

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service today in worshipping 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.
- **Memory Eternal.** With sadness but also with hope in the Resurrection, we announce that Geno Kavtaradze, beloved father of our parishioner Merab, fell asleep in the Lord on the 25th shortly after we read prayers over him at the hospital. We will sing the funeral service here at Holy Trinity on Wednesday, October 2, at 6:00 pm. All are welcome. He will be laid to rest in Tsilkani, Georgia.
- **Church School.** A special longer church school is held after liturgy on a monthly basis in three sections: approximately 3-5, elementary ages, and middle/high-school kids. We are planning to have these sessions on the first Sunday of the month (for example, next Sunday!) but this bulletin and our web site, holy-trinity.org, will have the latest information.
- **Birth Announcement.** Lewis John Belonick was born to Alexa and Paul on September 25 at 11:07 PM. Mother and son are doing well. God willing, the baptism will be celebrated on November 10.

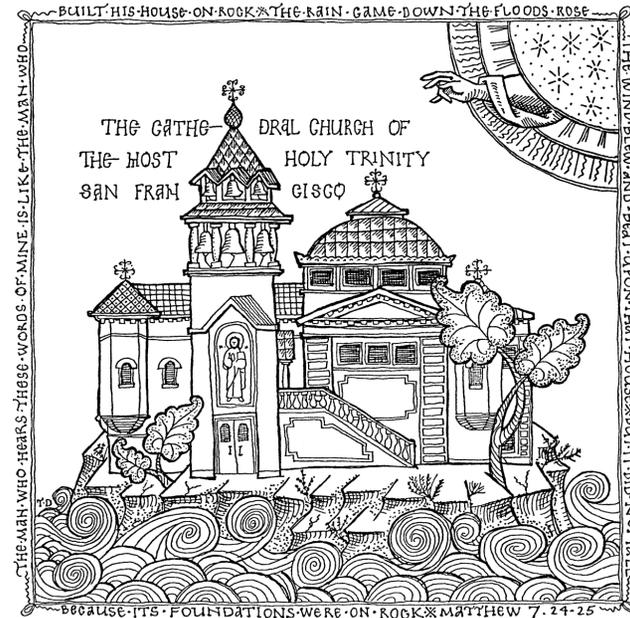
This Week at Holy Trinity

- Tue. Oct. 1:** *Protection of the Theotokos (Pokrov).* Feast day of the cathedral parish in Santa Rosa. Liturgy, there, at 9:30.
- Wed. Oct. 2:** 6:00 pm Funeral Service for Geno Kavtaradze
- Sat. Oct. 5:** 6:00 pm Vigil and Confessions
- Sun. Oct. 6:** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship meal and special monthly church school classes
Parking available at St. Brigid's

Contact Fr. Kirill

Question? Want to sit down to talk? Or be on the email list?
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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, September 29, 2019

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Today's Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Today's Gospel

Luke 6:31-36

15th Sunday after Pentecost

**Ven. Cyriacus the Hermit, of
Palestine (556 AD)**

Tone 6

Today's Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Brethren: God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we carry this treasure in vessels of clay, to show that the abundance of power is God's, and not ours. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are sorely pressed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our bodies. For while we live we are always being delivered up to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus may also be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death works in us, but life in you.

We having the same spirit of faith, as shown in that which is written, "I believed, and therefore have I spoken;" we also believe, and therefore speak; knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise us up also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, so that the grace which abounds through the many might cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Today's Gospel

Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said: just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

On Bells and Their Ringing

For the Orthodox faithful of Russia, bells served as tongue, voice, and trumpet. And, indeed, what could the pealing of bells be called other than a speaking mouth? On great feasts, the bells remind us of heavenly blessedness; on saint's days they tell us of the unending rest of the holy dwellers in heaven; during Passion Week they remind us of our reconciliation with God through Christ the Savior; and during Bright Week they announce the victory of life over death and the eternal unending joy of the life to come in the Kingdom of Christ. The bell informs us of the passing of the hour, along with reminders of eternity, when "there should be time no longer" (Rev. 10:6).

Announcing the glory of the name of Christ, ringing out both day and night mostly from above God's temples, the pealing of bells by itself reminds us of the words of Almighty God, spoken through the Old Testament Prophet Isaiah: "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, who shall never hold their peace day or night, (making) mention of the Lord." (Is. 62:6).

The sound of a single church bell is solemn and sublime, while the pealing of several bells more or less in concert is even more majestic sounding. The mighty peal of bells has an effect on our interior sensibilities, awakening our souls from spiritual sleep.

The ringing of bells summons up a feeling of uneasiness and spiritual anguish in the heart of the unrepentant sinner, while in the heart of the believer seeking peace with the Lord God the ringing of church bells gives rise to a peaceful joyful and bright mood. One might thus determine the status of his or her soul by the sound of ringing church bells.

(Adapted from an editorial article which appeared in the San Francisco Russian language newspaper, "Russian Life", in April of 1983. The full article is on our website).



Many Years!

Birthdays:

Walter Ryzanych (Oct 3rd)

Namedays:

Nameday of Gerald Bruno Benoit (2nd)

Thank You

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

Thanks to all those who contributed to today's meal.