

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service today in worshipping the Holy Trinity. Please take a moment after the service to introduce yourself to our pastor, Father Kirill. You are cordially invited to join us for the fellowship luncheon or coffee after the service!
- **Today is Sanctity of Life Sunday** in the Orthodox Church in America. Thanks to all those who hosted pilgrims at our parish yesterday and who took part in the Walk for Life. See His Beatitude's message on oca.org.
- **High School Students and Young Adults** will meet for church school today.
- **St Eugene's Camp.** This year's children's camp will be held near Dunlap, CA from Monday June 24 – Saturday June 29 (mid-morning). Our Orthodox camp is a foundational experience in the Christ-centered upbringing of our kids! Our parish offers scholarship to our kids to attend; just speak with Fr. Kirill (or if you'd like to be a counsellor!)
- **Today and next Sunday** every parish in our area is asked to make a special collection for our 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.
- **Annual Parish Assembly.** Our annual parish assembly will be next Sunday, January 28 following Divine Liturgy during our potluck fellowship time. Please plan to attend! If you would like to serve in an elected position or know more, please speak with Felicia Dunham or Fr. Kirill.

This Week at Holy Trinity

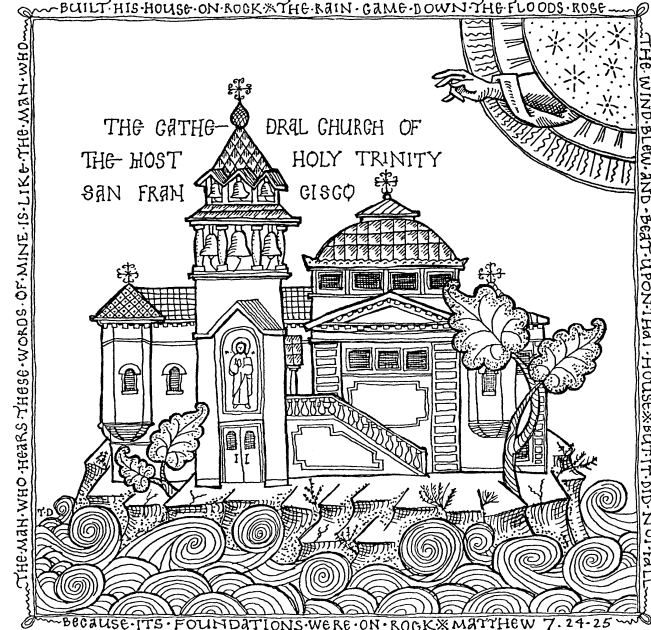
Fr. Kirill is away Monday–Thursday for annual diocesan deans retreat

- Tue. Jan. 23:** 12:00 noon Orthodox Christian Fellowship at USF
- Wed. Jan. 24:** 6:00 pm Vespers
- Thu. Jan. 25:** 7:00 pm Online Bible Study with Fr. James
- Sat. Jan. 27:** 6:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sun. Jan. 28:** **New Martyrs & Confessors of Russia**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by potluck fellowship hour
& [Annual Parish Assembly](#)
- Tue. Jan. 30:** 9:30 am Divine Liturgy – Feast of Three Hierarchs
- Wed. Jan. 31:** 6:00 pm Vespers

Contact Fr. Kirill

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



Sunday, January 21, 2024

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Welcome!*

Today's Epistle
Colossians 1:12-18
Today's Gospel
Matthew 22:1-14

33rd Sunday after Pentecost.
Ven. Maximus the Confessor (662).
Sanctity of Life Sunday.
Tone 8.

Today's Epistle Reading
Colossians 1:12-18

Brethren: Render thanks with joy to the Father, who has made us worthy to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and has brought us away into the kingdom of His dear Son, in whom we have redemption, the remission of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature. For in Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers. All things were created through Him and for him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He might have the first place.

Today's Gospel Reading
Matthew 22:1-14

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding."' But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

"For many are called, but few are chosen."

Sayings of St. Maximus the Confessor

The person who loves God cannot help loving every man as himself, even though he is grieved by the passions of those who are not yet purified. But when they amend their lives, his delight is indescribable and knows no bounds. (1.13)

Sometimes men are tested by pleasure, sometimes by distress or by physical suffering. By means of His prescriptions the Physician of souls administers the remedy according to the cause of the passions lying hidden in the soul. (2.44)

When you are insulted by someone or humiliated, guard against angry thoughts, lest they arouse a feeling of irritation, and so cut you off from love and place you in the realm of hatred. (1.29)

If we detect any trace of hatred in our hearts against any man whatsoever for committing any fault, we are utterly estranged from love for God, since love for God absolutely precludes us from hating any man. (1.15)

Do not say that you are the temple of the Lord, writes Jeremiah (cf. Jer. 7:4); nor should you say that faith alone in our Lord Jesus Christ can save you, for this is impossible unless you also acquire love for Him through your works. As for faith by itself, the devils also believe, and tremble (Jas. 2:19). (1.39)

Let yourself die while striving, rather than living in laziness. For those who die while trying to keep the commandments are just as much martyrs as those who died for Christ's sake. (2.42)

Four Hundred Texts on Love,
[The Philokalia: The Complete Text \(Vol. 2\)](#)



Many Years!

Birthday

Amy Elizabeth Berry (Jan 22)
Archpriest John Takahashi (Jan 23)
Hugues Disney (Jan 27)

Nameday

Felicia Dunham (Jan 25)
Gregory Sokolov (Jan 25)
Kelly Gregory Gerber (Jan 25)

**Welcome &
Thank You!**

Welcome guests and visitors!
Please join us for coffee and
lunch after the Divine Liturgy.
We look forward to saying hello.

Thanks to Katherine, Catherine,
and David for today's fellowship
meal!