

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. We would love to greet you and answer any questions.
- **Thanksgiving!** We have a traditional Thanksgiving feast for all following liturgy on Thanksgiving Day. If you'd like to bring something to share, there is a sign-up sheet at the candle counter. Join us!
- **Feast of St. Sebastian of Jackson & San Francisco, November 30.** The parish of St. Sava, in Jackson, CA, invites us to celebrate the feast day of our mutual patron, St. Sebastian with them on Saturday, November 30. Details on the bulletin board.
- **Advent Retreat Saturday, December 7.** We have invited Dr. Edith Humphrey, to facilitate a Nativity Fast retreat for us on December 7. The theme will be: "Meant to be Mediators." Please mark your calendar for this opportunity to discover what the Scriptures and the Fathers have to say about the Church and prayer. Fliers are available at the conclusion of today's service. *Register today!*

This Week at Holy Trinity

Wed. Nov. 27: 6:00 pm Great Vespers for the feast of Thanksgiving

Thu. Nov. 28: *Thanksgiving Day*
10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by
Thanksgiving Feast

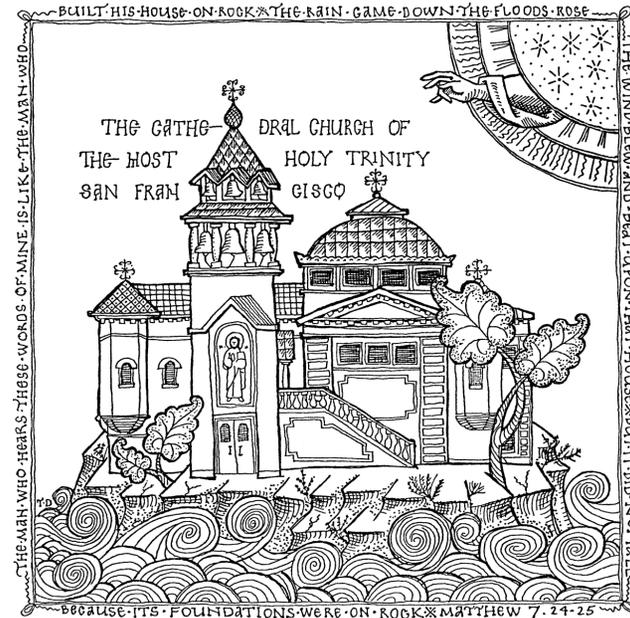
Sat. Nov. 30: 6:00 pm Vigil & Confessions

Sun. Dec. 1: 10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship meal and special monthly church school (including pre-Christmas lesson and tree trimming)
Parking available Sunday 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, November 24, 2019

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Today's Epistle

Ephesians 2:4-10

Today's Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

23rd Sunday after Pentecost.

Afterfeast of the Entrance into the Temple. Great Martyr

Catherine of Alexandria (305-313).

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Today's Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

Brethren: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead by reason of our sins, brought us to life together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and seated us together in heaven in Christ Jesus, that He might show in the ages to come the exceeding riches of His grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not from yourselves, for it is the gift of God; not because of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God has prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, 'Woman, thou art loosed from thy infirmity'. And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, 'There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day'. The Lord then answered him, and said, 'Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?' And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

St. Catherine the Great Martyr of Alexandria

Saint Catherine, who was from Alexandria, was the daughter of Conostas, a nobleman. She was an exceedingly beautiful maiden, most chaste, and illustrious in wealth, lineage, and learning. She accepted holy baptism after being instructed by a wise elder. She wore a beautiful ring, a wondrous token of her betrothal to the Heavenly Bridegroom (this ring is still on her hand).

The beauty of the maiden captivated the passionate and unbridled soul of Maximinus, the tyrant of Alexandria. In order to dissuade her of the truth of the Gospel, the emperor ordered fifty of the most learned philosophers and rhetoricians of the Empire to dispute with her. Introducing herself, the saint confessed her faith in the One True God and with wisdom exposed the errors of the pagans and got the better of the wise men, so that they came to believe in Christ themselves. Saint Catherine made the Sign of the Cross over the martyrs, and they bravely accepted death for Christ and were burned alive.

She herself was crowned with the crown of martyrdom in the year 305. Her holy relics were taken by Angels to the holy mountain of Sinai, where they were discovered many years later; the famous monastery of Saint Catherine was originally dedicated to the Holy Transfiguration of the Lord and the Burning Bush, but later was dedicated to Saint Catherine.

According to the ancient usage, Saints Catherine and Mercurius were celebrated on the 24th of this month, whereas the holy Hieromartyrs Clement of Rome and Peter of Alexandria were celebrated on the 25th. The dates of the feasts of these Saints were interchanged in Greek-speaking churches at the request of the Church and Monastery of Mount Sinai. We, however, commemorate these Saints on their original dates.



Many Years!

Anniversary of Chrismation

Robert (Reader Stephen) Parent (Nov 30th)

Namedays

Katherine Strelkoff (Nov 24th)

Katherine Gaudreau (Nov 24th)

Catherine Moyer (Nov 24th)

Andrew Listvinsky (Nov 30th)

Andrew Pickering (Nov 30th)

Andrew Swires (Nov 30th)

Birthdays

Ella Jorgenson (Nov 27th)

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 preparing today's lunch.