

Announcements

- **Charities Appeal.** This is our last Sunday collecting for our annual “charities appeal” this month with our gifts going to St. Anthony’s here in the City to help feed our neighbors.
- **Nativity Fast.** The Nativity Fast continues. All are encouraged to make this journey away from the commercialism of Christmas. Most everyone in our culture will be “celebrating” until December 25 and then it seems to end. An Orthodox Christian prepares to greet the new-born Babe by prayer, fasting, and repentance. Then we celebrate for twelve days!

Everyone of confessing age should make an effort to come to Confession during the Fast. Father is available by appointment and after Vigils.
- **Christmas Services.** As we approach the great feast of the Nativity of Christ, we follow a pattern reminiscent of the Holy Passion Week. Please look at the December calendar and make your holiday plans accordingly!
- **Area Christmas Fundraisers.** The Bay Area is a wonderful place for richly diverse Orthodox Christian communities. Several parishes have sent us information on fundraisers to support your celebrations around the Nativity of Christ. See the bulletin board or our web site for fliers from San Francisco, Menlo Park, and Saratoga.

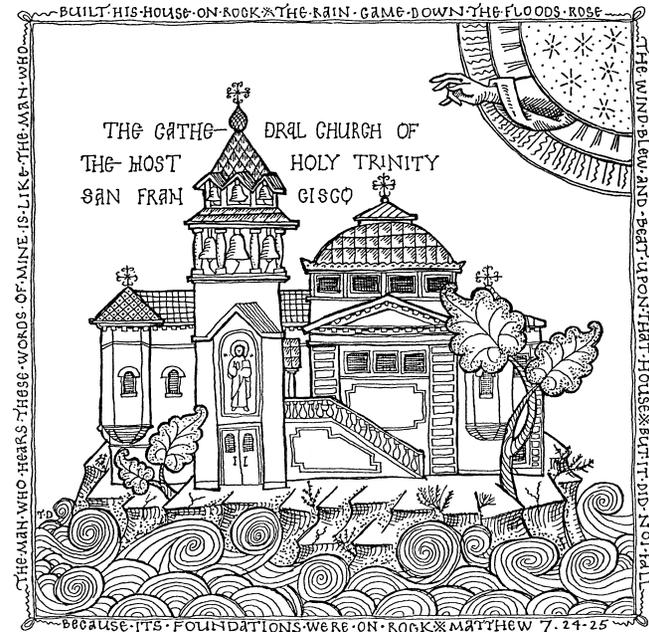
This Week at Holy Trinity

- Tue. Nov. 30:** **Holy and All-Praised Apostle Andrew the First-Called**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
12:00 pm Orthodox Christian Fellowship at USF
- Wed. Dec. 1:** 6:00 pm Vespers followed by Men’s Group gathering
- Sat. Dec. 4:** 10:00 am “Sonshine Kids” playdate for kids in Fremont
6:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
- Sun. Dec. 5:** **St. Sava the Sanctified**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
followed by Fellowship Hour and Tree Trimming
Parking available at St. Brigid’s
6:00 pm Festal Vigil at St. Nicholas Church, San Anselmo
- Mon. Dec. 6:** **St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Abp. of Myra in Lycia**
9:30 am Patronal Feast Day Divine Liturgy
at St. Nicholas Church, San Anselmo

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Sunday, November 28, 2021

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We are delighted to be together with you in worshipping the Holy Trinity
Masks are required in public indoor places

Today's Epistles

Ephesians 2:4-10

Today's Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Monk-Martyr and Confessor Stephen

the New of Mt. St. Auxentius,

Defender of the Holy Icons

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Today's Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

Brethren: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead by reason of our sins, brought us to life together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and seated us together in heaven in Christ Jesus, that He might show in the ages to come the exceeding riches of His grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not from yourselves, for it is the gift of God; not because of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God has prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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!

Anniversary of Baptisms & Chrismations:

Robert (Reader Stephen) Parent (Nov 30)

Justin & Sarah Disney (Dec 1)

Vitesse (Josephine) & Quête (Amelia) Disney (Dec 2)

Nameday:

Andrew Pickering (Nov 30)

Birthday:

Larissa Edel (Dec 1)

Michael Chriesman (Dec 1)

Thank you!

Welcome guests and visitors! Please join us for coffee and refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. We look forward to saying hello.

Our gratitude to all those who contributed to this Sunday's potluck!