

Holy Trinity Cathedral & Pacific Central Deanery  
Annual Advent Retreat  
Saturday, December 3, 2022



# “Behold, I make all things new!”

What does the coming of Christ mean for us, today?

Reflections and conversations led by  
**The Very Rev. Andreas Blom**  
**The Rev. Dr. Gregory Matlak**  
**The Very Rev. Dr. Kirill Sokolov**

It is the conviction of the Orthodox, Catholic, Christian faith that God took flesh to make humans His dwelling; He lived as a creature on earth to recreate the whole of creation; He came and lived and died so that we could live as God intended us to live, both now in this world and in the age to come. For those who are in Christ, everything is new (2 Corinthians 5:17). And yet, here we are – at the end of 2022 – and sometimes it feels like *nothing* is new and instead everything is somehow at best “same old, same old”: tired and weary, or getting much worse. What do we make of this? How can we rediscover the newness of Jesus Christ? What would that look like in our lives, our homes, and in our parishes?

This day-long “retreat” will include a series of reflections and conversations intended to stimulate our faith and life in this annual season of renewal. Archpriest Andreas Blom was born and raised in Sweden. He is a graduate of St. Tikhon’s Seminary, and the rector of Archangel Gabriel Orthodox Church in Ashland, Oregon, where he has been serving since 2012. Father Gregory Matlak was raised in Utah and is Rector of St. Christina Orthodox Church in Fremont, CA, where he has served since his ordination to the priesthood in 2020. He received his PhD in Theology and Education from Boston College and studied at St. Tikhon’s. Archpriest Kirill Sokolov is Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral and Chancellor of the Diocese of the West. He is a graduate of St. Vladimir’s Seminary and earned his doctorate in leadership from Pepperdine University.

## SCHEDULE Saturday, December 3, 2022

8:30 am	Divine Liturgy
10:00 am	Registration, coffee, lenten breakfast
11:00 am	<u>Introduction and first session</u>
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	<u>Second session and panel discussion</u>
3:30 pm	Closing prayer
4:00 pm	Vigil

Pre-register at [holy-trinity.org/events](https://holy-trinity.org/events) with a suggested donation of \$25. Please pre-register regardless of your ability to contribute. Registration will be accepted at the door as space permits with a suggested donation of \$30. Contact Fr. Kirill Sokolov at [frkirill@holy-trinity.org](mailto:frkirill@holy-trinity.org) or 415-673-8565 with questions or to register by mail or phone. We look forward to being with you!



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