

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service today in worshipping 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 or coffee after the service.
- **Next Weekend** we are honored to have Fr. Daniel Andrejuk and Matushka Vera with us. Fr. Daniel is a priest of the Orthodox Church in America with a special ministry of representing our Church in Moscow and for pastoring our Representation Church, there. He will give a short talk after liturgy and the fellowship meal next Sunday, the 16th. He and Matushka will also be with us at the vigil Saturday night. We will be further blessed at vigil with the presence of our vicar bishop, His Grace, Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa.
- **First Day of Lent.** Forgiveness Vespers will be Sunday, March 1 at 6PM. If at all possible, let's start the Fast together! On the first day of Lent, Monday March 2, we will work the St. Anthony soup kitchen beginning at 9:15. We can begin the fast that day by following the Lord's command *together*: fasting, praying, and serving others.
- **St. John's Monastery:** A parish work retreat will take place **Friday, March 20 – Saturday March 21** (with an optional stay through Sunday morning) at St. John's Monastery, Manton. Please check in with Protodeacon Brendan or Fr. Kirill about this beautiful opportunity to be part of the life of the monastery for a weekend!

This Week at Holy Trinity

- Wed. Feb. 12:** *Fast Free Week*
6:00 pm Vespers followed by *Meat & Movie Night*
- Sat. Feb 15:** 5:00 pm Intro to Orthodoxy Class (all welcome!)
6:00 pm Vigil & Confessions
- Sun. Feb 16:** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship meal and special presentation by Fr. Daniel Andrejuk (see above).
Parking available Sunday 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, February 9, 2020

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Today's Epistle **The Publican & The Pharisee**
2 Timothy 3:10-15 **Leavetaking of the Meeting of Our Lord**
Today's Gospel **Beginning of the Lenten Triodion**
Luke 18:10-14 **St. Innocent, Bishop of Irkutsk (1805)**
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Today's Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 3:10-15

Timothy, my son, thou hast closely followed my doctrine, my conduct, my purpose, my faith, my long-suffering, my love, my patience, my persecutions, my afflictions; such as befell me at Antioch, Iconium and Lystra; what persecutions I endured, but the Lord delivered me out of them all. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution, while evil men and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But do thou continue in the things that thou hast learned and that have been entrusted to thee, knowing from whom thou hast learned them. For from thy childhood thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to instruct thee unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 18:10-14

Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

It is time for the Lord to act!

Those who regularly partake of Holy Communion prepare themselves by fasting, praying the Pre-Communion prayers and by a Confession at least once per month. Because the Divine liturgy is an offering to God of the Church, let us be mindful that we "make up" the Church, and so participate fully by arriving at the *beginning* of the Liturgy.

What We Are Beginning This Sunday

The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the *Triodion* (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins.

Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation. May this lesson be a firm foundation for us as we pray from the *Triodion* and begin this season of thoughtful preparation.



Many Years!

Anniversary of Subdiaconate

Sdn. Peter Taibbi & Fr. Kirill Sokolov (2-14-1994)

Anniversary of Chrismation

Frank (Subdeacon Maximus Tikhon) Kidner (2-9-1980)

Wedding Anniversary

Merab Kavtaradze & Ketevan Peradze (2- 15-2009)

Namedays

Karen Lee McNally (18th)

Blaise Dunham (11th)

Birthdays

William Basil Hunt (9th)

Felicia Dunham (11th)

Maximilian Pavel Groebel (15th)

Thank You

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

Thanks to the Sims family for preparing today's lunch!