

Holy Trinity Cathedral

Sunday, May 24, 2020

CHRIST IS RISEN! ХРИСТОСЪ ВОСКРЕСЕ!
ქრისტე აღსდგა! HRISTOS A ÎNVIAT! ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ἈΝΕΣΤΗ!

Apostolic Reading

Acts 16:16-34

Today's Gospel

John 9:1-38

6th Sunday of Pascha

Sunday of the Blind Man.

Tone 5.

Welcome

We greet you in the name of the Risen Lord: Christ is risen! During this time of response to the pandemic, we want to express that all are welcome to grow in their faith in our warm community. You are invited to our livestreaming of divine services and to join our virtual gatherings by Zoom. We are humbly doing our utmost to grow in friendship and community even in trying circumstances. If you are not getting our weekly e-mails, please reach out to Fr. Kirill at frkirill@holy-trinity.org or 415-673-8565. May God bless you!

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Today's Apostolic Reading

Acts 16:16-34

In those days, the apostles were going to the place of prayer that a slave girl met us who possessed a divining spirit and brought her masters much profit by soothsaying. She followed us and Paul and cried, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days, until Paul, being very much grieved, turned and said to the spirit, "I command thee in the Name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that same moment.

And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them to the market place before the rulers. And they brought them to the magistrates, saying, "These men are Jews, and they are making a great disturbance in our city. They advocate customs which are unlawful for us to adopt or observe, since we are Romans." And the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and ordered them to be beaten with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received such a charge, he thrust them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises to God, and the prisoners were listening, when suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's bonds were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awakening out of his sleep and seeing the prison doors open, drew out his sword and would have killed himself, thinking that the prisoners had fled. But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Do thyself no harm; for we are all here." Then he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling for fear fell down before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." And they spoke to him the word of the Lord, and to all who were in his house. And he took them at that same hour of the night, and washed their wounds; and he and all his family were baptized immediately. And taking them into his house, he set food before them, and rejoiced with all his household over his faith in God.

Today's Gospel

John 9:1-38

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, and said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he. Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not.

They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.

But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: but by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.

Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes? He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples? Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is. The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.



Many Years!

Anniversary of Episcopal Consecration:

His Grace, Bishop Tikhon

Wedding Anniversary:

Alexa & Paul Belonick (26th)

Anya & Will (Basil) Hunt

Birthdays:

Kevin Chu (24th)

Bruce Joseph Oberon-Levoff (25th)

Demetre Kavtaradze (27th)

Christopher Sims (28th)

Confession & Communion

As I have described by e-mail, individual appointments are available for confession (by telephone) and holy communion (physically distancing). Please contact Fr. Kirill if you have any questions about these temporary measures. May God strengthen us!

Need anything?

In this hard moment, if you find yourself in any need, *please do* let Fr. Kirill know. He will confidentially arrange assistance to the best of our ability.

Sayings of St. Sophrony of Essex

It is essential to read the Gospel, that incomparable book. Then our life will be built up on the basis of the Word of God. And we will begin to think and make decisions in the spirit of the Divine commandments. How beautiful, when one begins to think like the Creator of this world!"

The most important thing in the spiritual life is to strive to receive the grace of the Holy Spirit. It changes our lives (above all inwardly, not outwardly). We will live in the same house, in the same circumstances, and with the same people, but our life will already be different. But this is possible only under certain conditions: if we find the time to pray fervently, with tears in our eyes, to ask for God's blessing, that a prayerful attitude may define our entire day.

—Elder and Saint Sophrony reposed on July 11, 1993

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sun. May 24: 6th Sunday of Pascha. Blind Man

10:00 am Livestream of the Divine Liturgy

12:00 pm Young Adult Zoom Gathering

1:00 pm Church School (K-4) Zoom

7:00 pm Parish Council

Tue. May 26: 7:00 pm Prayer, Scripture, & Conversation Zoom

Wed. May 27: Leavetaking of Pascha — Forefeast of the Ascension

7:00 am Livestream of the Divine Liturgy

6:00 pm Livestream of Festal Vigil

Thu. May 28: THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

7:00 am Livestream of the Divine Liturgy

Sat. May 30: 6:00 pm Livestream of Great Vespers

Sun. May 31: 7th Sunday of Pascha. Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

10:00 am Livestream of the Divine Liturgy

12:00 pm Young Adult Zoom Gathering

1:00 pm Church School (K-4) Zoom

2:00 pm Church School (5-12) Zoom

7:00 pm Parish Council

Links for Zoom sessions are sent out by e-mail at the beginning of the week. If you don't get the links, please reach out to Fr. Kirill.

Links for all live-streamed divine services at Holy Trinity:

Link to watch/listen on Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/HolyTrinityOrthodoxCathedralSanFrancisco>

Link to watch/listen on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitycathedral>

For those with limited connectivity, it is possible to dial in to a phone number to hear the divine services. The phone numbers and access codes are available in our online calendar.

Visit *holy-trinity.org* for the latest changes in this time!

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