

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service today as we continue in our worship of the newly-born Savior.
- **Theophany and Great Blessing of Water.** Monday, January 6 is the Great Feast of Theophany (Epiphany) which commemorates the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan, and the revelation of the Holy Trinity. The prayers for the Great Blessing of Water will begin immediately after the Liturgy on the Eve, Sunday January 5. Bring a container to take new Holy Water home (we should piously water plants where nobody will tread with the past year's Water).
- **Blessings of Homes.** Blessings begin following the great feast of Theophany on January 6. It is normal for every Christian to have his or her home blessed annually. We Christians are engaged in a struggle to reclaim fallen nature for the Kingdom of God – let's start by reclaiming our own homes and receiving the blessing of the Jordan River. Appointments may be made with Fr. Kirill. Please suggest a few different times that might work for you.

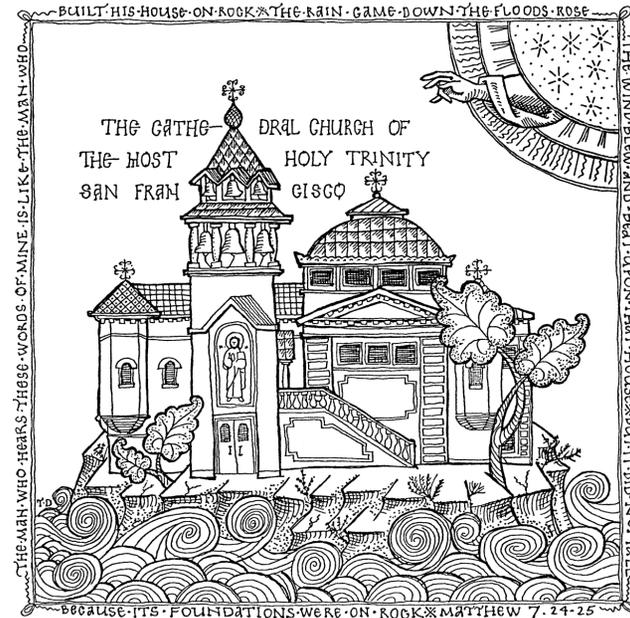
This Week at Holy Trinity

- Tue. Dec 31:** 6:00 pm Vespers & New Year Prayers
- Wed. Jan 1:** **Circumcision of Our Lord; St. Basil; & Civil New Year**
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
- Thu. Jan 2:** 9:30 am St. Seraphim Day Festal Divine Liturgy
at St. Seraphim Cathedral, Santa Rosa
- Fri. Jan 3:** 6:00 pm Royal Hours for Theophany
- Sat. Jan 4:** 6:00 pm Great Vespers with Prefeast Readings
- Sun. Jan 5:** **Eve of the Theophany of Christ**
10:00 am Divine Liturgy and Great Blessing of Water
followed by fellowship breakfast (we do not eat meat or dairy on this day of preparation).

6:00 pm Festal Vigil
Parking available both services Sunday at St. Brigid's
- Mon. Jan 6:** **THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**
9:00 am Divine Liturgy

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Sunday, December 29, 2019

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Today's Epistle
Galatians 1:11-19
Today's Gospel
Matthew 2:13-23

28th Sunday after the Nativity of Christ. Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord. Tone 3.

Today's Epistle Reading

Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not of man. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it; but I received it by a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure, and ravaged it. And I advanced in Judaism above many of my contemporaries among my people, showing much more zeal for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, immediately, without taking counsel with flesh and blood, and without going up to Jerusalem to those who were appointed apostles before me, I went away into Arabia and returned again to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter and abode with him fifteen days. But of the other apostles I saw none, save James the Lord's brother.

Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-23

When the wise men departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: and was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great

mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judæa in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: and he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

Afterfeast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

During these "twelve days of Christmas," let us offer thanks to Christ our God, Who is born of a Virgin for our salvation.

As the days begin to grow longer, we recall that the Lord is also called the Sun of Righteousness, and enlightens those who were in darkness. At this season of the year the daylight increases, and we remember the words of Saint John the Baptist, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).



Many Years!

Namedays

Robert (Reader Stephen) Parent (Dec 27)
Estaban Sahade (Dec 27)
Steven Belonick (Dec 27)
David Lee (Sunday after Nativity)
Quête (Amelia) Disney (Jan 1)
Will Osolinsky (Jan 1)
Taylor Seraphim Warren (Jan 2)
Juliana Sokolov (Jan 2)
Jenna (Genevieve) Harmon (Jan 3)

Birthdays

Robert (Reader Stephen) Parent (Dec 26)
Andrew Pickering (Dec 27)
Angela Noël Kuolt (Dec 29)
Matushka Robin Takahashi (Jan 2)
Anthony Carson (Jan 4)

Many Years!

Anniversary of

Chrismation/Baptism
Kelly (Gregory) Gerber
(Dec 23)
Elliot Sylvan Dunham
(Dec 29)

Wedding Anniversary
David & Peggy Lee (Jan 1)

Thank You!

Please join us downstairs for our fellowship meal! Thanks to all those who helped prepare today's meal.