

then can it produce fruit. ...All of the blessings we receive rightly belong to God, we offer Him only a percentage of what is rightfully his...Pray about your giving... As it says in Deuteronomy 16:17, "Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you." Our ancestors responded to the Lord's command by tithing. Throughout my entire adult life I have given the tithe to the church. I have never lacked any good thing, and indeed God has richly and abundantly blessed us and provided for our every need. As we are taught in Proverbs (3:9-10): "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." —*Father Theodore Bobosh*



Holy Trinity Cathedral & Pacific Central Deanery
Annual Advent Retreat
Saturday, December 7, 2019

Meant to be Mediators!

Mutual Prayer at the center of our lives

Dr. Edith M. Humphrey

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If every Christian has a direct relationship with the Father, through Jesus Christ, then why are the prayers of the saints so important? Why do we pray for each other? Shouldn't we simply go "straight to the top?" We are excited to have Professor Edith M. Humphrey with us to discover what the Scriptures and the Fathers have to say about the nature of the Church and why our prayers one for another are so crucial.

SCHEDULE

10:00 am	Registration
10:30 am	First session
11:45 am	Lunch
12:45 pm	Second session
1:45 pm	Short break
2:00 pm	Third session
3:00 pm	Closing Prayer

Pre-register at holytrinity.org/events with a suggested donation of \$20. Registration will be accepted at the door as space permits with a suggested donation of \$25.

Contact Father Kirill Sokolov, Dean, at frkirill@holy-trinity.org or 415-673-8565 with questions or to register by mail or phone. Please pre-register regardless of your ability to contribute. We look forward to seeing you!



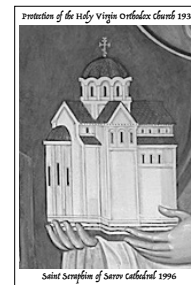
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PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH



November 24, 2019

Post-Feast of the Entrance and Great Martyr Catherine



• TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Six:

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hades, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: Glory to Thee.

• TROPARION OF THE ENTRANCE, Tone Four:

Today is the prelude of God's good will and the heralding of the salvation of mankind. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and she proclaimeth Christ unto all. To her, then, with a great voice let us cry aloud: Rejoice, O thou fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

• TROPARION OF ST. CATHERINE, Tone Five:

Let us praise the all-lauded and noble bride of Christ, the Godly Catherine, the guardian of Sinai and its defense, who is also our support and succor and our help; for with the Holy Spirit's sword she hath silenced brilliantly

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the clever among the godless; and being crowned as a Martyr, she now doth ask great mercy for us all.

• KONTAKION OF THE ENTRANCE, Tone Four:

The all-pure Temple of the Savior, the precious Bridal Chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of the glory of God, is led today into the house of the Lord, and with her she brings the grace of the divine Spirit. Of her God's angels sing in praise: "She is indeed the heavenly Tabernacle."

KONTAKION OF ST. CATHERINE, Tone Two:

Rouse up now a choir, O ye that love the martyred saints, august and inspired, acclaiming the supremely-wise Martyr Catherine, who hath proclaimed and preached of Christ in the stadium, and hath trampled the serpent down, and spat on the knowledge of the eloquent.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, Nov. 23: 3:30 PM, Catechism: *Jesus Christ the Son of God*
3:30 PM, Nativity Play Rehearsal
5 PM, Great Vespers / Confessions
- Sunday, Nov. 24: 8:30 AM, Matins of the Resurrection
10 AM, Divine Liturgy
Noon, Agape Meal
- Tue., Nov. 26: 4:15 PM, Thanksgiving Dinner Assembly
- Wed., Nov. 27: 9 AM, Divine Liturgy, Feast of St. James the Persian (Protection Church)
6 PM, Vespers, Potluck, **Study of the Epistle to the Romans**
- Thurs., Nov. 28: 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for Thanksgiving Day
- Fri., Nov. 29: 11:30 AM, Prep for Christmas Bazaar
6 PM, Vespers for Feast of St. Andrew
Panikhida for Konstantin Sakovich
- Sat., Nov. 30: Christmas Bazaar all day
3:30 PM, Catechism: *Jesus Christ the Savior*
3:30 PM, Nativity Play Rehearsal
5 PM, Great Vespers / Confessions

• NOTEWORTHY:

By special request, the Feast Day of the Great Martyr James the Persian will be celebrated with the Divine Liturgy, in the Protection Church, on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 9 AM. Vespers will be served as usual at 6 PM, followed by a potluck and session #2 of the Study of the Epistle to the Romans, led by Fr Lawrence.

HELP NEEDED

On Tuesday, November 26, starting at 4:15 PM, we will be assembling/boxing 100 Thanksgiving Dinners (all the fix-ins' included) and sending them to distribution centers in Santa Rosa. Help is needed to assemble the boxes. Invite your friends. This effort is extremely appreciated and impactful. If you have any questions you can contact Amy Ramirez Margitich at fosasquatch@gmail.com and at (707) 478-6767 or Serge Anderson at s.anderson4990@sbcglobal.net and at (707) 291-7452.

• CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SET-UP:

The Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 30 (St. Andrew Day) from 11 AM–4 PM in the Parish Hall and in the Church. On Friday we will be setting up the Hall, starting about 1 PM. All that's needed—unlike Glendi—is to move tables and chairs, do a bit of clean up and post some signs outside. A couple of hours time will be sufficient to accomplish our tasks. On Saturday, November 30 we will begin our preparations at 9 AM. Please speak with Emma Anderson (707) 888-2129 or Father Lawrence for more information and to volunteer.

• A GOOD HARVEST FOR ETERNAL LIFE

... Only by giving/sowing will we ever be able to reap a harvest, only by planting the seed will the seed grow and produce even more fruit. If we hold on to our seeds—to the blessings we have received and harvested—they can never grow and produce more. It is only in sowing the seed—giving it away, that it produces a harvest. In sowing seed, you get back more than you ever give. If you hold on to the seed, it will not produce a harvest, and will in fact die/become worthless, When we sow/plant our seed, only