

## Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors!** Please join us for lunch today. We thank John M. for preparing today's meal.
- **Newly Illumined.** This morning, before the Divine Liturgy, we celebrated the baptism of Amber Rewis, who has taken the name of the Holy Protomartyr Thekla. She is relocating back East this week. We wish her and her fiancé, Ethan, many years!
- **Our Christmas Gift – Charity Project.** Today, after our fellowship meal, we will assemble emergency hygiene kits for distribution through IOCC.
- **Nativity Flowers and Decorating.** On Monday, December 23, we will gather at 9:00 am to decorate for the Feast. Let's trim the church!
- **Let us go to meet Him!** If you have any questions about how to “keep” this holy time, please talk with Fr. Kirill.

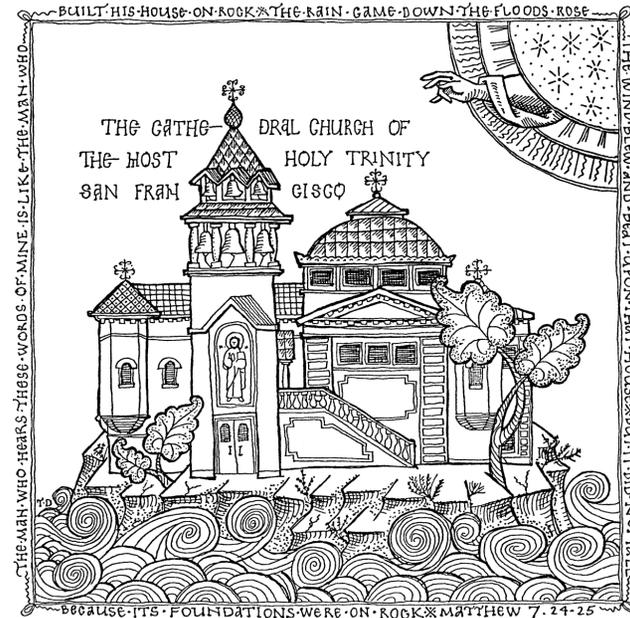
## The Nativity of Christ 2019

- Mon. Dec. 23:** 9:00 am Flowers and Decorating  
6:00 pm Royal Hours for the Nativity of Christ  
*Parking available Monday at St. Brigid's*
- Tue. Dec. 24:** **Eve of the Nativity of Christ**  
10:00 am Vespers and Divine Liturgy  
6:00 pm Festal Vigil  
*Parking available both services Christmas Eve at St. Brigid's*
- Wed. Dec. 25:** **The Nativity of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ**  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
*Parking available Christmas Morning at St. Brigid's*
- Sat. Dec. 28:** 6:00 pm Vigil & Confessions
- Sun. Dec. 29:** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship meal  
*Parking available Sunday at St. Brigid's*
- Tue. Dec. 31:** 6:00 pm Vespers & New Year Prayers
- Wed. Jan. 1:** **The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. St. Basil the Great. Civil New Year.**  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

## Contact Fr. Kirill

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



Sunday, December 22, 2019

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**Today's Epistle**

Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

**Today's Gospel**

Matthew 1:1-25

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.

**Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Sunday before the Nativity.**  
**Tone 2.**

**Today's Epistle Reading**

*Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40*

Brethren: By faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to a city with firm foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

By faith Abraham, when he was put to the test, offered up Isaac. And he who had received the promises was about to offer up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall thy descendants be named." He considered that God was able to raise up even from the dead, whence also he received him back, in a sense.

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was about to die, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel and gave orders concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon and of Barak, of Samson and of Jephthah, of David and of Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became valiant in battle, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead raised back to life. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and scourging, yes, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated — of whom the world was not worthy — they wandered over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though they had been approved by the testimony of faith, did not receive what was promised, for God had something better in view for us, that without us they should not be made perfect.

**Today's Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 1:1-25*

The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham begot Isaac, and Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judas and his brethren. And Judas begot Phares and Zara of Tamar, and Phares begot Esrom, and Esrom begot Aram. And Aram begot Aminadab, and Aminadab begot Naasson, and Naasson begot Salmon. And Salmon begot Booz of Rachab, and Booz begot Obed of Ruth, and Obed begot Jesse. And Jesse begot David the king, and David the king begot Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias. And Solomon begot Roboam, and Roboam begot Abia, and Abia begot Asa. And Asa begot Josaphat, and Josaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Ozias. And Ozias begot Joatham, and Joatham begot Achaz, and Achaz begot Ezekias. And Ezekias begot Manasses, and Manasses begot Amon, and Amon begot Josias. And Josias begot Jechonias and his brethren, about the time they were carried away to Babylon. And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begot Salathiel, and Salathiel begot Zorobabel. And Zorobabel begot Abiud, and Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. And Azor begot Sadoc, and Sadoc begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. And Eliud begot Eleazar, and Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations: and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations: and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: when as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.' Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 'Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel', which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name Jesus.

**Many Years!**

*Birthday of Margot (Marina) Davis - Dec 23*

*We'll remember our special occasions following Christmas next Sunday!*