

## Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service today in worshipping the Holy Trinity. You are cordially invited to join us for coffee after the service. We would love to greet you and answer any questions.
- **Confession** and Holy Communion are essential in our life as Christians. Please do make your sacramental confession during Lent (before Holy Week if at all possible).

### 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.

- Wed April 14:** 6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  
Parking available at St. Brigid's for evening
- Thu April 15:** 6:00 pm Matins with the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete and the Life of St. Mary of Egypt  
Parking available at St. Brigid's for evening
- Fri April 16:** 9:00 am Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  
6:00 pm Matins with the Akathistos Hymn  
Parking available at St. Brigid's for evening
- Sat April 17:** **Laudation of the Most Holy Theotokos**  
9:00 am Divine Liturgy  
11:00 am Baptism of Nina Bream Reidy  
6:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
- Sun April 18:** **Fifth Sunday of Lent – St. Mary of Egypt**  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
2:00 pm Church School (5-12) Zoom  
3:00 pm Church School (K-4) Zoom  
Parking available Sunday morning at St. Brigid's

Live-stream links:

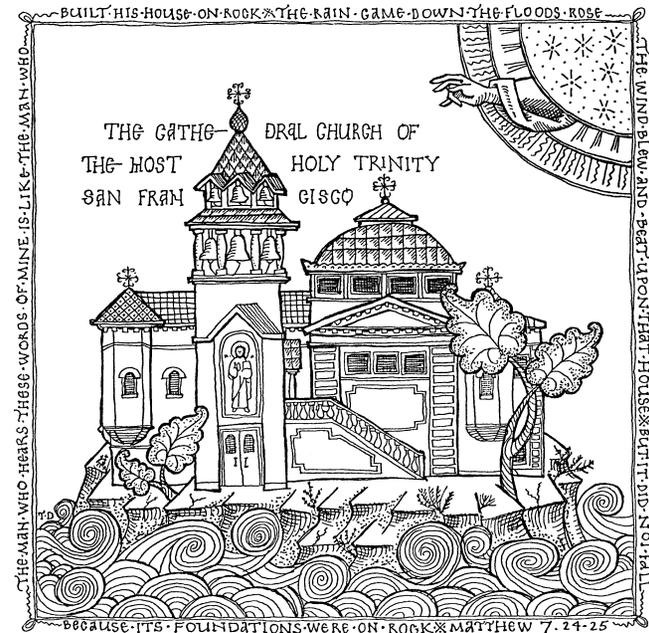
<https://www.youtube.com/HolyTrinityOrthodoxCathedralSanFrancisco>  
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For those with limited Internet connectivity: (888) 869-1520

### Contact Fr. Kirill

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# Holy Trinity Cathedral



## Sunday, April 11, 2021

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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 use hand sanitizer. Welcome!

**Today's Epistle**  
Hebrews 6:13-20  
**Today's Gospel**  
Mark 9:17-31

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent.**  
**St. John Climacus (of *The Ladder*).**  
Tone 3.

## Today's Epistle

*Heb. 6:13-20*

Brethren, for when God made His promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely I will bless thee and multiply thee." And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men swear by one greater than themselves, and an oath given as a guarantee is the final settlement of all their disagreement. Hence God, meaning to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that through two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to deceive, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. This hope we have as a sure and firm anchor of the soul, reaching even behind the veil, where Jesus has entered as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

## Today's Gospel

*Mark 9:17-31*

At that time, one of the crowd came to Jesus, and bowing before Him he said, Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."

He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?"

And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"

So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."

## Do not be surprised that you fall every day

Do not be surprised that you fall every day; do not give up, but stand your ground courageously. And assuredly the angel who guards you will honor your patience. While a wound is still fresh and warm it is easy to heal, but old, neglected and festering ones are hard to cure, and require for their care much treatment, cutting, plastering and cauterization. Many from long neglect become incurable. But with God all things are possible [Matthew 19:26]. + St. John Climacus, Step 5.30, *Ladder of Divine Ascent*

## The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

The Canon is a dialog between St. Andrew and his soul. The ongoing theme is an urgent exhortation to change one's life. St. Andrew always juxtaposes his own sinfulness to God's mercy, and uses literally hundreds of references to good and bad examples from the Old and New Testaments to "convince himself" – and us! – to repent.



### Many Years!

**Anniversary of Baptism:**  
Felicia Dunham (Apr 11)

**Birthday:**  
Mike Davis (April 15)  
Tamara Sokolov (April 15)  
Nina Bream Reidy (April 15)

### Thank You!

We thank God for those preparing to-go coffee after Liturgy and for those opening our Bookstore for our use! May God strengthen all of us as we proceed through the course of the Fast.