

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service today in worshipping the Holy Trinity. You are cordially invited to join us for the fellowship luncheon after the service. We would love to greet you and answer any questions.
- **Welcome Father Nicholas.** We are blessed to have Father Nicholas Carr, Associate Priest at St. Seraphim Cathedral in Santa Rosa, presiding at the Divine Liturgy and preaching today.
- **Fr. Kirill Away.** I have been asked by His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon to help coordinate a summer exchange institute for clergy from the Orthodox Church in America to the Moscow Patriarchate. I will depart for Moscow late July 26. God willing, I will return to San Francisco on August 6. Next Sunday, August 4, His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin will be presiding here at our parish. I should be able to receive messages while away. In case of grave pastoral emergency, please also reach out to Fr. Philip Halliwell at (415) 823-9927. Please keep me in your prayers. Thank you! -Fr. Kirill
- **Today's Saints.** In the Acts of the Holy Apostles (6:1-6) it is said that the twelve Apostles chose seven men: Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicholas, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, and appointed them to serve as deacons. They are commemorated together on July 28, although they died at various times and in various places.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Wed. July 31: 6:00 pm Vespers

Sat. August 3: 6:00 pm Vigil & Confessions

Sun. August 4: 10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship meal
Parking available Sunday at St. Brigid's

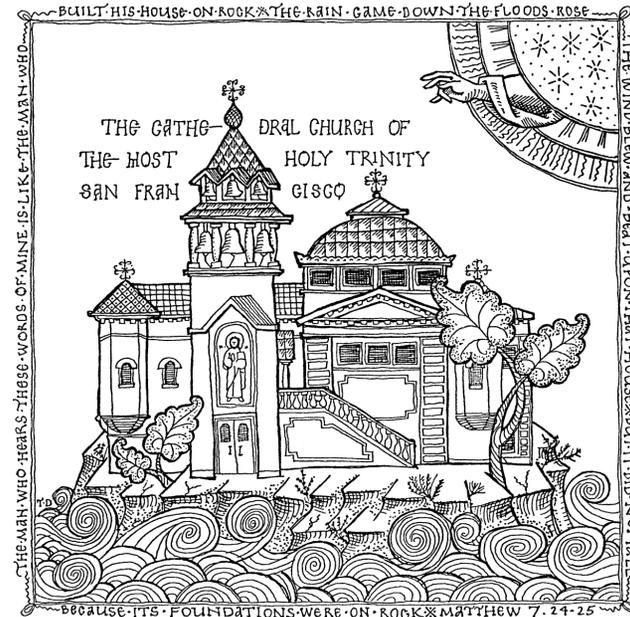
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Have a question or wish to talk?

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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, July 28, 2019

Most Reverend Benjamin,
Archbishop of San Francisco and the West

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Today's Epistle
Romans 12:6-14
Today's Gospel
Matthew 9:1-8

6th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Apostles of the Seventy
and Deacons: Prochorus,
Nicanor, Timon, and
Parmenas (1st c.)
Tone 5

Today's Epistle

Romans 12:6-14

Brethren, the gifts we possess differ as they are allotted to us by God's grace and must be used accordingly: such as the gift of prophecy to be exercised in proportion to a man's faith, or the gift of ministry in ministering. A teacher should employ his gift in teaching, and one who has the gift of exhortation should use it to stir his listeners. He who gives alms should give freely, he who governs should do so with diligence, and he who shows mercy should do so with cheerfulness. Let love be without pretense. Hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly charity, having a profound respect for one another. Be not slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope. Be patient in tribulation, persevering in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, and practise hospitality. Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse.

Today's Gospel

Matthew 9:1-8 Cambridge

And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. And behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith, said unto the sick of the palsy, 'Son, be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee'. And behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, 'This man blasphemeth'. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, 'Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier to say, "Thy sins be forgiven thee": or to say, "Arise, and walk"? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins' (then saith he to the sick of the palsy), 'Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thy house.' And he arose, and departed to his house. But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

Transfiguration and the Blessing of Grapes and Apples

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!

Namedays:

Vitesse Josephine Disney (7/31)

Birthdays:

Nicholas Reidy (7/30)

Strong Photini Sims (7/30)

Tasia Gaudreau (7/31)

Frank Kidner (Sdn Maximus Tikhon) (8/2)

Thank You!

Please join us downstairs for our fellowship meal.

Thanks to all those who helped in preparing today's lunch!