

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 after the service. We would love to greet you and answer any questions.
- **Welcome Father Alexander.** We are blessed to have Father Alexander Vallens, Rector of St. Tikhon Mission in Parker, CO, and his wonderful family with us today.
- **St. Eugene's Camp.** Yesterday (Saturday) our campers returned from our annual Orthodox youth camp. This year's gathering of kids from around our deanery and beyond was certainly the largest in recent memory! Our own parish sent nine children and youth and four adult volunteers. Thank you for your collections, gifts, and scholarships!
- **Scaffolding.** We are getting ready to have painting done on the exterior of the Cathedral over the coming weeks.
- **Special Guest & Talk Next Sunday.** We are excited to host Father Thomas Soroka next weekend. Fr. Thomas descends from a long line of Orthodox priests and church musicians. He oversees the work of the Departments of the Orthodox Church in America. He's a frequent speaker in parishes on various spiritual topics including parish growth and leadership, and directs the Pan-Orthodox Choir of Pittsburgh. Fr Thomas can also be heard regularly on *Ancient Faith Radio*. He and his wife, Matushka Joni, will be with us next weekend and we'll meet and have a Q&A session with Father after Liturgy (and our potluck meal!).

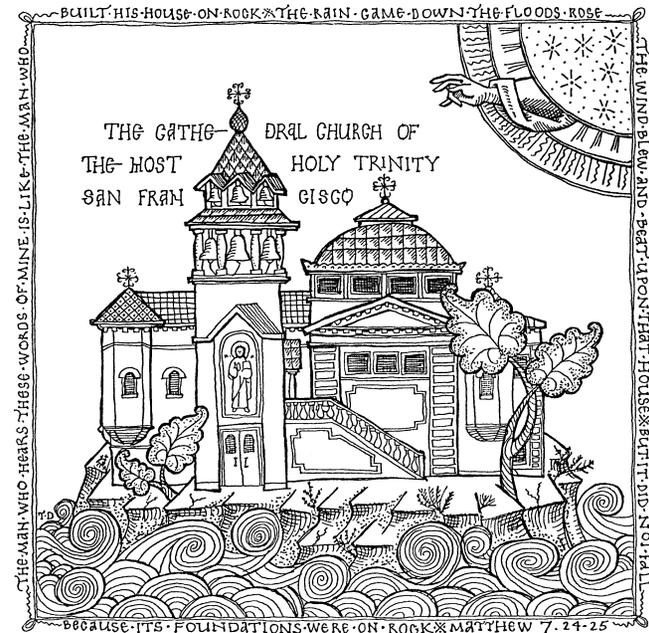
This Week at Holy Trinity

- Mon. July 19:** 9:30 am Festal Liturgy at St. Seraphim Cathedral, Santa Rosa
- Wed. July 21:** (no service)
- Sat. July 24:** 6:00 pm Vigil & Confessions
- Sun. July 25:** **5th Sunday after Pentecost. Dormition of the Righteous Anna, mother of the Most Holy Theotokos**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by potluck fellowship hour
Followed by Q&A with special guest Father Thomas Soroka
Parking available at St. Brigid's

Contact Fr. Kirill

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



Sunday, July 18, 2021

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We are delighted to be together with you in worshipping the Holy Trinity
Please wear a mask if you are not vaccinated

Today's Epistle

Romans 5:1-10

Today's Gospel

Matthew 6:22-33

4th Sunday after Pentecost**Nun-Martyrs Grand Duchess Elizabeth
and Barbara (1918)****Tone 3****Today's Epistle***Romans 6:18-23*

Brethren: Having been set free from sin, you have become the slaves of righteousness. I speak in the manner of men, because of your natural limitations. For as you yielded your members as slaves of uncleanness and iniquity unto iniquity, so now yield your members as slaves of righteousness unto holiness.

For when you were the servants of sin, you were free from righteousness. But what fruit had you then from those things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now, being made free from sin, and having become servants of God, you have your fruit unto holiness and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's Gospel*Matthew 8:5-13*

At that time, when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

The Nun-Martyr Grand Duchess Elizabeth

St. Elizabeth was the second child and daughter of Grand Duke Louis IV of Hesse and Princess Alice of the United Kingdom, a daughter of Queen Victoria. She was also the elder sister of Alexandra Fyodorovna, the last empress of Russia. She married Grand Duke Serge, a younger son of Tsar Alexander III. She converted from the Protestant faith to Orthodoxy several years after her marriage of her own free will, and organized women from all levels of society to help the sick and needy.

Grand Duke Serge was killed by an assassin's bomb on February 4, 1905, just as St Elizabeth was leaving for her workshops. She visited her husband's killer in prison and urged him to repent, giving him an icon. After her husband's murder, she began to withdraw from her former social life. She founded the Convent of Sts. Martha and Mary in Moscow, a community of nuns dedicated to helping the poor. She sold all her fine clothes and jewels, and moved out of her palace into the buildings that she had purchased on behalf of the convent.

St. Elizabeth and her sisters continued to visit the poor and hungry in Moscow. During the First World War, she nursed sick and wounded soldiers in the hospitals and on the battle front. She was respected and admired throughout Russia and people came to her for spiritual direction.

After her brother-in-law, Tsar Nicholas II, abdicated the throne and he and his family were placed under house arrest, St. Elizabeth was urged to abandon her convent and seek shelter with her remaining family in Western Europe. She refused all offers of help, saying she would not leave the other sisters and would die in Russia if that was His Will.

On Pascha 1918, Soviet soldiers came to the convent and ordered her to leave Moscow to join the royal family near Ekaterinburg. She was allowed to leave with a novice, Sister Barbara, but was not permitted to say goodbye to the other sisters. On the night of July 5, they were all taken to a place in the woods, twelve miles from Alopaevsk, and executed by being thrown down a mineshaft, with grenades being tossed in after them. St. Elizabeth lived for several hours, and could be heard singing hymns by local villagers who came up to the mineshaft after the murderers had left. A few days later, the bodies of St. Elizabeth and St. Barbara were recovered from the mineshaft after the pro-Tsarist armies took Alopaevsk. They were ultimately taken to Jerusalem in 1920, and buried in the church of St. Mary Magdalene on the Mount of Olives.

**Many Years!****Nameday:**

Ella Jorgenson (7/18)

Lisa Sims (7/18)

Juliana Kochis (7/19)

Ilya Listvinsky (7/20)

Elliot Sylvan Dunham (7/20)

Thank you!

Please join us downstairs for our fellowship hour. Thanks to Peter, David, and the Kavtaradze family for organizing!

Next Sunday is potluck!