

# Holy Trinity Cathedral

## Sunday, June 14, 2020

### **Today's Epistle**

Hebrews 11:33-12:2

### **Today's Gospel**

Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

### **Sunday of All Saints**

### **Tone 8**

## **Welcome**

We greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! 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. If you are on our e-mail list, you will be among the first to receive news of potential reopening later this week. May God bless you!

*Archbishop Benjamin of San Francisco*

*Father Kirill Sokolov*

## **Today's Epistle**

*Hebrews 11:33-12:2*

Brethren, by faith all the saints conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became valiant in battle, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead raised back to life. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and scourging, yes, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated — of whom the world was not worthy — they wandered over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though they had been approved by the testimony of faith, did not receive what was promised, for God had something better in view for us, that without us they should not be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,

## **Today's Gospel**

*Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30*

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon

twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

## The Apostles' Fast

The Apostles' Fast—which begins the day after All Saints, tomorrow—is the oldest fast and the first one kept by the Christian Church. The Book of Acts records that the Holy Spirit spoke to Apostles: “As they ministered to the Lord and fasted the Holy Spirit said: ‘Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.’ And when they fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away” (Acts 13:2-3). The Apostles' Fast continues until the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul on June 29.

The hymns for the feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul speak of them as leaders (*koryphaioi*). The *koryphaioi* were leaders of a chorus in ancient Greek tragedy. They set the pattern for singing and dancing in a group of 12 chorus members. These holy apostles set the pattern for the other disciples, the saints, and — ultimately — for us. We remember their venerable sufferings, we esteem their true faith and holy life, and we celebrate the innocence of their sufferings and pure confession.



### Many Years!

#### Anniversaries of Baptisms and Chrismations:

Jason Dunham (15<sup>th</sup>)  
Christopher, Elizabeth, Pretty (Joanna) and  
Strong (Photini) Sims

#### Birthday:

Giorgi Kavtaradze (17<sup>th</sup>)  
Gabriel Harmon (19<sup>th</sup>)

#### Namedays:

Austin (Augustinos) Gunter (15<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

Our parish council is discussing a safe, orderly, and gradual reopening following guidance from Church and health authorities. 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. We believe that a revised health order will be issued on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>. It seems likely that the total number of faithful in attendance at one time will be limited and that sign-ups will be required to facilitate that. I intend to offer multiple liturgies during the week so that all who wish to attend a liturgy will have that ability. I have suggested a schedule (below) that may work based on what we suspect now; but *please* be alert to e-mails and the web site for last-minute changes! I am very excited to be reopening and I am grateful to God that all of us in our community have remained safe and that we can now sacramentally gather. Thanks again for being in touch with any questions. -Fr. Kirill

## **This Week at Holy Trinity**

*As changes to the shelter-in-place order are introduced this week and the blessing to gradually reopen is given, please be alert to changes to our service schedule and procedures for attending. Please see above for more details and check your email and our web site frequently. Thank you!*

**Sun. June 14: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. All Saints.**

10:00 am Livestream of the Divine Liturgy

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

*Young adult gathering to be announced*

**Mon. June 15: Beginning of the Apostles' Fast**

**Tue. June 16:** 7:00 pm Parish Council Zoom

**Wed. June 17:** 7:00 am Livestream of the Divine Liturgy with Memorial Prayers  
on the 40<sup>th</sup> Day of Fr. Paul Lazor's repose

Note: *If you would like to attend this service in person, please e-mail Fr. Kirill*

6:00 pm Vespers (sign-up information to be announced)

**Thu. June 18:** 7:00 pm Prayer, Scripture, & Conversation Zoom. All are welcome!

**Sat. June 20:** 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (sign-up information to be announced)

6:00 pm Great Vespers (sign-up information to be announced)

**Sun. June 21: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. All Saints of America.**

10:00 am Divine Liturgy and Kneeling Prayers

(sign-up information to be announced)

*Church school and other virtual gatherings to be announced.*

**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>

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?*

FrKirill@holy-trinity.org • 415-673-8565

1520 Green Street, San Francisco, California

[holy-trinity.org](http://holy-trinity.org)

Orthodox Church in America

Diocese of the West