

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 or coffee after the service. We would love to greet you and answer any questions.
- **Walk for Life Weekend.** All are invited January 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in San Francisco to a fun co-ed baby shower to benefit Alpha Pregnancy Center which provides material support to families in need. The West Coast Walk for Life is the following day. Walk beginning with Pan-Orthodox service at the corner of Grove and Polk in the San Francisco Civic Center at 11:30 a.m. Fliers with details available at the candle stand.
- **Annual Parish Meeting.** Please mark your calendars to stay for our parish's annual business meeting next Sunday following the Divine Liturgy. It will begin during the Fellowship Meal. Our attendance is part of our stewardship of all that the Lord has entrusted to us. If you would like to serve in an elected position or would like to know more, please speak with Fr. Kirill or Lay Vice President Felicia Dunham.
- **The Pascha of the Lord: His Last Supper, Crucifixion, Burial, and Rising.** It is a sacred task for each of us to order our lives by the commemoration of the Lord's saving for us. This year, Forgiveness Vespers will be March 1. Clean Week: March 2-6. Holy Week: April 12-18. PASCHA: April 19. Pentecost, our parish feast day of the Holy Trinity: June 7 (we're hoping to take an all-parish photo that day).

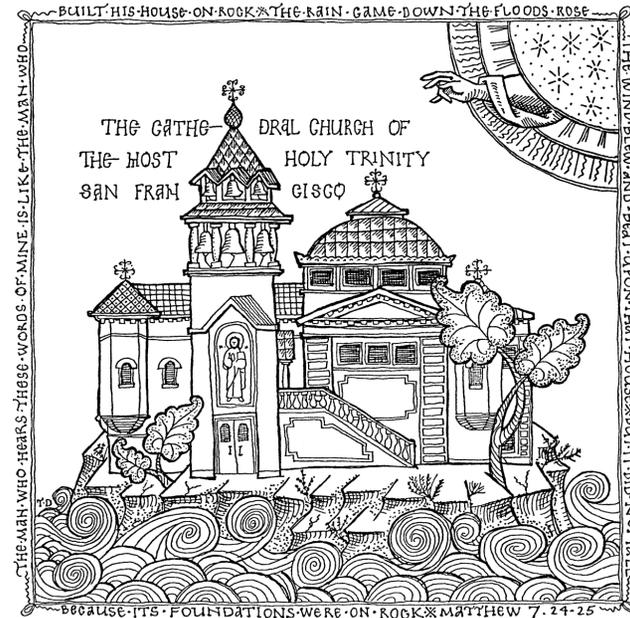
This Week at Holy Trinity

- Wed. Jan. 22:** 6:00 pm Vespers
- Sat. Jan. 25:** 5:00 pm Intro to Orthodoxy Class (all welcome!)
6:00 pm Vigil & Confessions
- Sun. Jan. 26:** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship meal and Annual Parish Meeting
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, January 19, 2020

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Today's Epistle

1 Timothy 1:15-17

Today's Gospel

Luke 18:35-43

31st Sunday after Pentecost.**Sanctity of Life Sunday****Ven. Macarius the Great of Egypt (390)****Tone 6****Today's Epistle Reading***1 Timothy 1:15-17*

Timothy, my son: The saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first. But for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Christ Jesus might show forth all patience, as an example to those who shall believe in Him unto life everlasting. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel Reading*Luke 18:35-43*

At that time, as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging: and hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

Excerpts from the**Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon**

...From ancient times, all who have believed in the One God have believed that He takes special care in the formation of each human being. As God Himself expressed to Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jeremiah 1:5).

In the moment of conception in the mother's womb, a human being comes into existence. Yet even before being conceived and formed, this human being is known by God. God exists outside of time, and already knows and loves each one of us personally, knowing what we will do and who we will become both in this life and in eternity. As Solomon proclaims, "God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. *For he created all things that they might exist*" (Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-14). God wants us to be alive, and

certainly, this is why we must speak against abortion and its legalization in our country: it is in opposition to God's loving plan to bring a human being into the world to live.

For just as He consecrated Jeremiah a prophet so that he might speak God's word, God brings each human being into the world with a unique purpose of speaking a unique word to the world, to reveal something to the world that will bring it closer to Him. Our lives are intended to be a period of sanctification, each one of us helping in the salvation and sanctification of our neighbor, and in this way being sanctified ourselves...

And what does this work of sanctification look like? Keeping in mind that David instructs us to "turn away from evil, and do good" (Psalm 33:15), we must begin to sanctify ourselves and the world by preaching the truth about evil, just as Jeremiah did. Above all, we reject Cain's first sin of murder, in all of its loathsome forms: murder against the unborn, murder through violence, murder by starvation or deprivation, and murder of the ill and elderly. We also reject greed, lust, and selfishness, and we reject harming others, being dismissive of others, and hating others. We then "do good" by being imitators of God in caring for one another, by speaking the truth in love, and by emptying ourselves for the sake of others. Remembering that "this is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life" (John 6:40), we couple our efforts of care for humanity with a call to the world to believe in the Son of God, Jesus the Savior of the human race, who was "given as a ransom for all," because His Father "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:6, 4)...

-Read the complete letter from His Beatitude on oca.org.

**Many Years!****Namedays**Felicia Dunham (25th)Gregory Tylawsky (25th)Gregory Sokolov (25th)Kelly Gregory Gerber (25th)**Birthdays**Juliana Sokolov (19th)Karen Lee McNally (20th)Amy Elizabeth Berry (22nd)Archpriest John Takahashi (23rd)**Thank You**

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

Thanks to Anthony for preparing today's meal.

Church school is happening today after the meal gets underway.