Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** Whether you are searching for a new church or visiting, we welcome you and hope your experience at the Divine Liturgy is edifying and spiritually nourishing. Please join us for lunch after the service.
- **Children's Church School:** In addition to the pre-liturgy church school, our special monthly classes for K-8 will be held after the fellowship meal today.
- **Charity Appeal.** It's the time of the year when we receive many requests from worthy charities for worthy causes! Our parish's annual charity appeal will benefit the work of International Orthodox Christian Charities.
- **On Monday**, the Church remembers our heavenly patron St. Tikhon, Enlightener of North America, and the Holy Fathers of the 1917-1918 Church Council. We will pray a prayer service (*akathistos*) to St. Tikhon at 12:30 pm Monday.
- **Next Sunday** 11/24 we are restarting and refreshing an annual opportunity to make a child's life brighter in connection with St. Nicholas and the Nativity Fast. You can retrieve a "tag" from the Christmas Tree in our Library and bring back a present for a foster child for bagging at our Giving Tree St. Nicholas Party on December 8. What a great way to bring joy to children this season!

This Week at Holy Trinity

Mon. Nov. 18: **St. Tikhon & the Holy Fathers of the 1917-1918 Council**
12:30 pm Akathistos (Prayer Service) to St. Tikhon

Tue. Nov. 19: 12:00 noon Orthodox Christian Fellowship at USF

Wed. Nov 20: 6:00 pm Festal Vigil
Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's

Thu. Nov. 21: **ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE**
8:00 am Divine Liturgy
7:00 pm Online Bible Study with Fr. James

Sat. Nov. 23: 4:30 pm Introduction to Orthodoxy Class (*all welcome!*)
6:00 pm Vigil and Confessions
Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's

Sun. Nov. 24: **Afterfeast of the Entry into the Temple. St. Catherine.**
Before Liturgy: Choir Rehearsal; Church School; Hours
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Potluck fellowship hour
Parking available Sunday morning at St. Brigid's

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Holy Trinity Cathedral

Sunday, November 17, 2024

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

Today's Epistle
Galatians 2:16-20
Today's Gospel
Luke 12:16-21

21st Sunday after Pentecost.
St. Gregory, Wonderworker of Neo-Cæsarea (ca. 266-270)
Tone 4.

Today's Epistle Reading

Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren: We know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Hence we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, for by works of the Law shall no flesh be justified. But if, while we are seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore the minister of sin? God forbid. For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live to God. I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me. And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 12:16-21

The Lord spoke 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 Schmemann 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
Bonnie (Marie) Cherry (11/20)
Seva (Sevastiana) Anderson (11/20)
Luke Jorgenson (11/21)
Tate (Isaac) Oien (11/22)

Birthday
Matthew Heffernan (11/17)
Gregory Sokolov (11/22)
Katherine Gaudreau (11/23)

Thank you!

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

Our gratitude to all those who prepared today's fellowship meal!