

Announcements

- **Giving Thanks.** The services of Holy Week and Pascha are celebrated in our parish with beauty and exuberance thanks to the many who offer their time and talent. Rather than thanking individuals by name and inadvertently omitting a name – and since all of us work for the love of the Lord and His Church – let us send up thanksgiving to God for those who cleaned, cooked, decorated, served, sang, arranged, polished, cared for one another, prayed and rejoiced. *Christ is risen!*
- **Artos.** At the end of the Paschal Liturgy, a beautifully decorated “loaf” of bread, the Artos, is blessed. The Artos symbolizes the physical presence of the resurrected Christ among the disciples. We bless the Artos with a special prayer and sprinkle it with Holy Water. It remains on a table before the Iconostasis throughout Bright Week. On Bright Saturday (this year we do it on Sunday), at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, a prayer is offered, and it is then distributed to all at the veneration of the Cross.
- **A Break?** Sometimes the weeks after Pascha can feel like a break after all the fervor of Lent and Holy Week. Instead, think of this time as an opportunity to do something that shows the power of the Resurrection in our lives. Two examples: reconnect with a friend in the parish or visit one of our shut-ins.

This Week at Holy Trinity

- Wed. Apr. 18:** *No Wednesday Vespers this week*
- Sat. Apr. 21:** 6:00 pm Vigil and Confessions
- Sun. Apr. 22:** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
followed by fellowship meal and Parish Council
Parking available Sunday at St. Brigid's

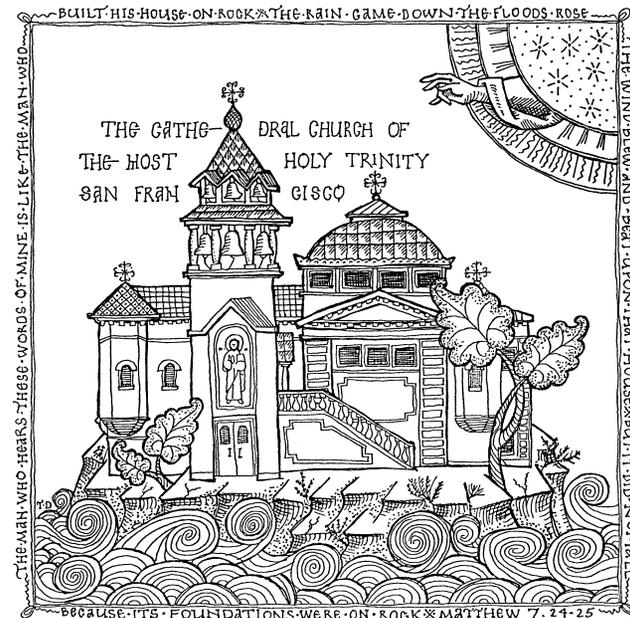
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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, April 15, 2018

Most Reverend Benjamin,
Archbishop of San Francisco and the West

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Apostolic Reading

Acts 5:12-20

Today's Gospel

John 20:19-31

2nd Sunday of Pascha**St. Thomas Sunday****Antipascha****Today's Apostolic Reading**

Acts 5:12-20

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And with one accord they all would meet in Solomon's portico; but of the rest, no one dared to associate with them, yet the people held them in high honor. And the multitude of men and women who believed in the Lord increased still more, so that they even carried the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. And there came also multitudes from the towns near Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and being filled with jealousy seized the Apostles and put them in the common prison. But during the night the angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this Life."

Today's Gospel

John 20:19-31

The same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

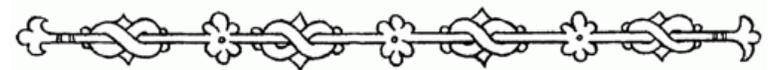
But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Thomas Sunday

The first week after Pascha is sometimes called Renewal Week, or the week of Antipascha. The Greek prefix *anti* means "in place of." On this Sunday, the Lord repeated and renewed for all eleven of the Apostles His appearance on the first day after the Resurrection. Because the renewal of the Savior's appearance was especially for the sake of the Apostle Thomas, the eighth day after Pascha is called Thomas Sunday. This eighth day after Pascha completes the most solemn part of the great feast.

**Many Years!****Birthdays:**

Tamara Sokolov (Apr 15)

Anniversaries:

Felicia Dunham Baptised (Apr 11)

Thank You!

We welcome everyone to our fellowship meal, downstairs, following today's service.

Thank you, Tamara, for preparing today's meal!