

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service as we worship the Holy Trinity! Please take a moment after the service to introduce yourself to His Eminence, our Archbishop Benjamin, and our pastor, Father Kirill. You are cordially invited to join us for coffee and Christmas treats after the Festal Liturgy.
- **Service Opportunity.** We plan to serve meals to homeless at the Interfaith Winter Shelter, Thursday, January 12, 5:00 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral on Gough St. Sign up by sending Fr. Kirill a note. Details to follow by e-mail.
- **Theophany and House Blessings.** The great feast of Epiphany on January 6 is preceded by a cycle of services that is a source of blessings and strength for the believer. On the feast itself, creation is renewed in the Great Blessing of Water. It is sometimes hard at the beginning of January to arrange our calendars so that we can immerse ourselves into this bounty, so let's be intentional about making that effort! It is proper for our homes to be blessed every year with this Holy Water on the days following Theophany; please schedule your appointment with Fr. Kirill.

This Week & Theophany at Holy Trinity

- Tue. Dec. 27:** 9:30 am St. Stephen Day Divine Liturgy in San Anselmo
- Wed. Dec. 28:** No Vespers
- Sat. Dec. 31:** 6:00 pm Great Vespers & New Year Prayers
- Sun. Jan. 1:** **The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. St. Basil the Great. Civil New Year.**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship hour
Parking available Sunday at St. Brigid's
- Mon. Jan. 2:** 9:30 am St. Seraphim Day Divine Liturgy in Santa Rosa
- Wed. Jan. 4:** 6:00 pm Royal Hours for the Theophany
- Thu. Jan. 5:** 9:30 am Theophany Eve Vespers and Divine Liturgy
6:00 pm Festal Vigil
Parking available at St. Brigid School for Vigil only
- Fri. Jan. 6:** **THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water
- Sat. Jan. 7:** 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
6:00 pm Great Vespers

Contact Fr. Kirill

Question? Want to talk? Or be on our email list?
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Christ is Born! Glorify Him!



Sunday, December 25, 2022

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We are delighted to be together with you
in worshipping the Newly-Born Lord. Welcome!

Today's Epistle

Galatians 4:4-7

Today's Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

28th Sunday after Pentecost.**The Nativity According to the Flesh of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ.****The Adoration of the Magi: Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar. Commemoration of the Shepherds in Bethlehem who were watching their flocks, and went to see the Lord.****Tone 3.****Today's Epistle Reading***Galatians 4:4-7*

Brethren: When the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Today's Gospel Reading*Matthew 2:1-12*

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
Are not the least among the rulers of Judah;
For out of you shall come a Ruler
Who will shepherd My people Israel.'

Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over

where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

On Christ's Nativity

The child in that distant Bethlehem cave has no desire that we fear Him; He enters our hearts not by frightening us, by proving His power and authority, but by love alone. He is given to us as a child, and only as children can we in turn love Him and give ourselves to Him. The world is ruled by authority and power, by fear and domination. The Child God liberates us from that. All He desires from us is our love, freely given and joyful; all He desires is that we give Him our heart. And we give it to a defenseless, endlessly trusting child. —Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

Christmas Greetings

Please accept heartfelt and joyous greetings from me, Matushka Sophia, and our family: Christ is born! Glorify Him! Today's Epistle reading reminds us of the stunning reality of what Christ has accomplished: St. Paul uses the Roman legal term for *adoption* – by God our "Abba" – for you and for me. It's hard to think about even: you and I are *heirs of God* thanks to Christ. Let's live that reality in the coming year! I am grateful to God for the opportunity to serve in this beautiful community with all of you. —Fr. Kirill

**Many Years!****Namedays**

Robert (Rdr Stephen) Parent (Dec 27)
Steven Belonick (Dec 27)
David Lee (Sunday after Nativity)

Birthdays

Robert (Rdr Stephen) Parent (Dec 26)
Stephen Richards (Dec 26)
Andrew Pickering (Dec 27)

Many Years!**Anniversary of Baptism**

Elliot Sylvan Dunham (Dec 29)

Christ is born!

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