

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service as we worship the Holy Trinity. Please introduce yourself to our pastor, Father Kirill or reach out by e-mail or telephone.
- **Thanksgiving.** I give thanks to God for all of those who helped prepare meals for our parishioners this past Thursday. I am especially filled with joy that we were able to deliver to shut-ins and to unhoused people in our neighborhood. May God grow our humble efforts!
- **Preparing your pledge.** It is the time of year when we prayerfully make our annual pledge, offering our “first fruits” to God. “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). This year we are adding the ability give securely online. You can find the link at our web site, holy-trinity.org.
- **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

If you would like to be part of one of our live-streamed services, please fill out the form on our website; you will receive a confirmation e-mail from Fr. Kirill.

- Tue. Dec. 1:** 7:00 pm Prayer, Scripture, and Conversation Zoom
- Wed. Dec. 2:** Church open Wednesday-Saturday 5-7PM for private prayer
6:00 pm Vespers
- Sat. Dec. 5:** [No Saturday Liturgy this week]
6:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sun. Dec. 6:** **St. Nicholas the Wonderworker**
8:00 am Divine Liturgy
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
(Parking available Sunday morning at St. Brigid's)

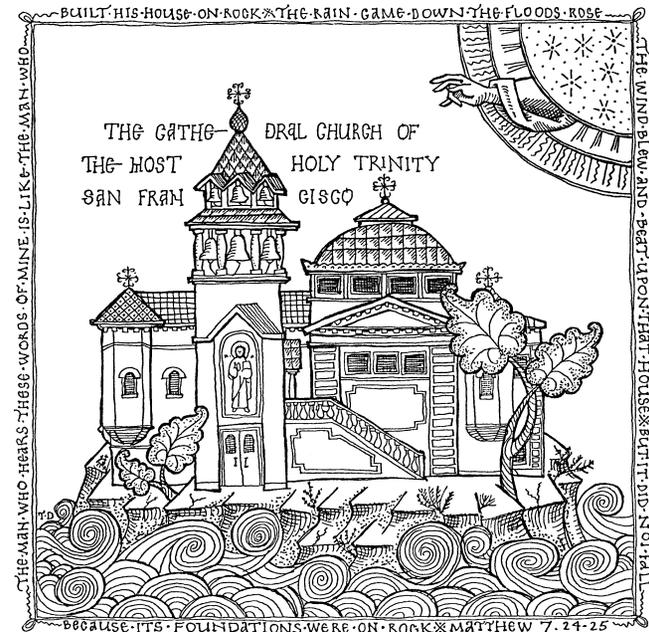
Links for Zoom sessions are sent out by e-mail. Live-stream links:

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

Contact Fr. Kirill

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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, November 29, 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 **25th Sunday after Pentecost**
Ephesians 4:1-6 **Martyr Paramon and 370**
Today's Gospel Reading **Martyrs in Bithynia (250 AD)**
Luke 13:10-17 **Tone 8**

Today's Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

Brethren, I the prisoner in the Lord, exhort you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all humility and meekness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, careful to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, even as you were called in one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in all.

Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day."

The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Feast of St. Andrew – November 30

In the Orthodox practice, major feasts are announced by "pre-feast" verses and hymns sung at services that lead up to the great feast. And the celebration of the Lord's incarnation, His Nativity, is certainly no

exception! The canon of the feast of the Nativity begins to be sung on the festival of the entrance of the Virgin Mary into the temple (November 21) and the first pre-feast hymns of Christmas are sung on the feast of "the all-praised and first-called apostle Andrew" (November 30).

In the gospel according to Saint John, Philip tells his friend Nathanael to "come and see" Jesus, but it is Jesus Himself who invites Andrew to "come and see" where He dwells and to spend the day with Him, together with another disciple of John the Baptist, who is probably the evangelist himself.

Come and see! This is the abiding invitation of the Church in her liturgical services. Come with faith and you will be numbered with those to whom "it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 13: 11). You will be found with those to whom insight has been granted into "the mystery of Christ" which is "the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things" which is now made manifest "through the Church" even to the angels (Eph 3:4, 9-10). 2

To go the way of the Winter Pascha is, according to Saint Gregory the Theologian, to "travel without fault through every stage and faculty of the life of Christ." It is to enter into the mysteries of the Messiah, "all of which have but one completion: my perfection and return to the first condition of Adam." It is to "see and be seen by the great God who in Trinity is worshipped and glorified, and whom we now set forth before you as clearly as the bonds of flesh permit, in Jesus Christ our Lord."

-adapted from The Winter Pascha, by Fr. Thomas Hopko



Many Years!

Anniversaries of Baptisms & Chrismations:

Robert (Reader Stephen) Parent (11/30)
Justin & Sarah Disney (12/1)
Vitesse (Josephine) Disney (12/2)
Quête (Amelia) Disney (12/2)
April Marie Warren (12/4)

Namedays:

Andrew Pickering (11/30)

Birthdays:

Larissa Edel (12/1)
Matushka Sophia Sokolov (12/5)

Reopening News

We are following all safety protocols during this difficult time. Capacity is strictly limited for our live-streamed services. If you would like to be part of a service, please fill out the form on our website. You will receive a confirmation from Fr. Kirill. Questions are very welcome!