

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service today in worshiping the Holy Trinity. Please take a moment after the service to introduce yourself to our pastor, Father Kirill. You are cordially invited to join us for the fellowship luncheon after the service. We would love to greet you and answer any questions.
- **Keep in prayer.** Please continue to remember two of our ailing parishioners, Mrs. Malakee Skaff and Nikolai Tsai. If you would like information on visiting, please speak with Fr. Kirill. We are also praying in the liturgy for Archpriest Steven Belonick (father of our parishioner, Paul) and for Lydie Cappe, who is now living in Los Angeles with her son.
- **July!** On the Fourth of July, we enjoyed our annual pilgrimage to Fort Ross. A photo album is available on our web site. We pray for our campers and counsellors (at last count, 11 souls from our parish!) who head to St. Eugene's Camp after liturgy. July is a good time to be intentional about grabbing a new Orthodox podcast or book to be inspired by as the pace of life changes a little. The 13th Annual Diaconal Liturgical Practicum, which is led by Fr. Kirill for the Orthodox Church in America, will be held in Santa Rosa July 16–19 with Divine Liturgies there on the 17th, 18th, and 19th (St. Seraphim Day). Back at Holy Trinity, on July 26 at 4:00 PM, we are honored to witness the uniting – by Christ – in holy matrimony of Nicolette and Sergey.

This Week at Holy Trinity

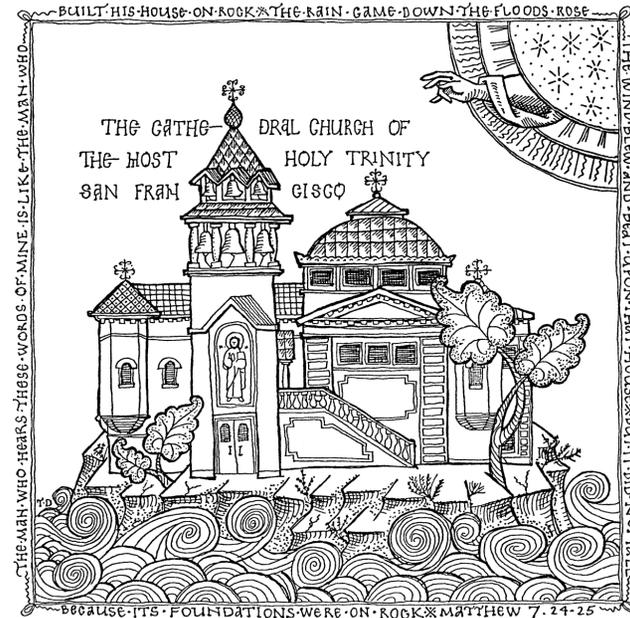
- Wed. July 10:** 6:00 pm Vespers
- Sat. July 13:** 6:00 pm Vigil & Confessions
- Sun. June 14:** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship meal.
Parking available Sunday at St. Brigid's

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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, July 7, 2019

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Today's Epistle

Romans 5:1-10

Today's Gospel

Matthew 6:22-33

3rd Sunday after Pentecost**Ven. Thomas of Mt. Maleon****Tone 2****Today's Epistle***Romans 5:1-10*

Brethren, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we also have access by faith unto the grace in which we stand and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. And not only this, but we exult in tribulations also, knowing that tribulation produces patience, and patience perseverance, and perseverance hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

While we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely in behalf of a just man does one die; yet perhaps one might bring himself to die for a good man. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more now that we are justified by His blood, we shall be saved through Him from wrath. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.

Today's Gospel*Matthew 6:22-33*

The Lord said: "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns,

and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

What is Mammon?

Generally, "mammon" refers to the things of this world. But St. Clement of Alexandria extended this definition to say that "mammon" refers to all the resources of money directed to various pleasures:

"One who makes it his purpose to please men cannot please God, since the multitude chooses not what is profitable, but what is pleasant. But in pleasing God, as a consequence one gets the favor of the good among men. He views with suspicion even a word that produces pleasure, a pleasant movement and act of the mind. 'For no one can serve two masters, God and mammon' (Matthew 6:24). This refers not simply to money, but the resources arising from money bestowed on various pleasures. In reality, it is not possible for him who magnanimously and truly knows God, to serve antagonistic pleasures".

This does not mean that one can never have any pleasure; it is just that our delight should be in the things of God, rather than centered on physical pleasure.

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

Tsegie Wldezghi (7/11)

Thank You!

Please join us downstairs for our fellowship meal. Thanks to Joel and Anthony for preparing today's lunch!