

## 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 coffee and fellowship after the service. We would love to greet you and answer any questions. *Our thanks to Catherine M. and Tony for preparing today's coffee fellowship!*
- **I Believe in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church....** Our Diocese (region) will be having its annual assembly in Las Vegas this month from October 12-14. Our parish is officially represented this year by Archbishop Benjamin, Fr. Kirill, Peter Taibbi, and Tamara Sokolov. These events remind us of the importance of having a bigger picture of the Church. Take a look at [DOWOCA.org](http://DOWOCA.org) and browse through the reports for this year's assembly. It'll give you a perspective on the goals, successes, and struggles of our sister parishes. The reports always remind me that we are not alone in our challenges or the ways in which we can meet them.
- **Welcome Teens!** Nearby parishes of our Orthodox Church in America are organizing Bay Area Teen Gatherings to help our high school students stay in touch and grow in the faith, together. Our Cathedral is hosting the first of these, later this afternoon.
- **Prayerfully Consider.** Is there a way for me to get more involved in making the parish "go"? Could I help with a lunch or help clean afterwards or volunteer with our maintenance projects?

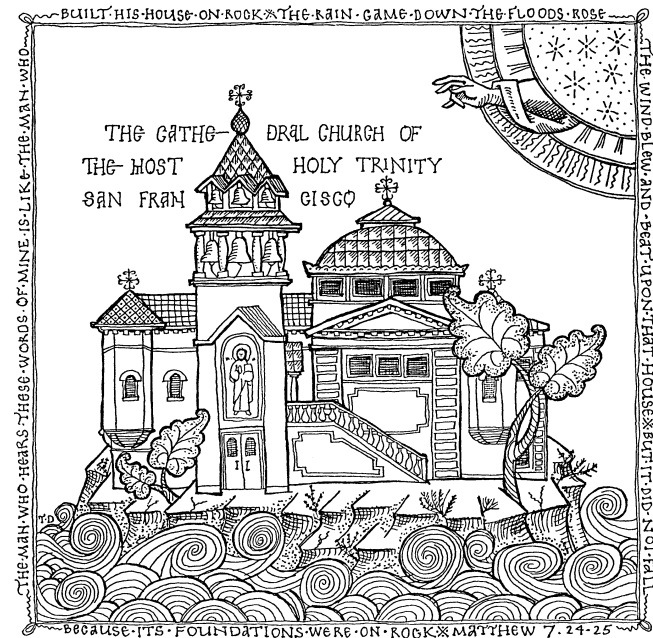
## This Week at Holy Trinity

- Sun. Oct. 3:** 2:00 pm Bay Area Teen Gathering  
*Parking available at St. Brigid's*
- Mon. Oct. 4:** 7:00 pm Parish Council Zoom
- Tue. Oct. 5:** 12:00 pm Orthodox Christian Fellowship at USF
- Wed. Oct. 6:** 6:00 pm Vespers
- Sat. Oct. 9:** 6:00 pm Vigil followed by Confessions
- Sun. Oct. 10:** 9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by  
fellowship hour and Church School (Teens)  
*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, October 3, 2021

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Masks are now required for all in public indoor places

**Today's Epistles**

2 Corinthians 4:6-15

**Today's Gospels**

Luke 6:31-36

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.****Hieromartyr Dionysius the  
Areopagite, Bishop of Athens (96 AD)****Tone 6****Today's Epistle***2 Corinthians 4:6-15*

Brethren: God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we carry this treasure in vessels of clay, to show that the abundance of power is God's, and not ours. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are sorely pressed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our bodies. For while we live we are always being delivered up to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus may also be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death works in us, but life in you.

We having the same spirit of faith, as shown in that which is written, "I believed, and therefore have I spoken;" we also believe, and therefore speak; knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise us up also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, so that the grace which abounds through the many might cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

**Today's Gospel Reading***Luke 6:31-36 NKJV*

The Lord said: just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

**St. Dionysius the Areopagite**

This Saint was from Athens, a learned man, and a member of the famous judicial court of Mars Hill (in Greek Aros Pagos, hence the name Areopagite (see Acts 17:19-34). When Saint Paul preached in Athens, he was one of the first there to believe in Christ, and, according to some, became the first bishop of that city. Others say—and this may be more probable—that he was the second Bishop of Athens, after Saint Hierotheus, whom Dionysios calls his friend and teacher "after Paul" (On the Divine Names, 3:2). With Saint Hierotheus he was also present at the Dormition of the most holy Theotokos; the Doxasticon of the Aposticha for the service of the Dormition is partly taken from a passage in Chapter III of *On the Divine Names*. According to ancient tradition, he received a martyr's end (according to some, in Athens itself) about the year 96.

**On Bells and Their Ringing**

For the Orthodox faithful of Russia, bells served as tongue, voice, and trumpet. And, indeed, what could the pealing of bells be called other than a speaking mouth? On great feasts, the bells remind us of heavenly blessedness; on saint's days they tell us of the unending rest of the holy dwellers in heaven; during Passion Week they remind us of our reconciliation with God through Christ the Savior; and during Bright Week they announce the victory of life over death and the eternal unending joy of the life to come in the Kingdom of Christ. The bell informs us of the passing of the hour, along with reminders of eternity, when "there should be time no longer" (Rev. 10:6).

Announcing the glory of the name of Christ, ringing out both day and night mostly from above God's temples, the pealing of bells by itself reminds us of the words of Almighty God, spoken through the Old Testament Prophet Isaiah: "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, who shall never hold their peace day or night, (making) mention of the Lord." (Is. 62:6).

The sound of a single church bell is solemn and sublime, while the pealing of several bells more or less in concert is even more majestic sounding. The mighty peal of bells has an effect on our interior sensibilities, awakening our souls from spiritual sleep.

The ringing of bells summons up a feeling of uneasiness and spiritual anguish in the heart of the unrepentant sinner, while in the heart of the believer seeking peace with the Lord God the ringing of church bells gives rise to a peaceful joyful and bright mood. One might thus determine the status of his or her soul by the sound of ringing church bells.

*(Adapted from an editorial article which appeared in the San Francisco Russian language newspaper, "Russian Life", in April of 1983. The full article is on our website).*