Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** Whether you are searching for a new church or visiting, welcome! We hope your experience at the Divine Liturgy is edifying and spiritually nourishing. Today we had the joy of our Bishop Vasily serving the Liturgy and ordaining a new priest! You are invited to join us for lunch afterwards. We would love to greet you and answer any questions.
- **Youth / Camp Appeal.** This Sunday, every parish in our area is asked to make a 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. The dates for camp this year are June 21–June 27.
- **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!

This Week at Holy Trinity

Tue. Jan. 27: 12:00 noon Orthodox Christian Fellowship at USF

Wed. Jan. 28: 6:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Men's Group
Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's

Thu. Jan. 29: 7:00 pm Online Bible Study with Fr. James

Fri. Jan. 30: **Synaxis of the Ecumenical Teachers and Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Sat. Jan. 31: 4:30 pm Introduction to Orthodoxy Class (*all welcome!*)
6:00 pm Vigil and Confessions
Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's

Sun. Feb. 1: **Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee**
Before Liturgy: Choir Rehearsal; Church School; Hours
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship hour
6:00 pm Festal Vigil for Meeting of the Lord
Parking available both services at St. Brigid's

Mon. Feb. 2: **Meeting of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Contact Fr. Kirill

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Holy Trinity Cathedral

Sunday, January 25, 2026

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

Today's Epistle
1 Timothy 4:9-15
Today's Gospel
Luke 19:1-10

33rd Sunday after Pentecost.
Sunday of Zacchaeus.
St. Gregory the Theologian,
Archbishop of Constantinople (389).
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Today's Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 4:9-15

Timothy, my son: This saying is true and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

Command and teach these things. Let no one despise thy youth, but be thou an example to the faithful in speech, in conduct, in charity, in faith, in purity. Till I come, be diligent in reading, in exhortation and in teaching. Do not neglect the gift which is in thee, granted to thee by reason of prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

Meditate upon these things; give thyself entirely to them, that thy progress may be seen by all.

Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

At that time: Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."

Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."

And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Desire

This Sunday is also known as Zacchaeus Sunday, since we read Luke 19 about the encounter the tax-collector Zacchaeus has with Jesus Christ. This particular Sunday is the first "signal" that we are approaching the beginning of Great Lent. This means that we are now five Sundays and four weeks away from the Lenten season. In the Gospel we heard last week, the Blind Man receives his sight, and he sees and follows Jesus. His prayer was persistent, as should be ours with the desire to see Christ in the heart. Today's Gospel continues that essential theme. Fr Alexander Schmemann made the following remarks: "Zacchaeus wanted to see Christ; he wanted this so much that his desire attracted the attention of the Lord Jesus. Desire is the beginning of everything. As the Gospel says, 'Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also' (Matthew 6:21). Everything in our life begins with desire, since what we desire is also what we love, what draws us from within, what we surrender to. We know that Zacchaeus loved money, and by his own admission we know that to get it he had no scruples about defrauding others. Zacchaeus was rich and he loved riches, but within himself he discovered another desire, he wanted something else, and this desire became the pivotal moment of his life. This Gospel story poses a question to each of us: what do you love, what do you desire–not superficially, but deeply? 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock,' the New Testament says (Revelation 3:20).

Do you hear this quiet knock? Desire. The soul taking a deep breath. The little man, Zacchaeus, with his eyes to the ground focusing on earthly desires, encounters Christ and now ceases to be little as his victory over himself begins. Here is the start, the first step from exterior to interior, toward that mysterious homeland which all human beings, unknown often to themselves, long for and desire."

Many Years!

Anniversary

Diaconate: Archpriest Kirill Sokolov (Jan 30)

Birthday

Michael Ruchka (Jan 25)
Anastasia Mason (Jan 26)
Hugues Disney (Jan 27)
Enrique (Elijah) Gavidia (Jan 29)
Matushka Patricia Jorgenson (Jan 30)
Archpriest Kirill Sokolov (Jan 31)

Nameday

Tate (Isaac) Oien (Jan 28)

Axios!

Congratulations to Fr. Gregory and Matushka Hope Hanson on the occasion of Father's ordination today! In connection with his ordination to the holy priesthood today, Fr. Gregory begins his ministry serving here at Holy Trinity with us.

Thank You

Thanks to all those who helped host yesterday's Walk for Life pilgrims and those who contributed to today's potluck meal!