

Announcements

- **Sunday of Orthodoxy and Visit of the Metropolitan.** We have received word from our Archbishop Benjamin that His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon will be here at Holy Trinity Cathedral for the Vespers on the evening of the Sunday of Orthodoxy. What wonderful news! His Beatitude is a loving, humble and tireless servant of God, and we are so blessed that he will be here.

Why is he coming? The Feast of the Sunday of Orthodoxy is a spiritual and theological highpoint in Great Lent, one of many, coming as it does after the rigors (we hope to have them) of Clean Week, the first week of the Fast. The presence at this Lenten Vespers of His Beatitude, the First Hierarch of the Orthodox Church in America, along with our own Archbishop Benjamin and his vicar, Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa, elevates our commemoration wonderfully. We will host our area clergy and faithful for this traditional opportunity to celebrate the fullness of the faith that we have received. Please consider it a privilege, honor, and obligation to attend Vespers as one of the welcoming hosts of this celebration on Sunday, March 17, at 6:00 PM.

- **Lenten Retreat.** Mark your calendars and register today! On Saturday, March 30, we will welcome Father John Pierce of Tacoma, Washington, as our speaker. His theme is "A Psalm of David: Sin, Repentance, and Forgiveness at the Dawn of a New Kingdom." Pick up a flier today!

This Week at Holy Trinity

Wed. Feb. 20: 6:00 pm Vespers.

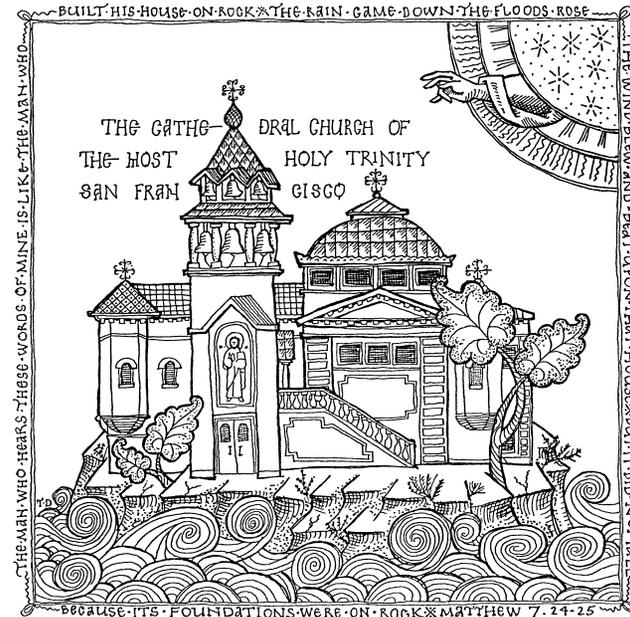
Sat. Feb. 23: 6:00 pm Vigil & Confessions.

Sun. Feb. 24: 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
followed by potluck fellowship meal.
Parking available Sunday at St. Brigid's.

Contact Fr. Kirill

Do you have a question or would you like to talk?
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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, February 17, 2019

Most Reverend Benjamin,
Archbishop of San Francisco and the West

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Today's Epistle
2 Timothy 3:10-15
Today's Gospel
Luke 18:10-14

The Publican & The Pharisee
Beginning of the Lenten Triodion.
Greatmartyr Theodore the Tyro
("the Recruit"—ca. 306)
Tone 5

Today's Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 3:10-15

Timothy, my son, thou hast closely followed my doctrine, my conduct, my purpose, my faith, my long-suffering, my love, my patience, my persecutions, my afflictions; such as befell me at Antioch, Iconium and Lystra; what persecutions I endured, but the Lord delivered me out of them all. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution, while evil men and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But do thou continue in the things that thou hast learned and that have been entrusted to thee, knowing from whom thou hast learned them. For from thy childhood thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to instruct thee unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 18:10-14

Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

It is time for the Lord to act!

Those who regularly partake of Holy Communion prepare themselves by fasting, praying the Pre-Communion prayers and by a Confession at least once per month. Because the Divine liturgy is an offering to God of the Church, let us be mindful that we are each members of the Church, and so arrive at the *beginning* of the Liturgy.

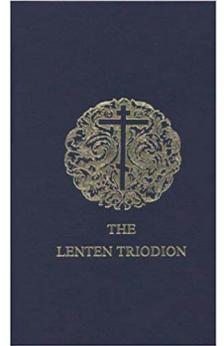
What We Are Beginning This Sunday

The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the *Triodion* (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins.

Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation. May this lesson be a firm foundation for us as we pray from the *Triodion* and begin this season of thoughtful preparation.



Many Years!

Namedays
Karen Lee McNally (18th)

Thank You

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

Thanks to Catherine M.
for preparing today's meal.