

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service as we worship the Holy Trinity. We are grateful to God for the opportunity to be open and serving. Please take a moment after the service to introduce yourself to our pastor, Father Kirill or reach out.
- **Support Local Businesses!** Let's do our part as we "reopen safely together." There are a lot of great places near the Cathedral, including, for example, the Matterhorn a few doors away on Van Ness or Blue Fog on Green St and Gough.
- **Members of One Another.** We thank God for those: who teach our church school students, who serve on our parish council, who give their time for the maintenance of our church building and grounds, and all those whose names and offerings are known only to God.

This Week at Holy Trinity

To attend a service, fill out the registration/health screen form available on our web site under "Calendar". Please watch e-mail for changes.

Tue. Oct. 27: Church open Tuesday-Saturday 5-7PM for private prayer
7:00 pm Prayer, Scripture, and Conversation Zoom

Wed. Oct. 28: 6:00 pm Vespers

Sat. Oct. 31: 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Parking available Saturday morning at St. Brigid's

6:00 pm Great Vespers
Parking at St. Brigid's only by request

Sun. Nov. 1: 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Parking available at St. Brigid's
1:00 pm Church School (5-12) Zoom
3:00 pm Church School (K-4) Zoom

Links for Zoom sessions are sent out by e-mail at the beginning of the week.

Live-streamed services (Saturday evening and Sunday morning):

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

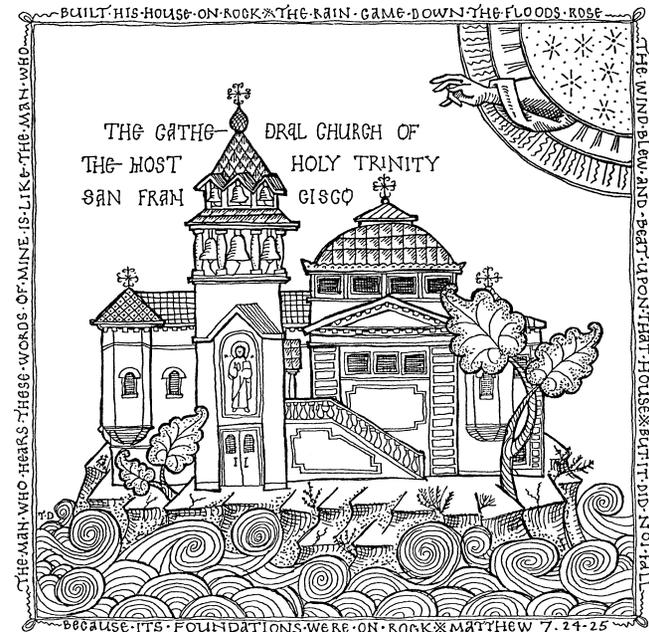
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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, October 25, 2020

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We are delighted to have you join us in worshipping the Holy Trinity. Please follow all signs and instructions from greeters. Wear face coverings, maintain physical distance, and engage in proper personal hygiene.

Today's Epistle Reading

Galatians 1:11-19

Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

20th Sunday after Pentecost**St. Tabitha the Almsgiver, the****widow raised from the dead by****the Apostle Peter (1st c.)****Tone 3****Today's Epistle Reading***Galatians 1:11-19*

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not of man. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it; but I received it by a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure, and ravaged it. And I advanced in Judaism above many of my contemporaries among my people, showing much more zeal for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, immediately, without taking counsel with flesh and blood, and without going up to Jerusalem to those who were appointed apostles before me, I went away into Arabia and returned again to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter and abode with him fifteen days. But of the other apostles I saw none, save James the Lord's brother.

Today's Gospel Reading*Luke 16:19-31*

The Lord said this parable: "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

"Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

"Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

Paul's Gospel...

Paul's point in today's selection addressed to the Gentiles – who were being confused and divided by false teachers claiming Apostolic authority – is not to denigrate the authority of the other apostles in this passage, nor the importance of Church tradition, nor the connection of the gospel with the Old Testament and the authentic traditions of the Jewish fathers. It is to remind the Galatians (and us!) that all of this is from God, in God, and for God. Paul's extraordinary biography, in which Christ spoke directly to him, and nurtured him for three years, is a stark reminder that the gospel is not a human philosophy, nor a derived tradition, but a teaching directly from God, and enacted by God, and carried through to its fulfillment by God, as well. People can't just make it up, even those who claim some connection with Church leaders! But Paul does not disparage this connection with the twelve, and even in this passage speaks of his communion with Peter and James. No doubt they had a lot to talk about, as Paul would tell them of his vision of the risen Christ, as James would describe how he came to believe that His half-brother really was the Christ when he saw Him alive (1 Cor 15:7), and as Peter would also talk about seeing the risen Lord (1 Cor 15:5). Perhaps even Peter spoke to St. Paul at this time about how the Lord raised Tabitha through him, something that St. Paul had missed (Act 9:40), and that we commemorate this Sunday.

Yes, the gospel is not "according to man," for its content is divine—Jesus the Messiah, crucified and risen, is Lord! Yes, it comes from God, that we might be in Christ, and live lives for Christ, together, and personally.

(read this full passage by Dr. Edith M. Humphrey on her blog: blogs.ancientfaith.com/alampfortoday/2020/10/23)

**Many Years!**

Nameday:
Demetre Kavtaradze (26th)
Birthday:
Ian Hirsch (28th)

Reopening News

We are open and you are welcome! In addition to our divine services, the Cathedral is open for private prayer from 5-7 PM or by appointment Tue-Sat this week.