

# Holy Trinity Cathedral

## Sunday, May 31, 2020

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Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

### **Today's Gospel**

John 17:1-13

### **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha**

**Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council. Afterfeast of Ascension.**

Tone 6.

## **Welcome**

We greet you in the name of the Risen and Ascended Lord! 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](mailto:frkirill@holy-trinity.org) or 415-673-8565. May God bless you!

*Archbishop Benjamin of San Francisco  
Father Kirill Sokolov*

## **Apostolic Reading**

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

In those days Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, because he wished not to be delayed in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if it were possible for him, by the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus for the elders of the Church. And when they had come to him, he said to them, Take heed therefore to yourselves and to all the flock, over which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of God, which He has purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall fierce wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch and remember that for three years I ceased not to admonish everyone night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no man's silver or gold, or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands have provided for my needs and those of my companions. I have shown you all things, that by so toiling you ought to help the weak, and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had thus spoken, he knelt down with them all and prayed.

## **Today's Gospel**

John 17:1-13

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: as thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest

me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

## Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council (325 AD)

Today's feast affirms that the One Who rose from the dead and ascended into Heaven, is truly God and truly man, uniting in Himself therefore, heaven and earth.



### Many Years!

#### Birthdays:

Archbishop Benjamin (1<sup>st</sup>)

#### Wedding Anniversary:

Matushka Sophia & Fr Kirill (1<sup>st</sup>)

#### Anniversary of Subdeacon:

Frank (Maximus Tikhon) Kidner (6<sup>th</sup>)

#### Namedays:

Justin Disney (1<sup>st</sup>)

Kevin Chu (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Erin Bethany Bream (4<sup>th</sup>)

### Confession & Communion

Individual appointments are available for confession and holy communion. 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 or Protodeacon Brendan know. They will confidentially arrange assistance to the best of our ability.

## On Reopening

On May 28, Mayor London N. Breed announced a plan for reopening houses of worship with a target date of Monday, June 15 subject to revisions in the Public Health Order. Your parish council will be discussing a safe, orderly, and gradual reopening at its meeting tonight and I'm sure in several more meetings to come. Our reopening plans will be guided by materials prepared and issued by the Holy Synod of Bishops and for our own diocese by His Eminence, our Archbishop Benjamin. Our deliberations will be informed by relevant guidance from the CDC, the State of California, and the authorities here in San Francisco. Most of the procedures will be unsurprising to all of us who have been "social distancing" over the last few months. We will have to remain flexible and patient with each other in this unpredictable time. Thank you for reading materials we send out on this matter *and for sharing your own concerns or questions with me*. Not everyone will feel comfortable gathering with even small groups of parishioners right away – and that's very understandable. While I do not want to predict our plans entirely, especially since the Public Health Order has yet to be reissued, I think we can expect multiple divine liturgies with small groups being offered the week of June 15 (the first day of the Apostles Fast). It is likely that we will pray our special Pentecost Kneeling Prayers on our first Sunday back with faithful in attendance, Sunday, June 21. Thanks again for being in touch with any questions. -Fr. Kirill

## **This Week at Holy Trinity**

**Sun. May 31:** 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha. Holy Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council

10:00 am Livestream of the Divine Liturgy

12:00 pm Young Adult (20's and 30's) Zoom Gathering

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

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

7:00 pm Parish Council

**Tue. June 2:** 7:00 pm Prayer, Scripture, & Conversation Zoom. All are welcome! An opportunity to do a little reading and study (we are going through the exciting Book of Acts right now), pray, and talk together informally.

**Wed. June 3:** 6:00 pm Livestream of Vespers

**Thu. June 4:** 7:00 pm Prayer, Scripture, & Conversation Zoom. All are welcome!

**Sat. June 6:** 6:00 pm Livestream of Festal Vigil

**Sun. June 7:** Pentecost. Parish Feast Day of the Holy Trinity.

10:00 am Livestream of the Divine Liturgy

**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](http://holy-trinity.org) for the latest changes in this time!

### **Contact Fr. Kirill**

*Question? Want to talk? Or be on the email list?*

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