

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 after the service!
- **Preparing your pledge.** If you haven't, please fill out your pledge today – either at the candle desk or on our web site. Thank you!
- **Service Opportunity.** We plan to serve meals to homeless at the Interfaith Winter Shelter, Monday, January 10, 5:00 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral on Gough St. Sign up by sending Fr. Kirill a note. Details to follow by e-mail.
- **Theophany and House Blessings.** The great feast of Epiphany on January 6 is preceded by a cycle of services that is a source of blessings and strength for the believer. On the feast itself, creation is renewed in the Great Blessing of Water. It is sometimes hard at the beginning of January to arrange our calendars so that we can immerse ourselves into this bounty, so let's be intentional about making that effort! It is proper for our homes to be blessed with this Holy Water on the days following Theophany; please schedule your appointment with Fr. Kirill.

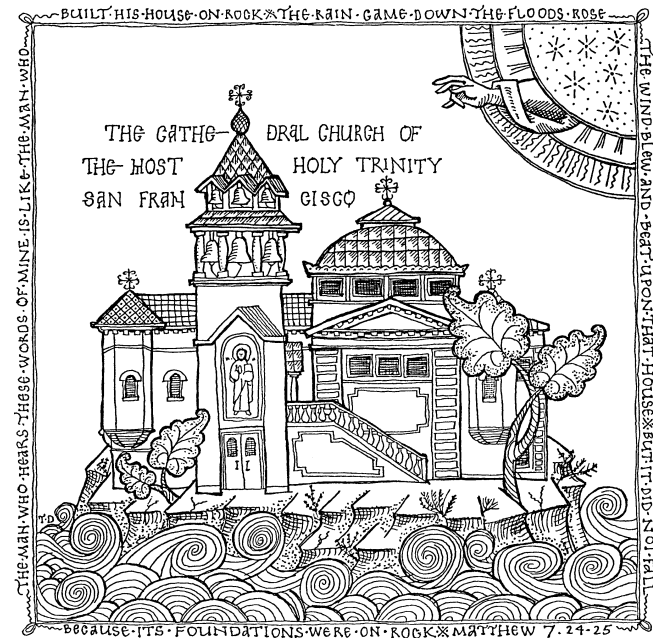
This Week & Theophany at Holy Trinity

- 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
- Sun. Jan. 2:** **Forefeast of the Theophany of Christ. St. Seraphim.**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship hour
Parking available Sunday at St. Brigid's
- Tue. Jan. 4:** 6:00 pm Royal Hours for the Theophany
- Wed. Jan. 5:** 9:30 am Theophany Eve Vespers and Divine Liturgy
6:00 pm Festal Vigil (*parking available at St. Brigid for Vigil*)
- Thu. Jan. 6:** **THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water

Contact Fr. Kirill

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



Sunday, December 26, 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 Epistle
Galatians 1:11-19
Today's Gospel
Matthew 2:13-23

27th Sunday after Pentecost.
SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF
CHRIST. Holy Righteous Ones:
Joseph the Betrothed, David the
King, and James the Brother of the
Lord. Tone 2.

Today's Epistle Reading

Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not of man. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it; but I received it by a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure, and ravaged it. And I advanced in Judaism above many of my contemporaries among my people, showing much more zeal for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, immediately, without taking counsel with flesh and blood, and without going up to Jerusalem to those who were appointed apostles before me, I went away into Arabia and returned again to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter and abode with him fifteen days. But of the other apostles I saw none, save James the Lord's brother.

Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-23

When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the

wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,
Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children,
Refusing to be comforted,
Because they are no more."

Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

On Christ's Nativity

The child in that distant Bethlehem cave has no desire that we fear Him; He enters our hearts not by frightening us, by proving His power and authority, but by love alone. He is given to us as a child, and only as children can we in turn love Him and give ourselves to Him. The world is ruled by authority and power, by fear and domination. The Child God liberates us from that. All He desires from us is our love, freely given and joyful; all He desires is that we give Him our heart. And we give it to a defenseless, endlessly trusting child.

—Fr. Alexander Schmemmann



Many Years!

Namedays

Robert (Rdr Stephen) Parent (Dec 27)
Steven Belonick (Dec 27)
David Lee (Sunday after Nativity)
Quête (Amelia) Disney (Jan 1)
Juliana Sokolov (Jan 2)

Birthdays

Robert (Rdr Stephen) Parent (Dec 26)
Andrew Pickering (Dec 27)

Many Years!

Anniversary of Baptism

Elliot Sylvan Dunham (Dec 29)

Wedding Anniversary

David & Peggy Lee (Jan 1)

Christ is born!

Welcome guests and visitors!
Please join us for coffee and
potluck refreshments after the
Divine Liturgy. We look forward
to saying hello.