

## Announcements

- **Beautification of the Dome.** Later this month, master iconographer Dmitri Shkolnik will paint our main dome with glorious images of Our Saviour and the heavenly powers. We benefit from the sacrificial giving of previous generations every time we step into our temple. Now it's our turn to give! The overall project costs \$40,000.
- **Parish Council.** After the liturgy and fellowship meal, our parish council will hold its monthly meeting. All are welcome.
- **150<sup>th</sup> Invitations.** RSVP so we can most accurately predict how many spots we can offer to friends from surrounding parishes. Questions? Check in with Fr. Kirill or Matushka Sophia.
- **Roof Work & Dormition.** Our temple's roof is being redone beginning this week. *We will celebrate the Dormition of the Mother of God on the 14<sup>th</sup> with vigil at 6:00 pm.* On the 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity this year.* This is a change from the printed schedule. –Fr. Kirill.

## This Week at Holy Trinity

- Tue. Aug 14:** **Eve of the Dormition of the Mother of God.**  
6:00 pm Festal Vigil.
- Wed. Aug 15:** **Dormition of the Mother of God.**  
9:00 am Divine Liturgy at Assumption Monastery,  
Calistoga, CA.  
No morning liturgy or evening vespers at Holy Trinity.
- Sat. Aug 18:** 6:00 pm Vigil and Confessions.
- Sun. Aug 19:** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
followed by fellowship meal.  
*Parking available at St. Brigid's.*

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# Holy Trinity Cathedral



## Sunday, August 12, 2018

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**Today's Epistle**

1 Corinthians 9:2-12

**Today's Gospel**

Matthew 18:23-35

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost****Afterfeast of the Transfiguration  
of the Lord****Tone 2****Today's Epistle**

1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Brethren: You are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense against those who question me is this: Have we not a right to eat and to drink? Do we not have a right to be accompanied by a woman, a sister, as do the other apostles, and the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to stop working? What soldier ever serves at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Who feeds the flock and does not eat of the milk of the flock? Do I speak these things on human authority? Or does not the Law also say these things? For it is written in the law of Moses, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treads out the grain." Is it about oxen that God is concerned? Or does He not speak entirely for our sake? These things were written for us. For he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes, in hope of partaking of the fruits. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share in this right over you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure all things, lest we offer hindrance to the Gospel of Christ.

**Today's Gospel**

Matthew 17:14-23

The Lord said this parable: The kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and

delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

**The Dormition of the Theotokos (August 15)**

The Mother of God has not been a passive instrument of the Incarnation; without her 'Amen' the Incarnation would have been as impossible as without the will of God. She is the response of the whole creation to God's love and to God's gift of self not only to mankind but to the whole Cosmos He has created. And in that we rejoice, because her word is our word. Her word was perfect, as her trust was, her faith was, her gift of self was. Ours is imperfect, and yet our voices resound within hers, weakly, hesitantly at times, but with faith and also with love.

She is the glory of all Creation; the Mother of God: one might have expected that death could not touch her; but if death, and a death so cruel could touch her Divine Son, the Son of God and the Son of Mary, the Son of God and the son of man - of course she had to pay the tribute of all the earth to the sin of man and also die. But according to Orthodox Tradition, death could not keep her prisoner; she had given Herself unreservedly and perfectly to God, and it was to God, no longer to the earth that she belonged. And on the third day, when the Apostles came and reopened her grave for one of them to be able to venerate her, who had not been present at her burial, it was found empty: she had risen because the bonds of death could not hold her, and corruption could not touch a body which had been the body of the Incarnation. What a wonderful joy to think that now, side by side with the risen and ascended Christ, one of us, of mankind, a woman of flesh and blood is enthroned and in her we can see the glory which will, we believe, be ours if we are faithful to God as she was.

+ANTHONY (Bloom)

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

Vasil Azarov (12<sup>th</sup>)  
Robert Winovich (14<sup>th</sup>)  
Lydie Cappe (15<sup>th</sup>)  
Rebecca Jorgenson (17<sup>th</sup>)

**Namedays:**

Frank Kidner (13<sup>th</sup>)  
Micah Flynn & Micah Kim (14<sup>th</sup>)

**Thank You**

Please join us downstairs for our fellowship meal! We look forward to meeting our guests and visitors.

Thanks to all those who contributed to today's meal.