

## Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service today in worshipping 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 or coffee after the service!
- **Annual Parish Assembly.** Our annual parish assembly is today following Divine Liturgy and lunch in our parish hall. We plan to begin as soon as we can after most of us get our lunches. Your participation is part of your stewardship of what has been left to us – to the glory of God!
- **Service Opportunity.** We are serving meals to our homeless brothers and sisters at the Interfaith Winter Shelter, Thursday, February 8, 5:00 pm at St. Mark's Lutheran Church (1111 O'Farrell St). Sign up by sending Fr. Kirill a note today!
- **Youth / Camp Appeal.** We continue this weekend our special collection for our St. Eugene's 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. PS: The dates for camp this year are Monday, June 24 – Saturday, June 29.

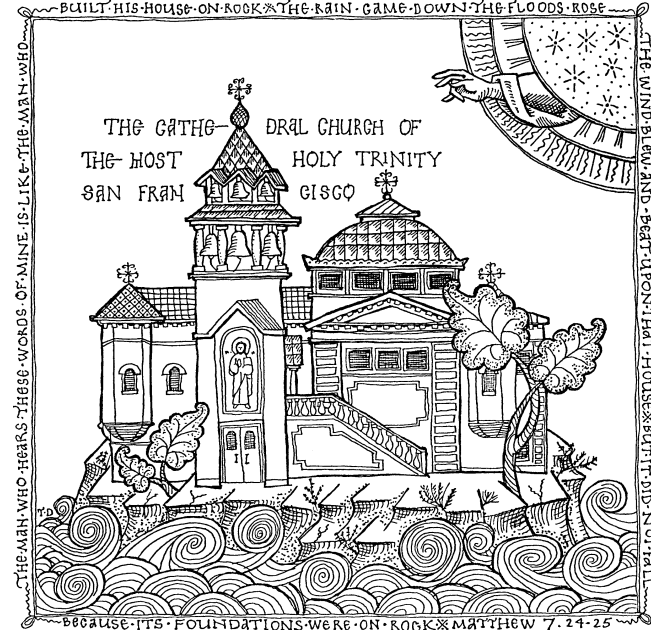
## This Week at Holy Trinity

- Tue. Jan. 30:** **Synaxis of the Ecumenical Teachers and Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
12:00 noon Orthodox Christian Fellowship at USF
- Wed. Jan. 31:** *No Wednesday Vespers this week*
- Thu. Feb. 1:** **Forefeast of the Meeting of the Lord**  
6:00 pm Festal Vigil
- Fri. Feb. 2:** **Meeting of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
- Sat. Feb. 3:** Vigil followed by confessions
- Sun. Feb. 4:** **Afterfeast of the Meeting of the Lord**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship hour  
*Parking available Sunday morning at St. Brigid's*

### Contact Fr. Kirill

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



## Sunday, January 28, 2024

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Welcome!

**Today's Epistle**

Colossians 3:4-11

**Today's Gospel**

Matthew 22:35-46

**34<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.****20<sup>th</sup> Century New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia.****Tone 1.****Today's Epistle Reading***Colossians 3:4-11*

Brethren: When Christ our life shall appear, then you shall also appear with Him in glory. Therefore mortify your members which are upon the earth: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the children of disobedience. And you yourselves once walked in them when they were your life. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, abusive language and filthy talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

**Today's Gospel Reading***Matthew 22:35-46*

At that time, one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"

Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?"

They said to Him, "The Son of David."

He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying:

"The LORD said to my Lord,

"Sit at My right hand,

Till I make Your enemies Your footstool" ?

If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

**20<sup>th</sup> Century New Martyrs and Confessors**

It has been said that the glory of the Church of God is its martyrs, those people who proved ready to be witnesses of their God and witnesses of their Faith up to their own death. I was asked some time ago, "Why endure martyrdom, why not be silent and keep one's faith in one's heart?", and my answer was, "Would you, if challenged, renounce your father, your mother, your child, the man or the woman whom you love, simply for the sake of enduring no danger?". And so it was with the martyrs: they loved the Lord — not sentimentally, but with all their heart. They loved the Lord with all their life and indeed, with their death if it proved necessary.

We keep to-day the memory of the new martyrs. The martyrs of old we know about, and they are so distant, we are used to them; but in the last seventy years the Russian Church has brought thousands and thousands of new martyrs, men, women, indeed children, who proved ready not only to proclaim their Faith openly, but when challenged unto death, to die rather than renounce the God and the Lord whom they venerated, adored and wanted to serve.

The Russian Church has now established a special Feast of the New Martyrs and Witnesses, that will be kept every year. Some of their names are known and millions are unknown; but we commemorate only a few — those who in the first days of the Revolution gave their lives and were therefore a beacon, an example for millions of others who came after them to do the same... [we are] praying to them for the grace of faithfulness, the grace of courage, the grace of such love for God and for our neighbour, that we also should be able to be true witnesses. No one at the moment is asking for our life, but how many there are who ask for our mercy and for the word of truth that would kindly in their heart a new life, a new hope, a new joy. Amen.

*Metropolitan Anthony Bloom, February 5, 1995*

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**Many Years!****Anniversaries**

*Diaconate:* Archpriest Kirill Sokolov (Jan 30)

*Reader:* Subdeacon Peter Taibbi (Feb 2)

**Birthday**

Enrique (Elijah) Gavidia (Jan 29)

Matushka Patricia Jorgenson (Jan 30)

Archpriest Kirill Sokolov (Jan 31)

**Nameday**

Anne Kirueshkin (Feb 3)

**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 all those who contributed to today's potluck.