

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.
- **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. God willing, I will return to San Francisco on August 6. I am grateful to His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin, for presiding at today's liturgy. The services for the Transfiguration this week will be led by Father Edward Henderson of St. John the Baptist Church in Berkeley. 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

This Week at Holy Trinity

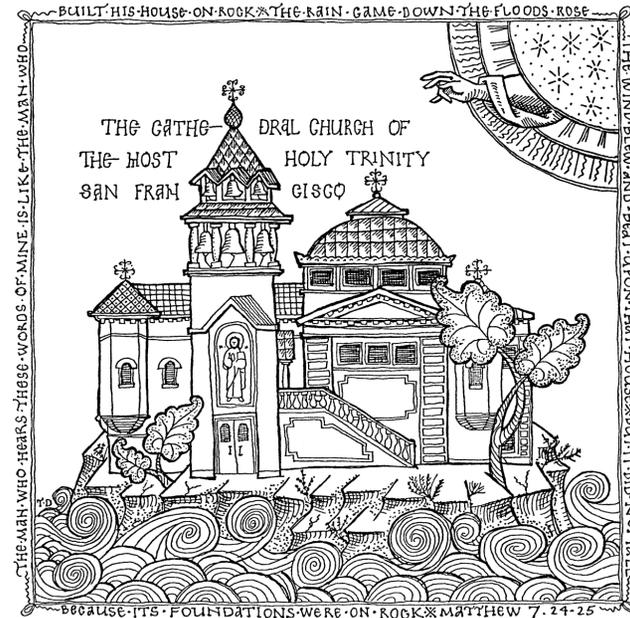
- Mon. Aug. 5:** 5:30 pm Panikhida for Fr. George Benigsen (+8.6.93)
6:00 pm Festal Vigil for Transfiguration
- Tue. Aug. 6:** **Transfiguration of Our Lord.** 9:00 am Festal Liturgy
- Wed. Aug. 7:** No Wednesday Vespers this week
- Sat. Aug. 10:** 5:00 pm Intro to Orthodoxy Class (all welcome!)
6:00 pm Vigil & Confessions
- Sun. Aug. 11:** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship meal
Parking available Sunday at St. Brigid's

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Contact Fr. Kirill

Have a question or wish to talk?
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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, August 4, 2019

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Today's Epistle

Romans 15:1-7

Today's Gospel

Matthew 9:27-35

7th Sunday after Pentecost**Holy Seven Youths ("Seven Sleepers") of Ephesus:****Maximilian, Jamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodian (Constantine), and Antoninus (250).****Tone 6****Today's Epistle***Romans 15:1-7*

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of you please his neighbor by doing good, for his edification. For even Christ pleased not Himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproach thee have fallen upon me." For whatever things have been written, have been written for our instruction, that through the patience and the consolation afforded by the Scriptures we may have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be of one mind towards one another according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive one another, even as Christ has received us to the glory of God.

Today's Gospel*Matthew 9:27-35*

At that time, when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us. And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

The Joy of the Liturgy

The liturgy is, before everything else, the joyous gathering of those who are to meet the risen Lord and to enter with Him into the bridal chamber. And it is this joy of expectation and this expectation of joy that are expressed in singing and ritual, in vestments and in censuring, in that whole beauty of the liturgy which has so often been denounced as unnecessary and even sinful. Unnecessary it is indeed, for we are beyond the categories of the necessary. Beauty is never "necessary", "functional" or "useful". And when, expecting someone whom we love, we put a beautiful tablecloth on the table and decorate it with candles and flowers, we do all this not out of necessity, but out of love. And the Church is love, expectation and joy. It is heaven on earth, according to our Orthodox tradition; it is the joy of recovered childhood, that free, unconditioned and disinterested joy which alone is capable of transforming the world.

Father Alexander Schmemmann
For the Life of the World

**Many Years!**

Anniversary of Baptism:
Giorgi Kavtaradze (8/9)

Birthdays:
Alexa Belonick (8/8)

Thank You!

Please join us downstairs for our fellowship meal.

Thanks to April and Taylor for preparing today's lunch!