

## Announcements

- **Beautification of Church 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 approximately \$40,000.
- **Back to School; Back to Church?** Research tells us that along with other September routines falling into place, many people are looking for the right church home for them this time of year. We are always happy to meet new friends and welcome them!
- **Movie Night.** This Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will have our usual Vespers at 6:00 PM followed by a potluck and movie night! We will view the 1963 film *Lilies of the Field* (for which Sidney Poitier earned an Oscar). Suitable for all ages.
- **Parish Picnic.** Mark your calendars for our parish picnic at Fort Mason, on Sunday, September 16, after Divine Liturgy. Thanks to Johann Morse for spearheading this event. Please volunteer to bring something or help with all the logistics involved in putting on this appreciated opportunity for us all to be together outdoors.
- **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.

### This Week at Holy Trinity

- Wed. Aug 22:** 6:00 pm Vespers followed by potluck and movie night.
- Sat. Aug 25:** 6:00 pm Vigil and Confessions.
- Sun. Aug 26:** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship meal.  
*Parking available at St. Brigid's.*

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# Holy Trinity Cathedral



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## Today's Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

## Today's Gospel

Matthew 19:16-26

## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Dormition

Martyr Andrew Stratelates

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### Today's Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brethren, I would remind you of the gospel that I preached to you, which you have received and wherein you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast — unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you first of all what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again on the third day, according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, and after that to the Twelve. Then He was seen by more than five hundred brethren at one time, many of whom are with us still, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

And last of all, as by one born out of due time, He was seen also by me. For I am the least of the apostles, and am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I have labored more than any of them, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Whether then it is I or they, so we preach and so you have believed.

### Today's Gospel

Matthew 19:16-26

And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is none good but one, that is, God:* but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go *and* sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come *and* follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. When his disciples heard it, they were

exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld *them*, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

### The Rich Young Synagogue Ruler's Problem

Jesus told the rich young ruler, “if you want to enter into life, keep the Commandments” (Matthew 19:16-17). When the rich young ruler asked which commandments he needed to keep, Jesus replied with the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> Commandments (Exodus 20:3-17, Deuteronomy 5:7-21) plus a summary statement of commandments 4 to 10: “Love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18). Jesus listed these first and not the first three of the Ten Commandments, because He knew the source of the rich young ruler's problem.

Some people today feel that we don't need the Ten Commandments or the Mosaic Law anymore. Does this mean that we don't need to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and strength or our neighbor as ourselves? Not at all! The Lord said He didn't come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them. “For assuredly I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one *yod* (smallest Hebrew letter) or one piece of a Hebrew letter will by no means pass from the Law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these Commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven” (Matthew 5:17-19). We need to take the precepts of the Law to heart and apply them to our thoughts and intentions as well as to our deeds (Matthew 5:21-48).

Jesus, who could see into the rich young ruler's heart, discerned that he had a problem with the First Commandment (Luke 18:23). His great possessions were a god that came before God. He couldn't let that go even to obtain treasure in heaven (Luke 18:22).



### Many Years!

#### Anniversaries:

Michael & Rebecca Jorgenson (20<sup>th</sup>)

Justin & Sarah Disney (24<sup>th</sup>)

Chrismation of Frank Anthony Morelli (25<sup>th</sup>)

#### Birthdays:

Anya Grenier (16<sup>th</sup>)

Michael Gaudreau (19<sup>th</sup>)

#### Namedays:

Samuel Strelkoff (20<sup>th</sup>)

### Thank You

Please join us downstairs  
for our fellowship meal!

We look forward to  
meeting our guests and  
visitors.

Thanks to April & Taylor  
for preparing today's meal.