

## Announcements

- **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. Please let Fr. Kirill if you plan to come *today*. Thank you!
- **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.
- **St Eugene's Camp.** The volunteer camp committee for our annual St. Eugene's Camp is hard at work preparing for camp this summer! The dates are Sunday, June 26 (evening) through Saturday, July 2 (morning). This year's camp will be held near Dunlap, CA. Our Orthodox camp is a foundational experience in the Christ-centered upbringing of our kids! Our parish offers scholarship to our kids to attend; just speak with Fr. Kirill (or if you'd like to be a counsellor!)
- **Next Sunday January 16** every parish in our area is asked to make a special collection for our camp. This supports the fixed expenses of renting a campsite and the ability to have volunteer adult counsellors at no cost to them beyond making themselves available for a week.
- **The 2022 Orthodox Gathering at the Walk for Life** is Saturday, January 22 at 11:00 am. Full information: <https://www.oclife.org/walk>

## This Week at Holy Trinity

- Mon. Jan. 10:** 5:00 pm Service at Interfaith Winter Shelter (see above)
- Wed. Jan. 12:** 6:00 pm Vespers
- Sat. Jan. 15:** 6:00 pm Great Vespers & Confessions
- Sun. Jan. 16:** **Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and All-Glorious Apostle Peter; Sanctity of Life Sunday**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
followed by fellowship hour & reading group  
*Parking available Sunday at St. Brigid's*

### Contact Fr. Kirill

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# Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, January 9, 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**

Ephesians 4:7-13

**Today's Gospel**

Matthew 4:12-17

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.****Sunday after Theophany.****Hieromartyr Philip, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia (1570).****Tone 4.****Today's Epistle Reading***Ephesians 4:7-13*

Brethren: To each one of us is given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Thus it was said, "When He ascended up on high, He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." Now what does "He ascended" mean but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all heavens, that He might fill all things. And His gift was for some to be apostles, and some — prophets, and some— evangelists, and some— pastors and teachers, in order to perfect the saints for a work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to perfect manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

**Today's Gospel Reading***Matthew 4:12-17*

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,  
By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,  
Galilee of the Gentiles:  
The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,  
And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
Light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

**Cling to God**

The faithful are often scandalized by the prosperity of sinners. And it is true that if we look at things from a purely human perspective it can seem as if God has distributed His blessings unjustly. Here, where He should have given a measure of happiness, He has given only misfortune. And there, where He should have dispensed riches, He gave only poverty. And where poverty was in order, he lavished wealth. When we wait for a blessing, He often deals us a hard blow, while at the same time He maintains smiles on the faces of those around us. In a way that echoes modern social concerns, we might say that God discriminates, and this is something that scandalizes us. Why does this scandalize us? The answer is simple. It is because our hearts are still attached to earthly things, still clinging to false "goods" that we continue to covet and crave. Thus the solution to our dilemma must be sought elsewhere, and this means that we should not be hasty in abolishing whatever strikes us as discrimination or injustice. We live in a time of rapid change, when every innovation is presented to us as "progress," but before real change, real progress, can take place, something must first change within us. And for this to happen we must become completely estranged to all things earthly and human, to all human logic, to all human ways of thinking, and to every so-called material good. We must be indifferent in the face of all things. And only then, when we have become strangers to all, can God become all things to us, as if there existed nothing else in the world for us except God. It is this alone that can grant us true and lasting tranquility. Otherwise, if our heart is attached to anything earthly, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem to be, we can be sure that it will make us suffer. —*Elder Aimilianos of Athos*

**Many Years!****Wedding Anniversary**

Anastasia &amp; Misha Edel (Jan 9)

**Birthday**

Penelope Pickering (Jan 9)

Ilya Listvinsky (Jan 13)

**Nameday**

Belen (Tatiana) Pickering (Jan 12)

**Welcome &****Thank You!**

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

Thanks to Andrey & Olivia for  
preparing today's meal.