

## 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!
- **Annual Parish Assembly.** I want to thank all of you who participated in last Sunday's Annual Parish Assembly. We hope to liturgically install this year's Council on February 25. Parish Council meetings during the year are "open" to all; if you ever have any questions, please check in with any parish council member including our Lay Vice President, Felicia Dunham. -Fr. Kirill
- **Mark your mind, heart, and calendars - really!** At the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord we start to think about Lent, Pascha... but with Pascha (Easter) relatively late on Sunday, May 5 this year, it might be helpful to make sure our schedules are oriented to the holiest moments of the year. The whole of "Clean Week" (March 18-22) and Great and Holy Week (beginning Palm Sunday April 28) should be deliberately under-scheduled in our busy lives so that we can more fully immerse ourselves into what we really need. And, our parish feast day, Pentecost, is June 23.
- **St. Eugene's Camp** is June 24-29 this year. We're starting to organize our counsellors and other volunteers. Interested in this beautiful way to serve? Please talk with Fr. Kirill or camp director Fr. Andrew.

## This Week at Holy Trinity

- Wed. Feb. 7:** 6:00 pm Vespers
- Thu. Feb. 8:** 5:00 pm Serve dinner at Interfaith Winter Shelter
- Sat. Feb. 10:** 4:30 pm Catechumen / Inquirer Class (*all welcome!*)  
6:00 pm Vigil followed by Confessions
- Sun. Feb. 11:** **36<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Hieromartyr Blaise.**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship hour  
& Church School (high school and young adults)  
*Parking available Sunday morning at St. Brigid's*

### Contact Fr. Kirill

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# Holy Trinity Cathedral



## Sunday, February 4, 2024

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

**Today's Epistle**

Colossians 3:12-16

**Today's Gospel**

Matthew 25:14-30

**35<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.****Afterfeast of the Meeting of the Lord.****Ven. Isidore of Pelusium (ca. 346-440)****Tone 2.****Today's Epistle Reading***Colossians 3:12-16*

Brethren: Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness and patience. Bear with one another, and if anyone has a grievance against any other, forgive one another. Even as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom by psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing with gratitude in your hearts to God.

**Today's Gospel Reading***Matthew 25:14-30*

The Lord said this parable: "the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

"So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

"Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and

gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

"But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

**Meeting the Lord: It begins with an invitation**

The celebration of the Meeting of the Lord in the church is not merely a historical commemoration. Inspired by the same Holy Spirit as Simeon, and led by the same Spirit into the Church of the Messiah, the members of the Church also can claim their own "meeting" with the Lord, and so also can witness that they too can "depart in peace" since their eyes have seen the salvation of God in the person of his Christ.

*Might I suggest* that each of us take the opportunity to humbly, prayerfully, kindly bring one person, just one person a year to church. Stats tell us that if you ask enough, one will come! Let's say that we have 100 dedicated supporting parish members that invite one person a year. Youth: please invite others as well. Believe me, I ask people all the time, every week, "please visit..." etc. It's going to take a year for someone to accept that invitation and then say, as one of our inquirers told me yesterday: "I knew I wanted to become a catechumen at my very first Divine Liturgy, to be baptized here." Invite one person a year, each of us here. Let's just round it to 100 of us. Next year there will be 200. The following year 400, the next 800. It's *Not about numbers*, it's about sharing, it's about courage, it's about living the faith with enthusiasm and it's about love for your neighbor, to witness to your love of God.

*—borrowed from Fr. Lawrence Margitich, our district dean*

**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 the Sims Family and Ketj for preparing today's luncheon!

