

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.
- **Congratulations and Many Years** to the newly-baptized child of God, Quinn Danielle. We also wish every blessing on her parents Ashley (Nina) Kolaya and John Sundberg, grandparents, and her sponsor Belen. We thank God for a moment to reaffirm our baptismal vows, too!
- **Reminder about Confession.** Our practice here, as taught by the Holy Synod of Bishops, is to prepare ourselves for a weekly participation in Holy Communion by a regular confession (monthly at least), prayers before Holy Communion, fasting and attending Church services. If you cannot remember when you last made a confession, it was probably too long ago. At Confession we stand before Christ, we say our sins to Him, with the priest as our witness, and hopefully sometimes our guide. Let's be eager to be with the Lord in our repentance, awaiting the grace and forgiveness that pours into our hearts.
- **Mark your calendars!** This is a fast-free week. The Men's Group will sup accordingly on Wednesday after Vespers this week. We'll have an "Intro to Orthodoxy" study group in-person on Wednesday the 23rd. Please note that we are planning our Annual Lenten Retreat for all on Saturday April 2. This will be a "do not miss!" occasion.

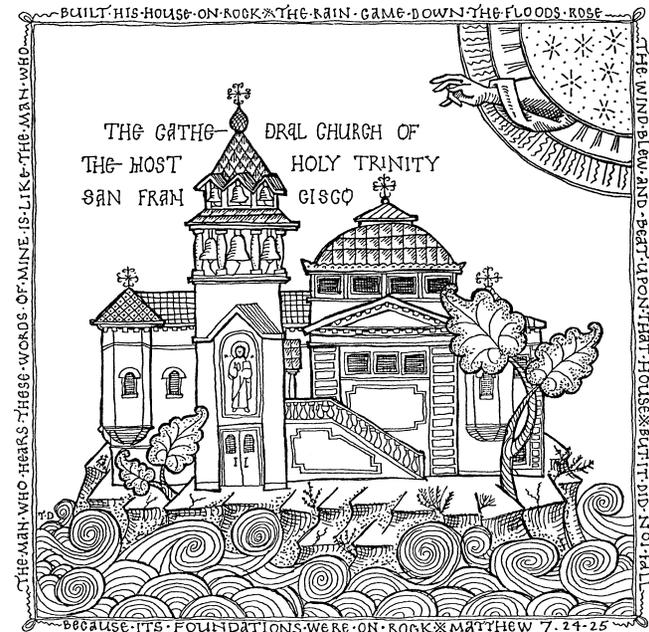
This Week at Holy Trinity

- Tue. Feb. 15:** 12:00 pm Orthodox Christian Fellowship at USF
- Wed. Feb. 16:** 6:00 pm Vespers followed by Men's Group gathering
- Thu. Feb. 17:** 7:00 pm Bible Study with Fr. James via Zoom
- Fri. Feb. 18:** 6:00 pm Kids' Movie Night in Menlo Park
- Sat. Feb. 19:** 6:00 pm Vigil followed by Confessions
- Sun. Feb. 20:** **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
followed by fellowship hour & reading group
Parking available Sunday 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, February 13, 2022

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

Today's Epistle
2 Timothy 3:10-15
Today's Gospel
Luke 18:10-14

The Publican & The Pharisee
Beginning of the Lenten Triodion
Ven. Martinian of Caesarea (5th c.)
Tone 1

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."

Forgiveness Sunday Vespers – March 6

On Sunday, March 6 we will serve the Vespers of Forgiveness at 6:00 pm. During the service the cloths which cover the icon stands will be changed to the Lenten purple—a royal and rich color, yet darker and more mournful too. From that point on we are in Great Lent, and the Lenten melodies will be used for the Litanies. At the end of this unique Service we will ask forgiveness of each other, each person approaching

the clergy, then each other. Those who can, do a prostration before one another; those who cannot, simply ask forgiveness; either way is just fine. We say: "forgive me" and answer back, "Forgive me. God forgives." The important thing is to ask for forgiveness and then give it. The act of forgiveness is not one in which we expect all interpersonal difficulties will be erased or resolved, it does, however, have the potential to remove the poison of sin and resentments from our "spiritual blood stream." It's a beginning to our Fast.

Infant Baptism

Baptism requires preparation even if the human being to be baptized is only a few days old and is unable to understand that which will happen to him. The Orthodox Church, radically different in this from some "rationalistic" sects, has never posited "understanding" as the condition for Baptism. She would rather say that true "understanding" is made possible by Baptism, is its result and fruit, rather than its condition. We are very far from the flat idea that Baptism cannot be received unless it is "understood" and "accepted," and therefore it is to be given only to "adults." Maybe the ultimate grace of Baptism is indeed that it makes us children, restores in us that "childhood" without which, in the words of Christ Himself, it is impossible to receive the Kingdom of God. What "preparation" means therefore is a total act of the Church, the recapitulation by her of all that makes baptismal regeneration possible. For the whole Church is changed, enriched and fulfilled when another child of God is integrated into her life and becomes a member of Christ's Body.
-Father Alexander Schmemmann, *Of Water and the Spirit*



Many Years!

Anniversaries

Wedding of Merab & Ketevan (Feb 15)
Subdeacon ordination of Peter Taibbi & Fr. Kirill
(Feb 14)

Nameday

Karen Lee McNally (Feb 18)

Birthday

Kate Colby (Feb 14)
Maximilian Pavel Groebel (Feb 15)
Ilaria Eldridge (Feb 16)

Welcome & Thank You!

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

Thanks to Matushka Sophia, Andy, Steve, and the great team that prepared today's lunch!