

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** Whether you are searching for a new church or just visiting, we welcome you and hope your experience at the Divine Liturgy will be edifying and spiritually nourishing. If you have a prayer request, are looking for more information about the Orthodox Christian faith, would like to join the parish, or would like to speak with Fr Kirill, we invite you to fill out a visitor information card and leave it at the candle desk. Please join us for lunch after the service. We would love to greet you and answer any questions.
- **College students and Orthodox Christian Fellowship.** Did you know that there is a ministry uniting all Orthodox Churches in our land in service of outreach to college students? Here in the Bay Area, Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) chapters are active at several universities, including Stanford and UC Berkeley. Father Kirill serves as the chaplain at the OCF at University of San Francisco here in our own City. During the first six weeks of their time on campus, college students form the relationships and habits that last their entire college career. So that it is the *Church* that becomes a foundation for their college experience, this time of year is especially crucial. Please keep this effort in your prayers!

This Week at Holy Trinity

- Wed. Aug. 28:** 6:00 pm Vespers for the feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist
- Thu. Aug. 29:** **Icon of Christ “Not-made-by-hands” (Old Calendar)**
9:30 am Parish Feast Day Divine Liturgy at Christ the Saviour Church, 490 12th Ave, San Francisco CA 94118
Parking at Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church
4420 Geary (1st entrance on 8th Ave from Geary on left)
- Sat. Aug. 31:** 6:00 pm Vigil & Confessions
- Sun. Sep. 1:** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship meal
Parking available Sunday at St. Brigid’s

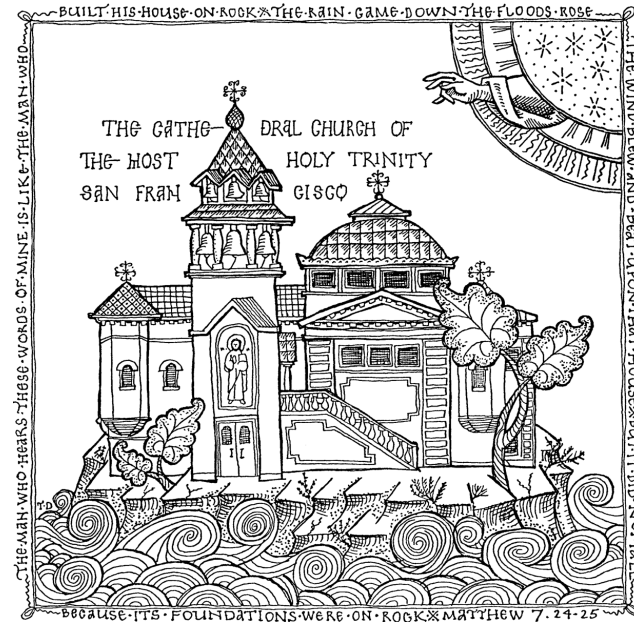
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Have a question or wish to talk?

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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, August 25, 2019

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Today's Epistle

1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Today's Gospel

Matthew 17:14-23

10th Sunday after Pentecost**Holy Apostle Bartholomew and
Holy Apostle Titus of the****Seventy, Bishop of Crete (1st c.).
Tone 1****Today's Epistle**

1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, God has set forth us the apostles last of all, as men doomed to death; for we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are honored, but we are despised. Even to this present hour we hunger and thirst, and we are naked and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless. When persecuted, we endure. When maligned, we entreat. We have become as the refuse of this world and the scum of the earth even to this day.

I write these things not to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have ten thousand tutors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers. For I have begotten you in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. Therefore, I beg you, follow my example.

Today's Gospel

Matthew 17:14-23

And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, 'Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is lunatic, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.' Then Jesus answered and said, 'O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me'. And Jesus rebuked the devil, and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, 'Why could not we cast him out?' And Jesus said unto them, 'Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, "Remove hence to yonder place": and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.'

And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, 'The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: and they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again'. And they were exceeding sorry.

Rejoice, for great is your reward

When St. Paul wrote that the "wages of sin is death" he meant that sin kills our soul and body by shutting down the relationship between us and God. The "wages" are not a punishment from God— Who did not create death—but a result of sin. Without exception, the Holy Fathers of the Church refuse to blame God for death. If God created death, well, he could just as easily have abolished it by the same type of divine command. But no divine command from God in his holy heaven could change the fact that man preferred himself to God. Yes, God permitted death, and He did that out of mercy, so that "evil would not be eternal" to quote one of the Holy Fathers. Before the death and resurrection of Christ, death was a terrible and rotten fruit of sin, and for each person the complete alienation and exile from God Himself and His Kingdom. Since the Lord's victory over sin and death on the Cross and Tomb, now OUR death becomes— if we desire to be with Him—an entry into His Presence. Our death is also the "seed" of the resurrection of our body which we eagerly await. I remind you: we were not created to be disembodied souls, or angels. Our resurrection on the Last Day will be the restoration of human life—soul and body—as God intended. "...and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (1 Cor. 15:53). St Paul also wrote that the "last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." And Christ has already accomplished this victory over death in Himself, and we that are "in Christ" by Baptism, Chrismation, Communion and the sharing of His Divine Uncreated Energies enter into the Kingdom now, even before our death, and become bearers of the Holy Spirit, rather than bearers of death. "...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away: behold, all things have become new." (2 Cor. 5:17)

-Fr. Lawrence Margitich

**Many Years!****Wedding Anniversaries:**Micah & Mary Flynn (Aug 30th)**Anniversary of Chrismation:**Frank Anthony Morelli (Aug 25th)**Namedays:**Archpriest John Takahashi (Aug 29th)Ian Hirsch (Aug 29th)**Birthdays:**Frank Anthony Morelli (Aug 26th)Austin Gunter (Aug 29th)**Thank You**

Please join us downstairs for our fellowship meal.

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

From the Fathers

"The flesh feeds on the Body and Blood of Christ, that the soul likewise may be filled with God."

-Tertullian