

Announcements

- **All-American Council.** We thank God for the peaceful conclusion of the 19th All-American Council and for the safe return of our delegates! Our delegates will report more soon but see oca.org for news reports and especially great videos.
- **Cathedral Floor Refinishing.** We are serving liturgy back in our cathedral with beautifully refinished floors. Your time, talent, and treasure make this and other important projects come to fruition, with God's help.
- **150th Invitations.** Today, parishioners can begin picking up their invitations for our 150th celebration, Saturday, October 20. Our parish council has made the banquet accessible to all of us by reducing the cost for parishioners. Make an effort to RSVP very soon so we can most accurately predict how many spots we can offer to friends from surrounding parishes. *If you have any questions, just check in with Fr. Kirill or Matushka Sophia.*

This Week at Holy Trinity

- Wed. Aug 1** 6:00 pm Blessing of Water (see inside for explanation of this special act and why we should serve it).
- Sat. Aug 4:** 6:00 pm Vigil and Confessions.
- Sun. Aug 5:** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship meal and monthly church school (K-5 and 6-12)
Parking available at St. Brigid's.
- 5:30 pm Panikhida for Fr. George Benigsen (+8.6.93), former dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral
- 6:00 pm Festal Vigil for Transfiguration.
Parking available at St. Brigid's
- Mon. Aug 6:** **Transfiguration of Our Lord.**
9:00 am Festal Liturgy

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Today's Epistle

1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Today's Gospel

Matthew 14:22-34

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Martyr Callinicus of Gangra in

Asia Minor (3rd-4th c.)

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Today's Epistle

1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Brethren, we are fellow workers in God's service. You are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, as a skilled master builder I have laid the foundation, upon which another is building. But let everyone take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay, but that which has been laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds upon this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble — the work of each will be made manifest. For the day of the Lord shall declare it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built upon the foundation survives, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work is burned, he shall suffer loss, though he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Today's Gospel

Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Wednesday, August 1st at 6:00 pm

Why are we blessing water?

August 1st marks the feast of the *Procession of the Cross*. "On the day of the Procession of the Venerable Cross there is a church procession for the sanctification of water and for the enlightenment of the people, throughout all the towns and places" (Patriarch Philaret, 1627). We will gather Wednesday evening on the 1st for the rite of the blessing of water. Why? For one thing, we have run out of holy water! This is a good problem – it means people are taking and using holy water. For another, all of us can and will benefit from another opportunity to be thankful to God! It is also a deliberate way to begin the Dormition Fast and the month marked by the great feasts of Transfiguration and Dormition.

Water represents the matter of the cosmos, the world as *life* created for us. God created the world and blessed it and gave it to Adam as his food and life, as the means of communion with God. The blessing of water signifies the return or redemption of matter to this initial and essential meaning.

To bless is to give thanks. In and through thanksgiving, we acknowledge the true nature of things we receive from God, and thus make them to be what they are. We bless and sanctify things when we offer them to God in a eucharistic movement of our whole being. And when we stand before *water*—before the cosmos, the matter given to us by God—it is an all-embracing eucharistic movement. Once more the world is proclaimed to be what Christ revealed and made it to be: the gift of God to humans, the means of our communion with God. The water is manifested to us as "the grace of redemption," the remission of sins, the remedy of infirmities.

(Portions adapted from Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, *For the Life of the World*).



Many Years!

Wedding Anniversary:

David Ritsher & Donna Gobera (1st)

Birthday:

Nicholas Reidy (30th)

Frank Kidner (2nd)

Nameday:

Vitesse Josephine Disney (31st)

Thank You

Please join us downstairs for our fellowship meal! We look forward to meeting our guests and visitors. Thank you for being here today!

Thanks to all those who brought something to share.