such behavior by humans.

Nahum differs from most of the prophets inasmuch as he does not issue any call to repentance, nor does he denounce Israel for infidelity to God. He begins with the words "The Lord is a jealous God and avenging... is slow to anger and of great might, and the Lord will by no means clear the guilty" (chapter 1, verses 2-3). From that beginning he predicts the overthrow of Assyria and the devastating manner in which Nineveh will be destroyed. This is contrasted with the comforting assurance of God's loving-kindness towards His true and trustful servants (verses 7-8). The condemnation is followed by the promise of Jesus Christ: "Behold, on the mountains, the feet of Him who brings good tidings, who proclaims peace!" (verse 15).

Nahum is the seventh of the Twelve Minor Prophets. His book of prophecy is divided into three chapters. The Prophet Nahum and Saint Nahum of Ochrid (December 23) are invoked for people with mental disorders.



Many Years!

Anniversaries of Chrismation & Baptism

Justin & Sarah Disney (Dec 1)

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

Elizabeth MacNab (Dec 3)

Namedays

Brian Nikolai Tsai (Dec 6)

Nicholas Reidy (Dec 6)

Nicholas Sokolov (Dec 6)

Birthdays

Larissa Edel (Dec 1)

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 Elleni for preparing today's lunch!