

Tuesday digest

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- John Burgess on [Pussy Riot](#): "Pussy Riot became a cause célèbre for the Russian opposition and its Western supporters. Many Russian Orthodox believers see things differently. " (subscription required)
- David Heim on Hannah Rosin's article on [gender roles and the economy](#)
- Brant Copeland's [lectionary column for Sunday, September 30](#) (subscription required)
- Copeland's [blog post for this Sunday, the 23rd](#)
- A brief review of [Atina Diffley's organic farming memoir](#); another of [Trace Bundy's new record](#)
- "[Dancing in the Cathedral](#)," a poem by Luci Shaw

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