

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service today in worshipping the Holy Trinity. You are cordially invited to join us for the fellowship luncheon or coffee after the service.
- **Begin with forgiving your brothers and sisters:** We begin the Great Fast on Sunday night, March 1, with Vespers and the moving Rite of Forgiveness at 6:00 pm. Let's all start the fast together!
- **"I was hungry and you gave me food."** On the first day of Lent, Monday, March 2, in addition to the divine services, from 9:15-1:45 we are scheduled to prepare and serve lunch at St. Anthony's Dining Room. Sign up with Fr. Kirill by e-mail or at the candle counter.
- **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 about this beautiful opportunity to be part of the life of the monastery for a weekend!
- **Lenten Retreat.** We have invited Archpriest Alexander Garklavs of Parma, OH, and former Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, to lead to our Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 28. Please mark your calendars! His theme will be "Orthodox Worship: Affirmation, Inspiration & Salvation."

This Week at Holy Trinity

Wed. Feb. 26: 6:00 pm Vespers & Study Group with Ice Cream Social

Sat. Feb. 29: 6:00 pm Vigil & Confessions

Sun. Mar. 1: **Sunday of Forgiveness**
10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship meal and special monthly church school

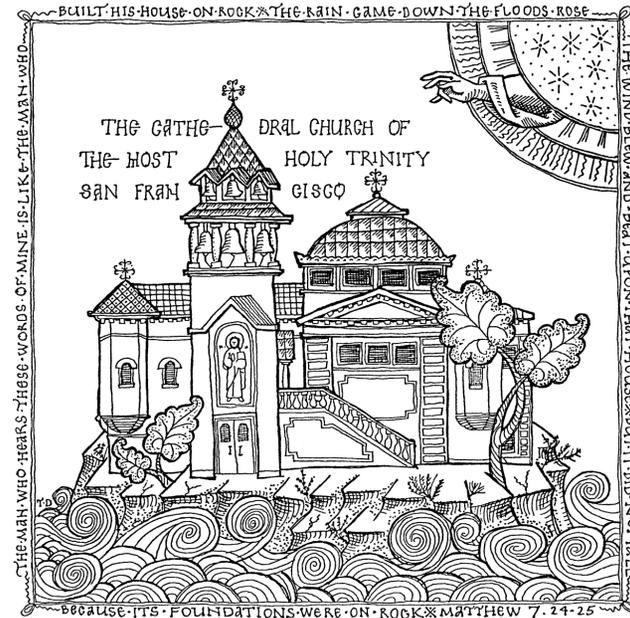
6:00 pm Vespers of Forgiveness - Beginning of Great Fast
Parking available Sunday at St. Brigid's

Mar. 2-6: **Clean Week: First Week of Lent**
Services 2-3 times every day. Plan ahead! Visit holy-trinity.org for our complete calendar

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 23, 2020

Most Reverend Benjamin,
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Today's Epistle
1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2
Today's Gospel
Matthew 25:31-46

**Sunday of Meatfare. Sunday of
the Last Judgment.** Hieromartyr
Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (167).
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Today's Epistle

1 Cor. 8:8-9:2

Brethren, food does not commend us to God. We lose nothing if we refuse to eat; we gain nothing if we eat. But take heed lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees thee who hast knowledge at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And through thy knowledge the weak one will perish, the brother for whom Christ died. Now when you sin thus against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I shall never eat meat again, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? And if to others I am not an apostle, yet to you I am; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Today's Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said: When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was hungry, and ye gave me food: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee

drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was hungry, and ye gave me no food: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Criterion for Judgment

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book *Great Lent* (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).



Many Years!

We wish every blessing for
Emmeline Bree Harmon who was
baptized this morning.

Thank You

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