

Announcements

- **Church School Today.** After the liturgy and a little time in the fellowship meal to eat, our students will gather for their special monthly church school. K-5 in the middle room; 6-12 in Father's office.
- **150th Invitations.** Please pick up your invitation for the 150th today. RSVP promptly so we can most accurately predict how many spots we can offer to friends from surrounding parishes. *If you have questions, check in with Fr. Kirill or Matushka Sophia.*
- **Roof Work & Dormition.** Our temple's roof is being redone beginning the week of August 13. We will celebrate the Dormition of the Mother of God on the 14th with vigil at 6:00 pm. On the 15th, I ask that we attend the pilgrimage to the Women's Monastery in Calistoga which celebrates its feast that day. Liturgy begins, there, at 9:00. We will not have a service on the 15th at Holy Trinity this year. This is a change from the printed schedule. –Fr. Kirill.

This Week at Holy Trinity

- Today** 5:30 pm Panikhida for Fr. George Benigsen (+8.6.93).
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.
- Wed. Aug 8** 6:00 pm Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Herman of Alaska, followed by presentation on this great saint.
- Sat. Aug 11:** 5:00 pm Intro to Orthodoxy class in Father's office.
6:00 pm Vigil and Confessions.
- Sun. Aug 12:** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
followed by fellowship meal and parish council.
Parking available at St. Brigid's.

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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, August 5, 2018

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Today's Epistle
1 Corinthians 4:9-16
Today's Gospel
Matthew 17:14-23

10th Sunday after Pentecost
Forefeast of the
Transfiguration of the Lord
Tone 1

Today's Epistle

1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, God has set forth us the apostles last of all, as men doomed to death; for we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are honored, but we are despised. Even to this present hour we hunger and thirst, and we are naked and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless. When persecuted, we endure. When maligned, we entreat. We have become as the refuse of this world and the scum of the earth even to this day.

I write these things not to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have ten thousand tutors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers. For I have begotten you in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. Therefore, I beg you, follow my example.

Today's Gospel

Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he suffers from awful fits which are frightful for him; for he often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting."

As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."

Transfiguration and the Blessing of Grapes and Apples

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In August, we celebrate two Great Feasts of the Church: the Transfiguration of our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ, and the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of Our Most-holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary. The first of these feasts commemorates the events described by the Evangelists Matthew (17:1-13) and Luke (9:28-36). In view of His forthcoming death on the cross, the Lord revealed to His chosen disciples the voluntary character of His passion and death. His bright transfiguration on Mount Tabor assured these witnesses that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is truly His Father's radiance, the Deliverer Who freely, out of His love for us, paid our terrible debt of sin with His most pure blood. And He did this freely, voluntarily, out of love.

One of the particularities of this great feast is the *rite of blessing grapes and apples*. The tradition of bringing the first fruits of summer into the temple is positively ancient. In the Christian Church, it is a continuation of Old Testament practice, and is sanctified by the Apostolic regulations (Canon 3).

Although the date of August 6, as the day when fruits shall be blessed, is determined by the natural influence of harvest season, the theological significance of this rite can be seen in the message of the Feast. In the Transfiguration, the Lord was pleased to show us the new, spiritual, transfigured condition to be acquired by man and the entire creation, through the Resurrection of the Savior, the condition that will be realized in the Universal Resurrection.

All nature is suffering along with humanity because of our sin, and with us, she is looking for Resurrection and renewal from God. The Church, in blessing the fruits, gives assurance of this hope.

Father Victor Sokolov
August 1, 1991



Many Years!

Birthdays:
Tasia Gaudreau (7/31)
Alexa Belonick (8/8)

Thank You

Please join us downstairs for our fellowship meal! We look forward to meeting our guests and visitors. Thanks to John for preparing today's lunch.