

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service as we worship the Holy Trinity! Please introduce yourself to our pastor, Father Kirill or reach out by e-mail or telephone.
- **Baptisms.** Glory to God for the baptisms of Bonnie (Marie) Cherry and Seva (Sevastian) this morning. As *many as have been into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia!*
- **Welcome** to Fr. Lawrence Gaudreau who is praying and serving in our midst this week and Mother Macrina of Holy Assumption Monastery who is leading a session for women of the parish today after fellowship.
- **Charities Appeal.** We'll continue our appeal today. We are sending our gifts to St. Anthony's here in the City to feed our neighbors.
- **Thanksgiving.** We are looking forward to celebrating the Eucharist on Thanksgiving at 9:30 am and having our traditional potluck afterwards!
- **Annual Advent Retreat December 3.** Please see the separate flier for full information but spread the word and pre-register today! tithe.ly/event-registration/#/6291799
- **Also...** Please sign up to help out with food and hospitality at the Retreat!

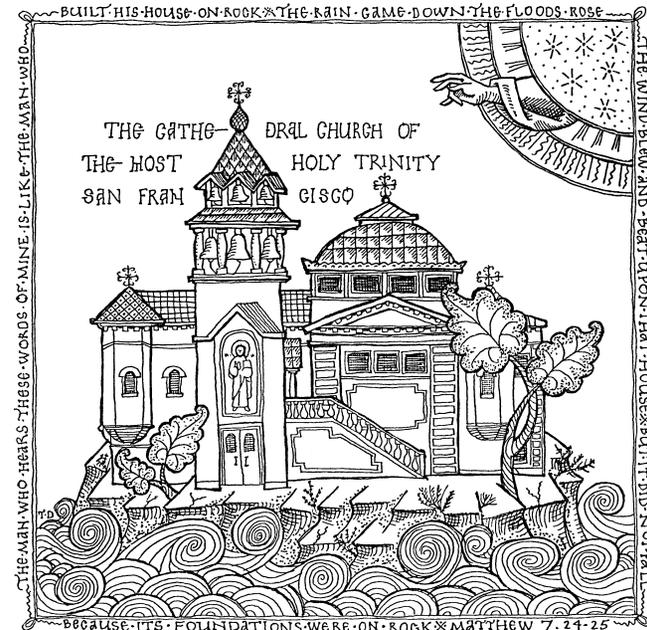
This Week at Holy Trinity

- Sun. Nov. 20** Forefeast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos
6:00 pm Festal Vigil
- Mon. Nov. 21** ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
- Wed. Nov. 23:** 6:00 pm Great Vespers
- Thu. Nov. 24:** Afterfeast of the Entry into the Temple. Great Martyr Catherine of Alexandria. Thanksgiving Day.
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by traditional potluck
- Sat. Nov. 26:** 6:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions
- Sun. Nov. 27:** 24th Sunday After Pentecost. Martyr James the Persian.
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
Parking available at St. Brigid's for morning service.

Contact Fr. Kirill

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



Sunday, November 20, 2022

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We are delighted to be together with you in worshipping the Holy Trinity.
Welcome!

Today's Epistle

Ephesians 2:4-10

Today's Gospel

Luke 12:16-21

23rd Sunday after Pentecost.

**Forefeast of the Entrance of the
Mother of God into the Temple.**

Ven. Gregory of Decapolis (816).

Tone 6.

Today's Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

Brethren: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead by reason of our sins, brought us to life together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and seated us together in heaven in Christ Jesus, that He might show in the ages to come the exceeding riches of His grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not from yourselves, for it is the gift of God; not because of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God has prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 12:16-21

The Lord said 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."

Temples of the Living God

In the Orthodox Church the Virgin Mary is the image of those who are being saved. If Jesus Christ is the Savior, Mary is, par excellence, the image of the *saved*. She is, in every aspect of her life, as Father Alexander Schmemmann so often said, not the great *exception*, but rather the great *example*. From her conception to her dormition, that is, her true and real

death, she shows how all people must be when they are sanctified by the Holy Spirit as servants of God and imitators of Christ.

In the festival of the entrance of Mary into the temple [November 20-21] we have seen how Christ's mother is continuously hymned as the "living temple of the holy glory of Christ our God." She is praised as the "living ark which contained the Word that cannot be contained." She is glorified as "the temple that is to hold God," consecrated by the spirit to be the "dwelling place of the Almighty." She enters the Holy of Holies to become herself the "animated Holy of Holies," the one in whom Christ is formed, thereby making her, and everyone who is one with her in faith, the "abode of heaven."

We are all made to be living temples of God. We are all created to be dwelling places of his glory. We are all fashioned in His image and likeness to be abodes of His presence. The first Christian martyr, the protodeacon Stephen whose memory is celebrated on the third day of Christmas, was killed for proclaiming this marvel when he bore witness that "the Most High does not dwell in houses made with hands." For this, like Jesus himself, he was accused of planning the destruction of the earthly temple at Jerusalem (Acts 7:48; 6:14). The apostle Paul proclaims this same doctrine clearly and without equivocation when he writes to the Corinthians and to us that "we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building" (1 Cor 3:9).

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are. (1 Cor 3:16-17)

from The Winter Pascha, by Fr. Thomas Hopko



Many Years!

Anniversary of Baptism:

Luke Jorgenson (Nov 21)

Nameday:

Katherine Strelkoff (Nov 24)

Katherine Gaudreau (Nov 24)

Catherine Moyer (Nov 24)

Birthday:

Gregory Sokolov (Nov 22)

Katherine Gaudreau (Nov 23)

Ella Jorgenson (Nov 27)

Thank you!

Please join us downstairs for coffee and our fellowship meal! We look forward to meeting our guests and visitors.

Our gratitude to today's team, the Fog City Brunch Bros., for organizing today's fellowship!