

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are happy you are with us today!
- **Stewards of the Orthodox Church in America Sunday.** Support the work of the Orthodox Church in America by becoming a Steward of the OCA today. Go to oca.org/stewards to learn more.
- **Thanksgiving.** We cannot have our usual Thanksgiving Feast this year but our Stewards are preparing festal “to go” meals for distribution after Thanksgiving Liturgy. This week’s service sign-up will invite you to mark whether you will be around and would appreciate this small expression of our love for one another.
- **Bookstore.** Our bookstore downstairs is well stocked! Curl up with a good book or give one as a gift. We will be open immediately after Sunday Liturgy and can easily open on request.

This Week at Holy Trinity

To attend, just fill out the registration/health form available on our web site.

- Tue. Nov. 17:** 7:00 pm Prayer, Scripture, and Conversation Zoom
- Wed. Nov. 18:** **St. Tikhon and the Fathers of the 1917-1918 Council**
Church open Wednesday-Saturday 5-7PM for private prayer
6:00 pm Vespers
- Thu. Nov. 19:** 7:00 pm Parish Council Zoom
- Fri. Nov. 20:** **Pre-Feast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos**
6:00 pm Festal Vigil
- Sat. Nov. 21:** **Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos**
9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Parking available Saturday morning at St. Brigid’s
6:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sun. Nov. 22:** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy (*Parking available at St. Brigid’s*)
1:00 pm Church School (K-4) Zoom
3:00 pm Church School (5-12) Zoom

Links for Zoom sessions are sent out by e-mail.

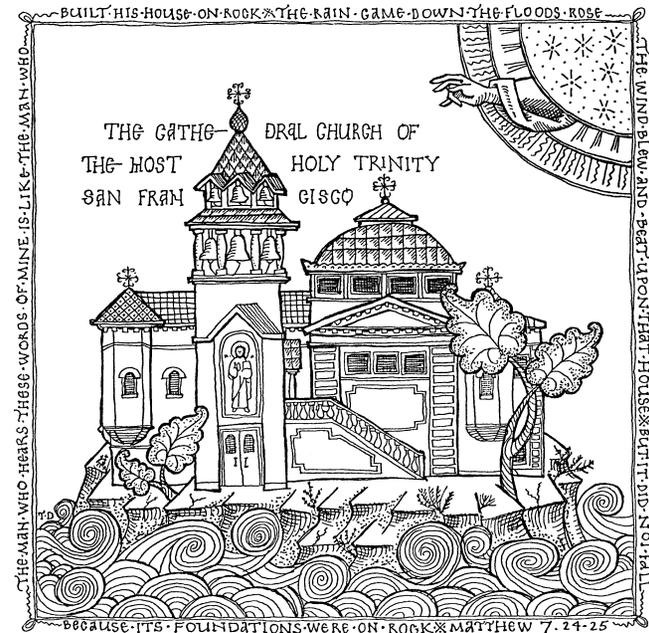
We plan to live-stream Friday, Saturday, and Sunday services this week

Contact Fr. Kirill

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

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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, November 15, 2020

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Archbishop of San Francisco and the West

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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

Ephesians 2:4-10

Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25-37

23rd Sunday after Pentecost**Holy Martyrs and Confessors****Gurias, Samonas, and Abibus, of****Edessa (299-306)****Tone 6****Today's Epistle Reading***Ephesians 2:4-10*

Brethren: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead by reason of our sins, brought us to life together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and seated us together in heaven in Christ Jesus, that He might show in the ages to come the exceeding riches of His grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not from yourselves, for it is the gift of God; not because of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God has prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Today's Gospel Reading*Luke 10:25-37*

At that time, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' "

And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come

again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

And he said, "He who showed mercy on him."

Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Saints Samonas, Abibus, and Gurias

Our Cathedral has many beautiful icons. Many of them are small and unassuming with histories that are now lost. Was this one or that brought from Russia or other lands as a most honored keepsake? One such icon in our church is an old Russian icon, adorned with a riza (a metal cover that serves to honor but also protect the icon). There are three martyrs depicted on the icon: Samonas, Abibus, and Gurias, whom we commemorate this day.

During the persecution against Christians under the emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian (305-311) the two friends Gurias and Samonas, preachers of the Word of God, were arrested in the city of Edessa. The saints refused to offer sacrifice to the gods, and boldly confessed their faith in Christ. For this they were subjected to cruel tortures and be-headed. After some years, the last pagan emperor, Licinius (311-324), began a persecution against Christians. Abibus, a deacon of the Church of Edessa confessed his faith in Christ and was sentenced to be burned alive. The martyr went willingly into the fire and with a prayer surrendered his soul to the Lord. The martyrs are regarded as patrons of honorable marriage.

**Many Years!****Anniversary of Consecration:**

On November 16, 1897, the San Francisco Cathedral church, after its renovation, was sanctified in the name of the Most Holy and Life-Creating Trinity.

Anniversary of Diaconate:

Archbishop Benjamin (15th)

Anniversary of Baptism:

Alexander Zerit (17th)
Protodeacon Brendan (20th)

Birthday:

Lisa Sims (15th)

Congratulations

Today Kim McCully is made a Catechumen, marking her formal intention to enter into the fullness of the Orthodox Faith. Kim is taking as her heavenly patron, the Holy Martyr Christina of Tyre.

Reopening News

We thank God for the blessing to be in church and we follow all safety procedures. Please fill out the registration/pre-screen before coming. Questions are very welcome.