Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service today in worshiping the Holy Trinity. You are cordially invited to join us for the fellowship luncheon after the service!
- **Let us go to meet Him!** If you have any questions about how to "keep" this holy time, please talk with Fr. Kirill.
- **Preparing your pledge**. It is the time of year when we prayerfully make our annual pledge, offering our "first fruits" to God. Please fill out your pledge soon – either at the candle desk or on our web site. Thank you!
- **Service Opportunity.** Please mark your planners to help serve meals to homeless at the Interfaith Winter Shelter, Monday, January 10, 5:00 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral on Gough St. Details to follow after Christmas.

The Nativity of Christ 2021

Wed. Dec. 22: 6:00 pm Forefeast of the Nativity Vespers & Compline

Thu. Dec. 23: 6:00 pm Royal Hours for the Nativity of Christ

Fri. Dec. 24: **Eve of the Nativity of Christ**
9:30 am Christmas Eve Vespers and Divine Liturgy
6:00 pm Festal Vigil
Parking available both services Christmas Eve at St. Brigid's

Sat. Dec. 25: **The Nativity of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ**
9:30 am Festal Divine Liturgy
4:00 pm Great Vespers (*please note the special time*)
Parking available Christmas Morning at St. Brigid's

Sun. Dec. 26: **Second Day of the Nativity; Synaxis of the Holy Theotokos**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by potluck fellowship hour
Parking available Sunday at St. Brigid's

Wed. Dec. 29: *No Vespers*

Fri. Dec. 31: 6:00 pm Vespers & New Year Prayers

Sat. Jan. 1: **The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**
St. Basil the Great. Civil New Year.
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
6:00 pm Vigil & Confessions

Contact Fr. Kirill

Question? Want to talk? Or be on the email list?
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Sunday, December 19, 2021

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

Today's Epistle
Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40
Today's Gospel
Matthew 1:1-25

26th Sunday after Pentecost. Sunday before the Nativity of Christ. Tone 1.

Today's Epistle Reading

Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

Brethren: By faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to a city with firm foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

By faith Abraham, when he was put to the test, offered up Isaac. And he who had received the promises was about to offer up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall thy descendants be named." He considered that God was able to raise up even from the dead, whence also he received him back, in a sense.

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was about to die, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel and gave orders concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon and of Barak, of Samson and of Jephthah, of David and of Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became valiant in battle, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead raised back to life. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and scourging, yes, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated — of whom the world was not worthy — they wandered over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though they had been approved by the testimony of faith, did not receive what was promised, for God had something better in view for us, that without us they should not be made perfect.

Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king.

David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon.

And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.

Many Years!

Anniversary of Chrismation
Kelly (Gregory) Gerber (Dec 23)

Nameday
Eva (Evgeniya) Monova (Dec 24)

Birthday
Michael Jorgenson (Dec 21)

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 for organizing today's meal!