

## Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service as we worship the newly-born Savior! 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.
- **We add to our fervent prayers new catechumens** Jonathan Paul, Brittany Anne, and their daughter Ellie (Elizabeth). We wish them every blessing as they continue on their path! We regularly have classes and Q&A sessions for all those interested in knowing more about the Faith; our next such session is this Wednesday after Vespers.
- **The 2023 Orthodox Gathering at the Walk for Life** is Saturday, January 21 at 11:00 am. We will have Divine Liturgy here at Holy Trinity that morning at 9 am. Full information: <https://www.oclife.org/walk>
- **Annual Parish Meeting.** Our annual parish meeting will be Sunday January 29 following Divine Liturgy during our fellowship time. Please plan to attend! If you would like to serve in an elected position or know more, please speak with Felicia Dunham or Fr. Kirill.
- **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 25 (evening) through Saturday, July 1 (morning). This year's camp will be again 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!)

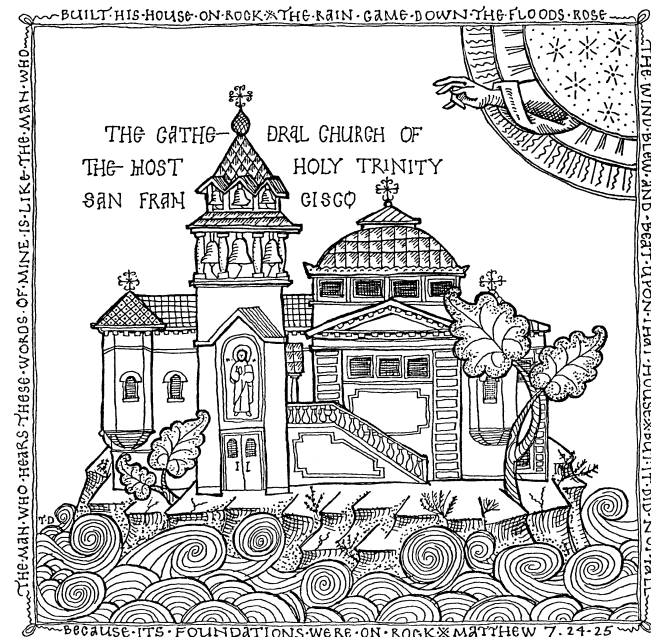
## This Week at Holy Trinity Cathedral

- Wed. Jan. 11:** 6:00 pm Vespers followed by Catechumen/Inquirer Class  
(all welcome!)
- Thu. Jan. 12:** 5:00 pm Serve dinner at Interfaith Winter Shelter, St. Mary Cathedral, Gough St. (volunteer by sending Father an email)
- Sat. Jan. 14:** 6:00 pm Vigil followed by Confessions
- Sun. Jan. 15:** **31<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Venerable Paul of Thebes**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship hour  
& Church School (K-8)  
*Parking available Sunday at St. Brigid's*

### Contact Fr. Kirill

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# Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, January 8, 2023

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

## Today's Epistle

Ephesians 4:7-13

## Today's Gospel

Matthew 4:12-17

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.

Sunday after the Theophany of Christ. Ven. George the Chozebite (6<sup>th</sup> century). Ven. Domnica of Constantinople (474).

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### 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 was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; the people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

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

## The Theophany Continues

The Feast of Theophany, which is the core and climax of the Nativity season—the season of the Incarnation of God—is a feast of eight days. The hymns of the feast are sung at the services every day during this time.

Father Alexander Schmemmann once wrote about this feast:

"The joy of Epiphany is in ... recovering faith that everything and everyone can always be washed, purified, renewed, reborn, and that regardless how dirty and clouded with mud our life has become, no matter what swamp we might have rolled in, we always have access to a purifying stream of living water, because humanity's thirst for heaven, goodness, perfection, and beauty is not dead. Indeed, this thirst alone makes us human beings. 'Great art Thou, O Lord, and marvelous are Thy works, and there are no words which suffice to hymn Thy wonders!'"

As a father in Christ, as your pastor, I'd like to encourage you to "hold firmly" (1 Corinthians 15:2 and many other passages) to *everything* that the Lord offers us through the rhythms of the Christian life, including the annual blessings of our homes.

This is also the traditional moment to remind us to orient our whole year around Pascha (Easter) Sunday April 16, not to mention Great Friday on April 14 (take the day off of work!). The whole of "Clean Week" (February 27-March 3) and Great and Holy Week (beginning Palm Sunday April 9) should be deliberately underscheduled in our busy lives so that we can more fully immerse ourselves into what we really need.

—Father Kirill



### Many Years!

#### Wedding Anniversary

Anastasia & Misha Edel (Jan 9)

#### Birthday

Anne Kirueshkin (Jan 8)  
Penelope Pickering (Jan 9)

#### 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 Tamara and Catherine M. for preparing today's meal.