

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We welcome you and hope your experience at the Divine Liturgy is edifying and spiritually nourishing. Please take a moment after the service to introduce yourself to our pastor, Father Kirill. You are invited to join us for lunch after the service. We would love to greet you and answer any questions.
- **Charity Appeal.** We'll continue our collection today. This year, our parish will distribute our alms to recent refugee families in need.
- **Thanksgiving.** We are looking forward to celebrating the Eucharist on Thanksgiving at 9:30 am and having our traditional potluck afterwards!
- **Our Advent Retreat** is planned for Saturday, December 2. Our retreat master this year is Fr. Andrew Morbey, Dean of St. Mary's Cathedral in Minneapolis. Father's topic is *Why Institutional Church, Anyway?* The day begins at 10:30 am and Vigil that Saturday will be at 4:00 pm. Register today: holy-trinity.org/events
- **The Feast of the beloved Saint Nicholas** is on December 6. The celebration will take place at the Parish of St. Nicholas in San Anselmo (Vigil Dec. 5 at 7 PM, Liturgy Dec. 6 at 9:30 AM. All are invited to attend.

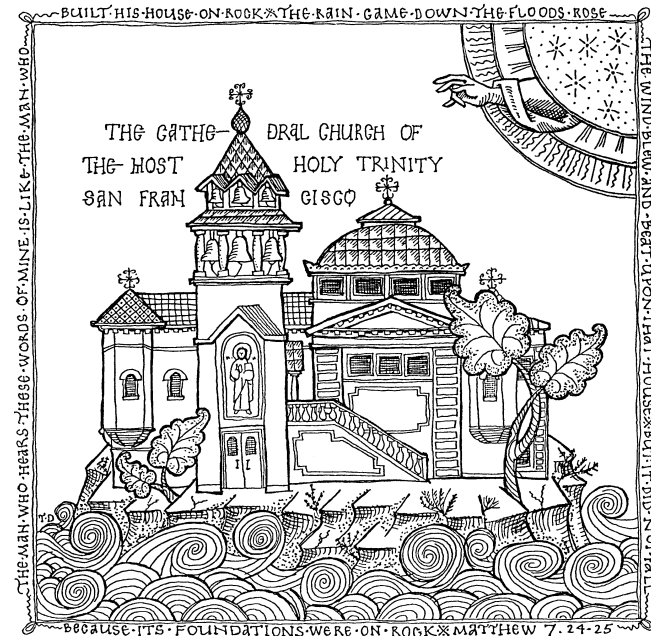
This Week at Holy Trinity

- Mon. Nov. 20** **Forefeast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos**
6:00 pm Festal Vigil
Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's
- Tue. Nov. 21** **ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
12:00 pm Orthodox Christian Fellowship at USF
- Wed. Nov. 22:** 6:00 pm Great Vespers
- Thu. Nov. 23:** **Thanksgiving Day**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by traditional potluck
- Sat. Nov. 25:** 6:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions
- Sun. Nov. 26:** **24th Sunday After Pentecost. St. Innocent of Irkutsk.**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Potluck Fellowship Hour
Parking available Sunday morning at St. Brigid's

Contact Fr. Kirill

Question? Want to talk? Or be on our email list?
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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, November 19, 2023

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

Today's Epistle

Ephesians 2:14-22

Today's Gospel

Luke 12:16-21

24th Sunday after Pentecost.

Holy Prophet Obadiah (9th c. B.C.)

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Today's Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:14-22

Brethren, Christ Himself is our peace, and it is He who has made both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of enmity, by abolishing in His flesh the Law of commandments expressed in decrees, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby in Himself slaying the enmity.

And He came and announced the good tidings of peace to you who were afar off and peace to those who were near, for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. Now therefore you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is fitted closely together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 12:16-21

The Lord said 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 Schmemmann 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)

Nameday (11/23)

Katherine Strelkoff, Katherine
Gaudreau, Catherine Moyer

Birthday

Brittany Anne Yeager (11/15)
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 Patricia,
Katherine S., George, and Bonnie
for organizing today's fellowship
meal!