

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 by e-mail or telephone.
- **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 invites 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, please fill out the registration/health form available on our web site.
Please be alert to changes sent by email and on our web site.

Tue. Nov. 24: 7:00 pm Prayer, Scripture, and Conversation Zoom

Wed. Nov. 25: 6:00 pm Great Vespers

Thu. Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Parking available Thursday morning at St. Brigid’s

Sat. Nov. 28: [No Saturday Liturgy this week]

6:00 pm Great Vespers and Panikhida (40th Day Memorial)
for Metropolitan Theodosius

Sun. Nov. 29: 8:00 am Divine Liturgy (tentative)

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

(Parking available Sunday morning at St. Brigid’s)

Links for Zoom sessions are sent out by e-mail. Live-streamed services:

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

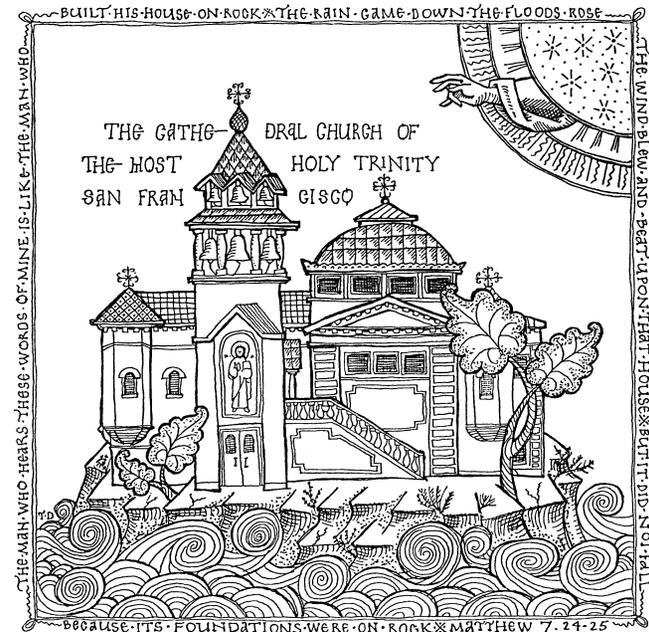
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Contact Fr. Kirill

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

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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, November 22, 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 2:14-22

Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 12:16-21

24th Sunday after Pentecost**Afterfeast of the Entrance of
the Theotokos Into the Temple.****Tone 7****Today's Epistle Reading***Ephesians 2:14-22*

Brethren, Christ Himself is our peace, and it is He who has made both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of enmity, by abolishing in His flesh the Law of commandments expressed in decrees, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby in Himself slaying the enmity.

And He came and announced the good tidings of peace to you who were afar off and peace to those who were near, for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. Now therefore you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is fitted closely together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Today's Gospel Reading*Luke 12:16-21*

The Lord said this parable: The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: and he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

Temples of the Living God

In the Orthodox Church the Virgin Mary is the image of those who are being saved. If Jesus Christ is the Savior, Mary is, par excellence, the image of the *saved*. She is, in every aspect of her life, as Father Alexander

Schmemmann so often said, not the great *exception*, but rather the great *example*. From her conception to her dormition, that is, her true and real death, she shows how all people must be when they are sanctified by the Holy Spirit as servants of God and imitators of Christ.

In the festival of the entrance of Mary into the temple [November 20-21] we have seen how Christ's mother is continuously hymned as the "living temple of the holy glory of Christ our God." She is praised as the "living ark which contained the Word that cannot be contained." She is glorified as "the temple that is to hold God," consecrated by the spirit to be the "dwelling place of the Almighty." She enters the Holy of Holies to become herself the "animated Holy of Holies," the one in whom Christ is formed, thereby making her, and everyone who is one with her in faith, the "abode of heaven."

We are all made to be living temples of God. We are all created to be dwelling places of his glory. We are all fashioned in His image and likeness to be abodes of His presence. The first Christian martyr, the protodeacon Stephen whose memory is celebrated on the third day of Christmas, was killed for proclaiming this marvel when he bore witness that "the Most High does not dwell in houses made with hands." For this, like Jesus himself, he was accused of planning the destruction of the earthly temple at Jerusalem (Acts 7:48; 6:14). The apostle Paul proclaims this same doctrine clearly and without equivocation when he writes to the Corinthians and to us that "we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building" (1 Cor 3:9).

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are. (1 Cor 3:16-17)

from The Winter Pascha, by Fr. Thomas Hopko

**Many Years!****Nameday:**

Karen Cecilia Relucio (11/22)
Katherine Strelkoff (11/24)
Catherine Moyer (11/24)

Birthday:

Gregory Sokolov (11/22)
Ella Jorgenson (11/27)

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. Please check e-mail and our web site in our rapidly changing pandemic situation. Questions are very welcome.