

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.
- **Baptisms!** God willing, we will celebrate the baptisms of John and Alexandra Martin next Sunday, February 28, at 9:00 am before the Divine Liturgy. Their children, Eliza and Jonah, are scheduled to be baptized on Saturday, March 6, at 1:00 pm. Please keep the whole Martin family in your prayers as they prepare for this great mystery!
- **Summer Camp July 11-17.** The volunteer Camp Committee is inviting you to indicate your interest with a form on its website. Early registrants can take advantage of the \$545 'Early Bird' price. *Did you know?* Our parish council works to provide scholarships. Please speak with Fr. Kirill if your children would like to attend! steugenecamp.org

This Week at Holy Trinity

To attend a service, fill out the registration/health screen form available on our web site under "Calendar". Our church is open for private prayer before scheduled services and by appointment.

Throughout this week, there is a general dispensation from fasting.

Tue. Feb. 23: 7:00 pm Prayer, Scripture, and Conversation Zoom. Join us!

Wed. Feb. 24: 6:00 pm Vespers

Sat. Feb. 27: **Repose of St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn**
9:00 am Divine Liturgy
6:00 pm Great Vespers

Sun. Feb. 28: **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**
9:00 am Baptisms of Alexandra and John Martin
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Parking available Sunday morning at St. Brigid's

Live-stream links:

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

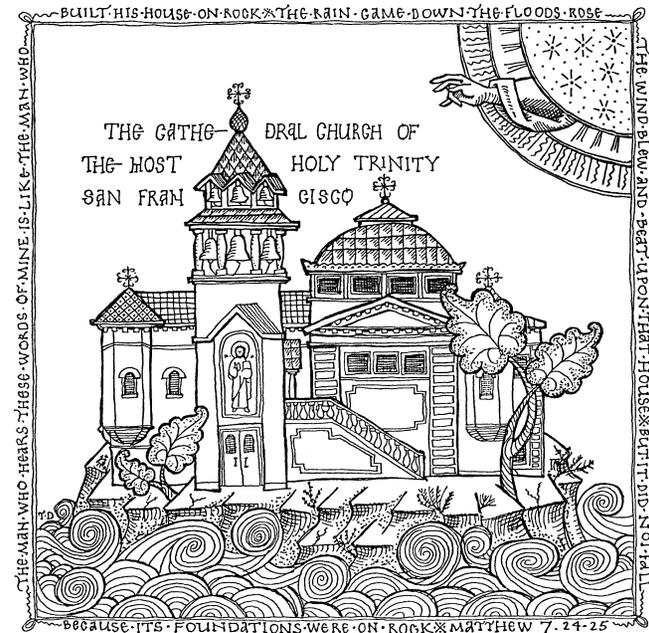
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Contact Fr. Kirill

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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, February 21, 2021

Most Reverend Benjamin,
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We are delighted to be together with you in worshipping the Holy Trinity. Please follow all signs and instructions from greeters. We wear face coverings, maintain physical distance, and engage in proper personal hygiene. Welcome!

Today's Epistle **The Publican & The Pharisee**
2 Timothy 3:10-15 **Beginning of the Lenten Triodion**
Today's Gospel **Ven. Timothy of Symbola in Bithynia**
Luke 18:10-14 **Tone 4**

Today's Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 3:10-15

Timothy, my son, thou hast closely followed my doctrine, my conduct, my purpose, my faith, my long-suffering, my love, my patience, my persecutions, my afflictions; such as befell me at Antioch, Iconium and Lystra; what persecutions I endured, but the Lord delivered me out of them all. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution, while evil men and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But do thou continue in the things that thou hast learned and that have been entrusted to thee, knowing from whom thou hast learned them. For from thy childhood thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to instruct thee unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Please Read - Thoughts on Scheduling - One Liturgy

The Divine Liturgy is the the action of the Church assembled by God together in one place to worship, to pray, to sing, to hear God's Word, to be instructed in God's commandments, to offer itself with thanksgiving in Christ to God the Father, and to have the living experience of God's eternal kingdom through communion with the same Christ Who is present in his people by the Holy Spirit.

The Divine Liturgy is always done on the Lord's Day which is Sunday, the "day after Sabbath" which is symbolic of the first day of creation and the

last day of the Kingdom of God. This is the "eighth day," the day of Christ's resurrection from the dead, the day of God's judgment and victory predicted by the prophets, the Day of the Lord which inaugurates the presence and the power of the "kingdom to come" already now within the life of this present world.

As the common action of the People of God, the Divine Liturgy may be celebrated only once on any given day in an Orthodox Christian community. The ideal is that all of the members of the Church gather together with their bishop or priest in one place at one time. This includes even small children who participate fully in the communion of the liturgy from the day of their entrance into the Church through baptism and chrismation. Always everyone, always together. The Divine Liturgy is always "on behalf of all and for all."

In this year of pandemic, His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin, has blessed us to have two Lord's Day Divine Liturgies (on separate *antimensia*, the special linen icon of the Savior's entombment consecrated with holy relics upon which we offer the Eucharist) as a way to help *keep our community together*, praising and thanking the Lord.

Beginning next Sunday, February 28, His Eminence blesses us to return to *one Sunday Divine Liturgy*. We can have almost 50 souls present at the Divine Liturgy in our beautiful cathedral with physical distancing. In a sense that's inadequate: for example, on February 23, 2020, we had 90 communicants and 101 people venerate the Cross. So, for those who have the flexibility or who may be more comfortable in smaller gatherings, we are going to have additional Divine Liturgies available most weeks on Saturday or on weekdays. I humbly request that you carefully note each week's schedule and prayerfully make choices about what you might attend and then fill out the health pre-screen as early as possible. For example, next weekend, in addition to Sunday, we will have a Liturgy on Saturday, February 27. If some of our faithful can come to Saturday's Liturgy instead of Sunday, I am hopeful that everyone will be able to be part of a Divine Liturgy next weekend. We will also continue to live-stream. I am very happy to discuss these things with each and every one of you as often as needed. I regret very much that I can't just say wholeheartedly: "everyone please come to everything!" but, with God's help, we're getting closer to that moment. In the meantime, I ask your forgiveness, patience, and flexibility as we continue to navigate through this time humbly and full of faith.

Please do reach out with questions!

Yours in Christ, -Fr. Kirill