

NOVEMBER 14: TRINITY XX

Commemoration of St Gregory Palamas



Today's collect speaks of serving God *cheerfully* – because *God loves a cheerful giver* (2 Corinthians 9, 7). We must not serve God and our neighbour because we have to, but because we want to, being *motivated by love*. Another word worthy of comment this morning comes in the epistle (Ephesians 5, 15-21). *Circumspectly* is not part (I trow) of our everyday speech. What the Apostle means is that we should *watch where we step*, avoiding the pitfalls and hazards of sin.

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Today's propers are found on pp. 301-303 of the black *Orthodox Missals*.

Today is also the feast of *St Gregory Palamas* (c. 1296- c. 1359), a great theologian of the Orthodox Church – a great theologian, because he was a great saint. Theology isn't talking about God; it is talking to God, knowing Him in a lived relationship. To quote his own words: *We unite ourselves to Him, in so far as this is possible, by participating in the Godlike virtues and by entering into communion with Him through prayer and praise* (*On Prayer and Purity of Heart*, 1).

Today's mass is offered for *Bebe Greenlee*, who has suffered a stroke. Mother of *Edie* and Grandmother of *Abbie*, Great-grandmother of the boys, she and her husband have been tremendous supporters of our parish.

We were supposed to have *Michelle Gallegos* with us today from *Marisol*. She has rescheduled for the new year.

Men's Retreat at the Monastery of Ladyminster Dec 3-5, \$125. More details: Fr Theodore (molsabbot@gmail.com). Topic: Christmas and A New Beginning in Christ.' Preacher: Fr James Torchihara.

Thanks to *Edie and Randy* for the gift of a *ceiling-fan* for the choir-loft.

Tuesday December 7 marks the 1, 500th anniversary of the birth of St Columba. To celebrate this event we will have a service of Solemn Vespers at 6.30pm, with the participation of singers from CU Boulder, and special guest preacher Fr Chad Hatfield, President of St Vladimir's Seminary, New York. Please make every effort to attend this service in honour of our heavenly patron.

PRAYERS

Bebe Greenlee; Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John; Kh Sue and family; Kay; Stella, Bill, and family; Justin (Miller); Jack (Leahy); Nick and Debbie; Maksymilian; Paul and Kelli; Paul; Caleb; Karl and family; the people of Lebanon; Dave, Dori, and Brielle; Fr Don and Kh Maggie; Shamassy Brittany; Glenn; Ed; Mia; Galena; Cole (our catechumen); Chris; Fr Rob

+ Archbishop Michael; Archpriest Alexander; Archpriest Stephen; Priest Nicola; Priest Justin; Kh Selma; Sh Mary Anne; Sd Lawrence; Mark; William; Eliot; Walter; Alex; Jo Anne; Ivan; Valerie; Chuck; Adrian; Stasha; Irene; Morris; Mark; Cathbarr; Sitric; Domnell; Charles

Kalendar

5: Mon: Feria: **Edie Stout, birthday**

16: Tu: Feria

17: Wed: Feria, com. St Gregory the Wonderworker; St Gregory of Tours: **Mass, 6.30pm (Mass of the Dedication of Ss Peter and Paul): Fr Les, birthday; Isaiah Kitsmiller, birthday; Alex Shea, birthday**

18: Thurs: Dedication of the Basilica of Ss Peter and Paul: **Matins, 10am; church open until noon: Fr Joseph Angwin, RIP**

19: Fri: Feria, com. St Pontianus: **abstinence: Rosary by zoom, 6.30pm**

20: Sat: 'Trinity XXI': **10am Latin Mass; Vespers, 5.30pm**

PARTING THOUGHT

The Abrahamic faith is faith in Christ – Alexis Torrance