

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service as we worship the Holy Trinity! Please take a moment after the service to introduce yourself to our pastor, Father Kirill. You are cordially invited to join us for the fellowship luncheon after the service. We would love to greet you and answer any questions.
- **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 proper for our homes to be blessed every year with this Holy Water on the days following Theophany (in any case, we do not keep last year's water past January 6; please dispose of any remaining water by drinking of it or, if the quantity is too great, placing it under a plant that won't be trodden); please schedule your appointment with Fr. Kirill. You can just send a quick note with your time preferences!
- **Service Opportunity.** We are serving meals to our homeless brothers and sisters at the Interfaith Winter Shelter, Thursday, January 12, 5:00 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral on Gough St. Sign up by sending Fr. Kirill a note!

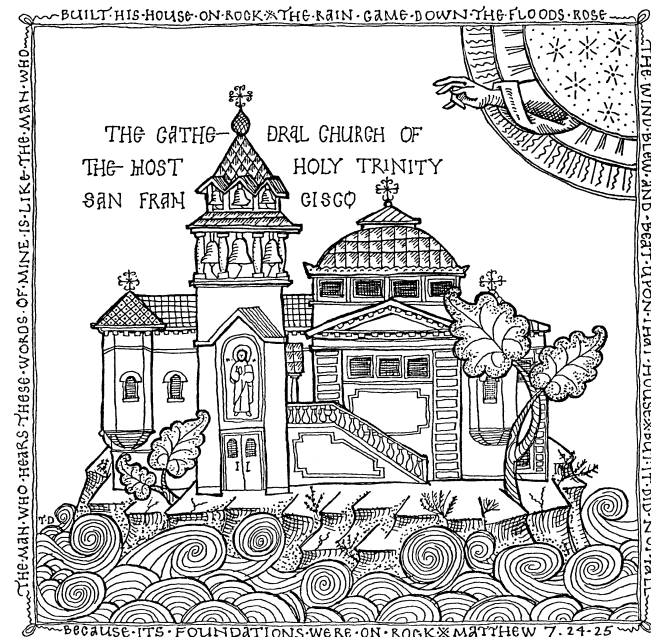
This Week at Holy Trinity Cathedral

- Mon. Jan. 2:** 9:30 am St. Seraphim Day Divine Liturgy in Santa Rosa
- Wed. Jan. 4:** **Forefeast of the Theophany**
(no fast) 6:00 pm Royal Hours for the Eve of Theophany
- Thu. Jan. 5:** **Eve of the Theophany**
(strict fast) 9:30 am Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
6:00 pm Festal Vigil
Parking available at St. Brigid School for Vigil only
- Fri. Jan. 6:** **THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**
(no fast) 9:30 am Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water
Home blessings commence; please make an appointment!
- Sat. Jan. 7:** **Afterfeast; St. John the Baptist; Nativity on Old Calendar**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
6:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sun. Jan. 8:** **Sunday after the Theophany of Christ**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship hour
& Church School (High School and Young Adult)
Parking available Sunday at St. Brigid's

Contact Fr. Kirill

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



Sunday, January 1, 2023

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

Today's Epistle Readings

2 Tim. 4:5-8 (Sunday Before)
Col. 2:8-12 (Circumcision)

Today's Gospel Readings

Mark 1:1-8 (Sunday Before)
Luke 2:20-21, 40-52

29th Sunday after Pentecost.

Sunday before the Theophany of Christ. The Circumcision Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia (379).

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Today's Gospel Readings

Mark 1:1-8 (Sunday before Theophany)

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.”

Luke 2:20-21,40-52 (Circumcision)

At that time: the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And

all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.”

And He said to them, “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?” But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

The New Year: The Mystery of Time

The clock strikes... Let the mysterious future come to us; for, whatever it might bring with it, we know and believe that God is with us, that Christ has not orphaned us, that He who promised is *faithful* (Hebrews 10:23). Here are the marvelous words of Vladimir Soloviev:

Death and time reign on earth,
Do not call them your masters;
Everything, whirling about, disappears in the haze
The only thing fixed is the sun of love.

Yes, this is our calling, our freedom as children of God: not to call “masters” those things whose dominions have been destroyed, and not to close ourselves from access to the Sun of love, faith, and hope.

The holiday will soon be over, and routine, labor, fatigue, and depression will begin. But let us not permit the daily routine to overpower our souls! Just as sunlight penetrates through closed shutters, so too let the light of Christ, through this mysterious holiday, become present in our daily lives, rendering our entire lives an ascent, a communion with God – a difficult but joyful path to eternal life. For the Apostle John said: *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life* (John 3:16).

Happy New Year!

-Fr. Alexander Schmemmann



Many Years!

Wedding Anniversary

David & Peggy Lee (Jan 1)

Namedays

Quête (Amelia) Disney (Jan 1)

Juliana Sokolov (Jan 2)

Birthdays

Peggy Lee (Jan 1)

Steven Belonick (Jan 5)

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 Keti for preparing today's meal.