

## 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!
- **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. The site requires verification of full vaccination. We would love to have a good crew from our Cathedral helping serve. Sign up by sending Fr. Kirill a note.
- **Annual Parish Meeting.** Our annual parish meeting will be Sunday January 30 following Divine Liturgy during our fellowship time. Please plan to attend! This year we are called to update our parish bylaws so your participation is as crucial as ever. If you would like to serve in an elected position or know more, please speak with Fr. Kirill, Justin Disney, or Deanna Micros.
- **Holy Water.** Please bring a container for Holy Water on January 6 or the weekend of January 8-9.

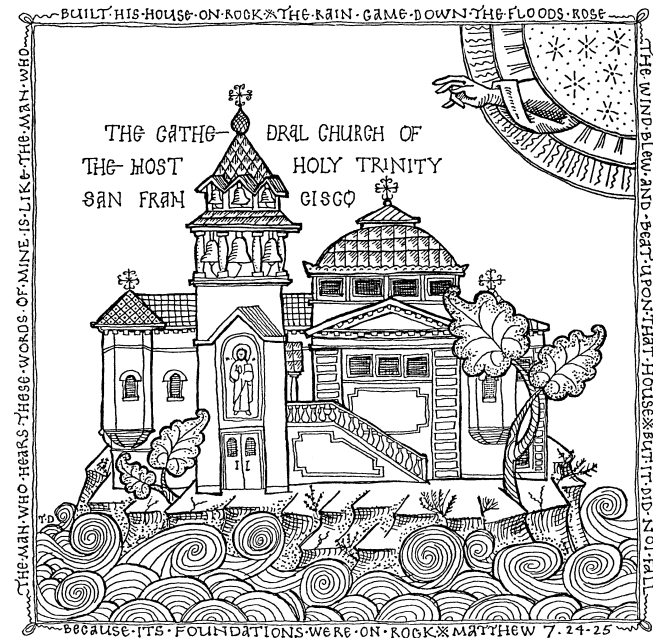
## This Week at Holy Trinity

- Tue. Jan. 4:** 6:00 pm Royal Hours for the Theophany
- Wed. Jan. 5:** **Eve of the Holy Theophany of Christ**  
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  
  
*House blessings beginning on this day; may be scheduled until January 29*
- Sat. Jan. 8:** 6:00 pm Vigil & Confessions
- Sun. Jan. 9:** **Sunday After Theophany. Hieromartyr Philip of Moscow.**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship hour  
*Parking available Sunday at St. Brigid's*
- Mon. Jan. 10:** 5:00 pm Service at Interfaith Winter Shelter (see above)

### Contact Fr. Kirill

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# Holy Trinity Cathedral



## Sunday, January 2, 2022

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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

2 Timothy 4:5-8

## Today's Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Sunday**

**Before the Theophany of Christ.**

**Repose of Ven. Seraphim,**

**Wonderworker of Sarov (1833).**

**Righteous Juliana of Lazarevo (1604).**

**Tone 3.**

## Today's Epistle Reading

*2 Timothy 4:5-8*

Timothy, my son: be watchful in all things, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill thy ministry. For I am now ready to be sacrificed, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

## Today's Gospel Reading

*Mark 1:1-8*

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets:

“Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,  
Who will prepare Your way before You.”  
“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the LORD;  
Make His paths straight.’”

John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, “There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

## The Great Blessing of Water and the Home

The Feast of Theophany (or Epiphany) commemorates the Baptism of our Lord in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. We know from the troparion of the day that “the Trinity was made manifest” to us. But there's more to it than this. “When Jesus descends into the depths of the river, there occurs a profound upheaval. It is not the one baptized who is purified, for he is spotless; but it is the water that is transfigured and illumined. This water, which was believed to be transparent and purifying, is in fact polluted, inhabited by evil spirits, servants of the old gods. ... By purifying the elements, by sanctifying matter, Jesus frees the cosmos from the powers of evil.” (*The Incarnate God*, Vol. I, p. 163.)

The Great Blessing of Water takes place at the end of the Liturgy on January 6. Since our homes cannot be brought to the Church, the Church — through the priest — goes to the homes. There the service of blessing, which began in the church, is finished with the sprinkling of water in the home. Traditionally, the priest personally visits all his parishioners each year to pray with them in the place where they live, and to bless their surroundings with the newly sanctified water of Theophany.

By sanctifying our living quarters, our private space, we extend the grace of God to our individual dwellings. What a wonderful way to begin the New Year! And if COVID-19 isn't a reminder and reason for everything in our homes to be cleansed, even the air, what would be?

We also bring the blessed water to our homes to use throughout the year to bless our homes and to drink whether we are ill or as part of our daily prayer life. “There are many occasions in family life when a sip of holy water can help to remind us of the blessing that was given ‘to bestow sanctification’, ‘unto healing of soul and body’, ‘to be a fountain welling forth unto life eternal’, as the priest prayed in the litany of Epiphany day.”

—adapted



## Many Years!

### Namedays

Juliana Sokolov (Jan 2)

### Birthdays

Steven Belonick (Jan 5)

Anne Kirueshkin (Jan 8)

## Happy New Year!

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

Thanks to Matushka Sophia for  
preparing today's meal.