

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service today in worshipping the Holy Trinity. Please take a moment after the service to introduce yourself to our pastor, Father Kirill. You are cordially invited to join us for the fellowship luncheon after the service. We would love to greet you and answer any questions.
- **July!** On July 5, observed Independence Day, we enjoyed our annual pilgrimage to Fort Ross. A photo album is available on our web site. We pray for our campers and counsellors who head to St. Eugene's Camp after liturgy today. July is a good time to be intentional about grabbing a new Orthodox podcast or book to be inspired by as the pace of life changes a little.
- **Love of God and Neighbor Leads to Confession.** As we see the immense love that God has for His whole creation, we may notice the lack of that love in ourselves, a lack which leads to condemning others, egotism, failure to be charitable, laziness in prayer and reading scriptures and a host of other not-so-little sins. The Holy Mystery of Confession is meant to be an encounter with God, an honest appraisal of our love for Him and others. "Behold, Christ stands here invisibly before us and hears your confession..." says the priest. What a great gift the Lord gives to us sinners! Perhaps, too much time has gone by since your last Confession? Come, receive absolution, cleansing of your heart and soul, and God's grace. St. Theophan the Recluse says "if you have sinned, acknowledge the sin and repent. God will forgive the sin and once again give you a new heart...and a new Spirit (Ez. 36:26)." Confessions are heard on Saturdays after Vigil (sometimes even during the last part of Vigil, depending on clergy availability) and by appointment. Sunday morning confessions should be reserved for emergencies whenever possible.

This Week at Holy Trinity

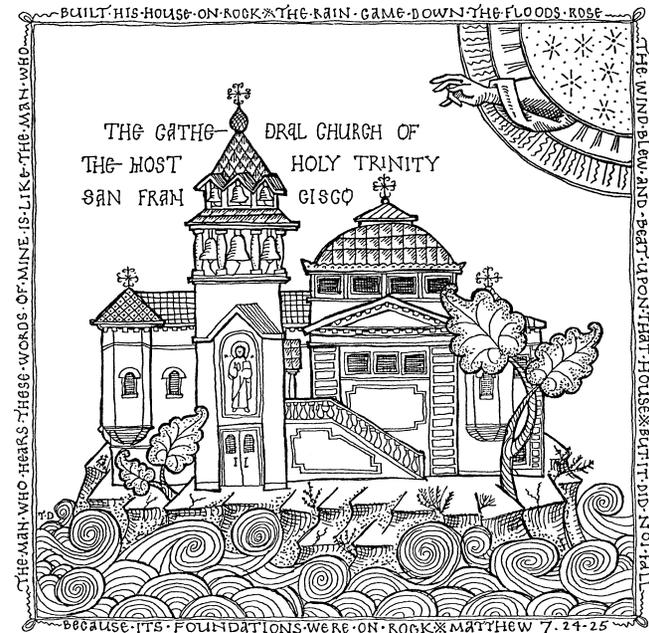
Fr. Kirill and many adult volunteers and youth are at Camp this week.

- Wed. July 14:** (no service)
- Sat. July 17:** 6:00 pm Vigil & Confessions
- Sun. July 18:** **3rd Sunday after Pentecost. Monastic Martyrs
Grand Duchess Elizabeth and Barbara**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Parking available at St. Brigid's

Contact Fr. Kirill

Question? Want to talk? Or be on the email list?
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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, July 11, 2021

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Today's Epistle

Romans 5:1-10

Today's Gospel

Matthew 6:22-33

3rd Sunday after Pentecost.**Great Martyr Euphemia (451).****Equal-to-the-Apostles Blessed Great Princess Olga, in baptism Helen (969).****Tone 2.****Today's Epistle***Romans 5:1-10*

Brethren, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we also have access by faith unto the grace in which we stand and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. And not only this, but we exult in tribulations also, knowing that tribulation produces patience, and patience perseverance, and perseverance hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

While we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely in behalf of a just man does one die; yet perhaps one might bring himself to die for a good man. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more now that we are justified by His blood, we shall be saved through Him from wrath. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.

Today's Gospel*Matthew 6:22-33*

The Lord said: "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?"

"So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?"

"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

What is Mammon?

Generally, "mammon" refers to the things of this world. But St. Clement of Alexandria extended this definition to say that "mammon" refers to all the resources of money directed to various pleasures:

"One who makes it his purpose to please men cannot please God, since the multitude chooses not what is profitable, but what is pleasant. But in pleasing God, as a consequence one gets the favor of the good among men. He views with suspicion even a word that produces pleasure, a pleasant movement and act of the mind. 'For no one can serve two masters, God and mammon' (Matthew 6:24). This refers not simply to money, but the resources arising from money bestowed on various pleasures. In reality, it is not possible for him who magnanimously and truly knows God, to serve antagonistic pleasures".

This does not mean that one can never have any pleasure; it is just that our delight should be centered in the things of God, rather than centered on physical pleasure.

**Many Years!**

Wedding Anniversary:
Alexandra & John Martin (7/11)

Nameday:
Olga Shkouro (7/11)

Birthday:
Vera Wasacz (7/15)

Thank you!

Please join us downstairs for our fellowship hour. Thanks to Larissa V. for preparing today!

Congratulations!

We congratulate and keep Peter Cioto in prayer as he is made a catechumen today.