

## Announcements

- **Charities Appeal.** We are collecting for our annual “charities appeal” this month with our gifts going to St. Anthony’s here in the City.
- **Nativity Fast.** From November 15 until Christmas we abstain from meat, dairy, and eggs (and on some days fish and olive oil and wine). Perhaps a fast from TV and social media might have a more immediately positive affect upon us. We then turn our attention to prayer and almsgiving. One of the aims of fasting, besides self-discipline and obedience to the spiritual practice of the Church, is that hunger, when given wings by prayer, makes us conscious of our dependence upon God. It’s a challenge, focused as we are on our sensory perceptions far more than our spiritual perceptions. While fasting from food, we are also challenged to fast from sin, from gossip, from jealousy, from anger, and from those other things which, while well within our control, we all too often allow to control us. There is a strong connection between fasting and doing works of mercy for those less fortunate. We not only sympathize with those who suffer hunger and want, we show compassion (to co-suffer) as well. Our compassion is sustained by the love of God when we approach fasting in a prayerful, humble and spiritually directed way. What a joy it is to come to the Feast of Christmas having prepared ourselves by fasting, prayer and works of mercy!  
*(borrowed from Fr. Lawrence Margitich)*
- **Thanksgiving.** We are looking forward to celebrating the Eucharist on Thanksgiving at 10 AM and having our traditional potluck afterwards. Let us know what you’re bringing by signing the form at the candle counter!

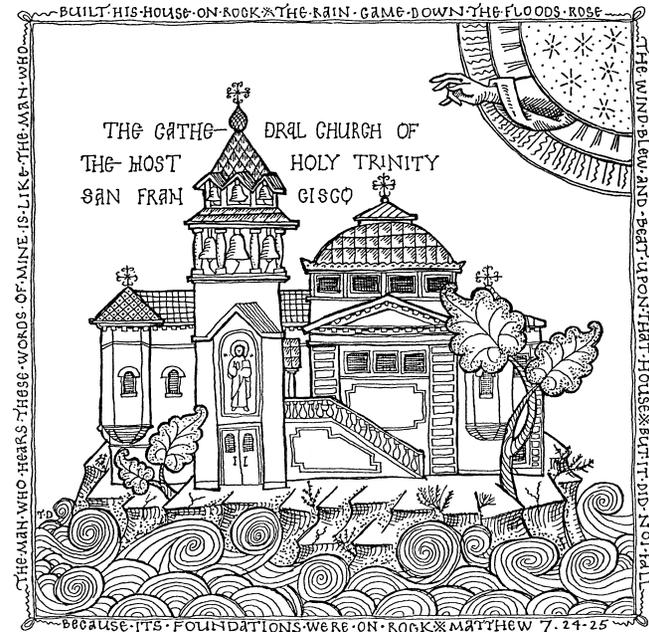
## This Week at Holy Trinity

- Tue. Nov. 23:** Orthodox Christian Fellowship at USF (college students)
- Wed. Nov. 24:** 6:00 pm Great Vespers
- Thu. Nov 25:** **Leavetaking of the Theotokos. THANKSGIVING.**  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by traditional potluck
- Sat. Nov. 27:** 6:00 pm Vigil followed by Confessions
- Sun. Nov. 28:** **Monk-Martyr and Confessor Stephen the New of Mt. St. Auxentius (Defender of the Holy Icons)**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship hour  
and Church School (K-5)  
*Parking available at St. Brigid’s*
- Tue. Nov. 30:** **Holy and All-Praised Apostle Andrew the First-Called**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

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# Holy Trinity Cathedral



## Sunday, November 21, 2021

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We are delighted to be together with you in worshipping the Holy Trinity  
Masks are required in public indoor places

## Today's Epistles

Galatians 6:11-18

Hebrews 9:1-7

## Today's Gospels

Luke 12:16-21

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### THE ENTRANCE OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE

Tone 5

### Today's Epistle Readings

*Galatians 6:11-18*

Brethren: See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even they who are circumcised keep the Law; but they desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision is of any avail, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, and upon the Israel of God.

Henceforth let no man trouble me, for I bear on my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

*Hebrews 9:1-7*

Brethren: The first covenant also had ordinances of divine service and an earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared in the outer part of which were the candlestick and the table and the bread of the Presence; and this is called the Holy Place. But beyond the second veil was the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, having the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on every side with gold. In the ark was a golden jar containing the manna, and Aaron's rod which had budded, and the tablets of the covenant. Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. But of all these things we cannot now speak in detail.

These preparations having thus been made, the priests always used to enter into the first tabernacle to perform the sacred rites. But into the second tabernacle the high priest alone entered once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the errors of the people.

### Today's Gospel Readings

*Luke 12:16-21*

The Lord spoke this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your

ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'

"So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

*Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28*

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!"

But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

### Prophecy Fulfilled

The verses of the Old Testament Psalm 45, used extensively in the services of this feast, provide a great inspiration for the celebration of Mary's consecration to the service of God in the Jerusalem Temple today:

*Hear, O Daughter, and consider and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house, and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your Lord, bow to him ... The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes, in many-colored robes she is led to her king, with her virgin companions, her escort, in her train.*

*With joy and gladness they are led along, as they enter the palace of the king. Instead of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations, therefore, the peoples will praise you forever and ever (Ps 45.10-17).*



### Many Years!

#### Anniversary of Baptism:

Luke Jorgenson (Nov 21)

#### Nameday:

Katherine Strelkoff (Nov 24)

Catherine Moyer (Nov 24)

#### Birthday:

Gregory Sokolov (Nov 22)

Ella Jorgenson (Nov 27)

### Thank you!

Welcome guests and visitors!

Please join us for coffee and refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. We look forward to saying hello.

Our gratitude to Tamara, Keti and family, and Catherine for organizing today's fellowship!