

## Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service as we worship the Holy Trinity! Please introduce yourself to our pastor, Father Kirill or reach out by e-mail or telephone.
- **We add to our fervent prayers new catechumen** George Luo. We wish George every blessing as he continues on the path to Holy Baptism! We regularly have classes and Q&A sessions for all those interested in knowing more about the Faith; our next such session is Saturday, December 10, at 4:30 pm before the evening service.
- **Preparing your pledge.** It is the time of year when we prayerfully make our annual pledge, offering our “first fruits” to God. “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). You can pick up a pledge card at church or fill out your pledge online at our web site, [holy-trinity.org](http://holy-trinity.org).
- **Bookstore.** Our bookstore downstairs was restocked this week! Curl up with a good book or give one as a gift. We will be open after Sunday Liturgy and can easily open on request.

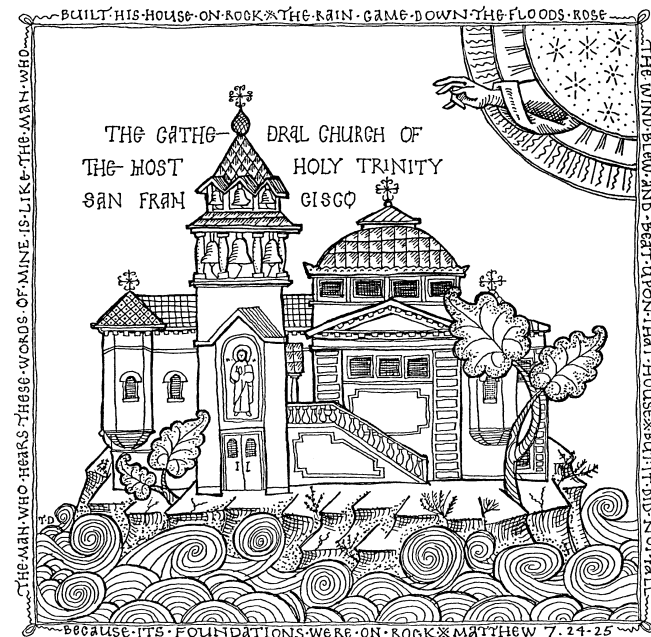
## This Week at Holy Trinity

- Mon. Dec. 5:** 7:00 pm Festal Vigil at St. Nicholas Church, San Anselmo
- Tue. Dec. 6:** **St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Abp. of Myra in Lycia**  
9:30 am Patronal Feast Day Divine Liturgy  
at St. Nicholas Church, San Anselmo  
12:00 pm Orthodox Christian Fellowship at USF
- Wed. Dec. 7:** 6:00 pm Vespers
- Thu. Dec. 8:** 7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Fr. James
- Sat. Dec. 10:** 4:30 pm Catechumen/Inquirer Class (all welcome!)  
6:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions
- Sun. Dec. 11:** **Sunday of the Holy Forefathers of Christ**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
followed by Fellowship Hour & Reading Group  
11:45 am Parish Council meeting  
*Parking available at St. Brigid's for morning service.*

### Contact Fr. Kirill

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# Holy Trinity Cathedral



## Sunday, December 4, 2022

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

## Today's Epistle

Ephesians 4:1-6

## Today's Gospel

Luke 17:12-19

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

**Great Martyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana, at Heliopolis in Syria (306).**

**Venerable John of Damascus (776).**

**Hieromartyr Alexander Hotovitsky, missionary in America (1937).**

**Tone 8.**

## Today's Epistle Reading

*Ephesians 4:1-6*

Brethren, I the prisoner in the Lord, exhort you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all humility and meekness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, careful to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, even as you were called in one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in all.

## Today's Gospel Reading

*Luke 17:12-19*

At that time, as Jesus entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

## The Holy Priest-Martyr Alexander Hotovitsky

The Orthodox Church in America commemorates the Glorification (canonizing) of the New Martyr Alexander Hotovitzky, on December 4th. He was born in Russia in 1872, graduated from the St. Petersburg Theological Academy in 1895 and went to New York City to serve as a missionary. He was ordained priest here at our parish in San Francisco in 1896, and served under then Bishop Tikhon (later Patriarch). Through Father Alexander's efforts, Orthodox parishes were established in New York Philadelphia, Yonkers, and

Passaic as well as other large and small towns throughout North America. He left America in 1914, and served in Helsinki and then Moscow. After the Bolsheviks took power, he was arrested numerous times and sent to prison camps, and eventually released. In the fall of 1937, the New Martyr Alexander was arrested again—a majority of oral reports testify to his death as a martyr. The Orthodox Church in America, on whose territory Protopresbyter Alexander served as a priest until 1914, venerates him as a passion-bearer, whose life as a confessor ended with sufferings for Christ. The place of his burial is unknown.

## Worthy?

...The only real condition for partaking of the Divine Mysteries is *membership in the Church* and conversely, that membership in the Church is fulfilled in the partaking of the sacrament of the Church. Communion is given "for the remission of sins," "for the healing of the soul and body," and it implies, therefore, *repentance*, the awareness of our total unworthiness, and the understanding of communion as a heavenly gift which never can be "deserved" by an earthly being. The whole meaning of preparation for communion, as established by the Church ("The Rule for Holy Communion") is not, of course, in making man feel "worthy" but, on the contrary, in revealing to him the abyss of God's mercy and love ("I am not worthy, Master and Lord . . . yet since Thou in Thy love . . . dost wish to dwell in me, in boldness I come. Thou commandest, open the gates . . . and Thou wilt come in love . . . and enlighten my darkened reasoning. *I believe that Thou wilt do this . . .*). Before the Lord's table the only "worthiness" of the communicant is that he has been and realized his bottomless "unworthiness." This, indeed, is the beginning of salvation.

—Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

<https://www.schmemann.org/byhim/confessionandcommunion.html>



## Many Years!

**Nameday:**  
Nicholas Sokolov (Dec 6)

**Birthday:**  
Matushka Sophia Sokolov (Dec 5)  
Olesya Chertova (Dec 8)

## Thank you!

We are incredibly grateful to all those who cooked and helped prepare hospitality at yesterday's retreat. Thank you!

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

Thanks to Irina Yugay for preparing today's lunch!