

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.
- **The August Calendar** will, God willing, be available in the coming days. We'll start a Fast in honor of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Mother of God on Monday, August 1. We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy that day at 9:30 am in honor of the "First Feast of the Savior in August" – the Procession of the Cross. The Great Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord is on Saturday, August 6, which means we will have Festal Vigil on Thursday, August 5, at 6:00 pm and Divine Liturgy on the 6th at 9:30 am. Lots of blessings!
- **All-American Council.** Every three years delegates from each parish of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) gather in council to discuss the life of the church (evangelism, seminaries, finances, liturgical issues, external affairs and reports from all departments). Matushka Sophia (our lay delegate) and I returned home from the Council last evening. We look forward to telling you more about the work of the Council and the Assembly of the Diocese of the West in the coming weeks! Videos and other detailed reports (including minutes) from the All-American Council are available at www.oca.org and a write-up with photos of our Diocese of the West Assembly is available at www.dowoca.org.
- **Parish Picnic.** We are tentatively planning our "annual" parish picnic for Sunday, September 25 after Liturgy. Please note the date!

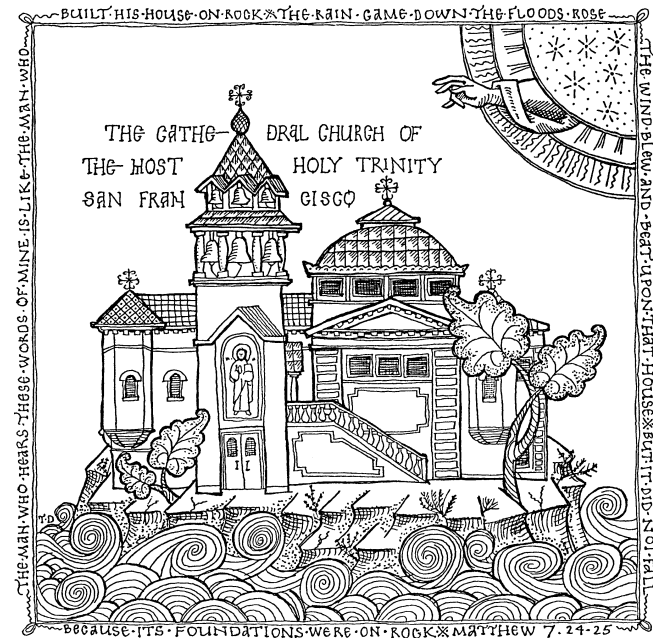
This Week at Holy Trinity

- Wed. July 27:** No vespers; Wednesday vespers will return in August.
- Sat. July 30:** 6:00 pm Vigil followed by Confessions
- Sun. July 31:** **Forefeast of the Procession of the Cross**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour & Reading Group. *Parking available at St. Brigid's*
- Mon. Aug. 1:** **Beginning of the Dormition Fast. Procession of the Cross.**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Contact Fr. Kirill

Question? Want to talk? Or be on our email list?
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Sunday, July 24, 2022

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Welcome!

Today's Epistle

Romans 12:6-14

Today's Gospel

Matthew 9:1-8

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Martyrs and Passion-Bearers

Boris, in Holy Baptism Romanus and

Gleb, in Holy Baptism David (1015)

Tone 5

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Romans 12:6-14

Brethren: The gifts we possess differ as they are allotted to us by God's grace and must be used accordingly: such as the gift of prophecy to be exercised in proportion to a man's faith, or the gift of ministry in ministering. A teacher should employ his gift in teaching, and one who has the gift of exhortation should use it to stir his listeners. He who gives alms should give freely, he who governs should do so with diligence, and he who shows mercy should do so with cheerfulness. Let love be without pretense. Hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly charity, having a profound respect for one another. Be not slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope. Be patient in tribulation, persevering in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, and practise hospitality. Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse.

Today's Gospel

Matthew 9:1-8

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, and crossed over and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"

But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house.

Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

Two Soldiers of Christ: Boris and Gleb

It seems remote, the steppe on that July evening of 1015...

Tents were being pitched. A prince, Boris, Vladimir's son, was camping for the night with his retinue of a few hand-picked men. They were particularly

conscious that evening of their limited numbers since earlier that same day a whole army had been marching with them. Now it had gone: the army had deserted its prince. The enemy, moreover, was on its way.

When Boris had ridden out earlier in the month to face the nomad enemies of Kiev, it had been Vladimir, the Grand Prince of Kiev, who had sent him. Now he was dead, and the first step toward the settlement of the disputed succession had already been taken in Boris's absence. His brother Svyatopolk, had been conveniently placed at Vyshgorod, a few miles along the river from Kiev, under his father's surveillance, having only two years earlier been imprisoned for conspiring with the Prince of Poland, his father-in-law, against Vladimir. He had not hesitated to seize the throne.

Boris, it was felt, was not going to accept this coup d'etat and withdraw. There was certainly no need to. The people of Kiev, it seems, were more in his favor; a fair-sized army was at his disposal, eager to be of service.

The astonishing fact is that Boris refused to fight his brother for the throne. A recent study of these events finds this "absurd" and "inexplicable." Indeed it seemed so to Boris's army, for it was at this point that it deserted him.

Boris's decision was in no way strategic; it made no sense in the eyes of the world. He was resigning his chances as a Grand Prince: more than that, he was putting his life in danger. For "I believe my brother [Svyatopolk] is obsessed by worldly cares," he says in the Tale of his life, "and thinks of killing me." It was true enough; Svyatopolk had already despatched men of Vyshgorod with orders to kill him. Yet Boris was well aware of what his course of action ought to be. "If he attempts to kill me" continues the Tale "I shall be a martyr to my Lord, since I shall not resist.... For the Apostle says: 'If any man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar'."

It is all very well for him, we may say. That is the way for a saint to talk in his life, it is natural for him. But the Tale is a welcome corrective to this attitude. It shows us that the decision was by no means easy for Boris, no easier than it would be for us. It shows us Boris in tears, full of regret for the lost pleasures of life, full of sorrow for his own fine body that was soon to be cut down. Concern for the pleasures of life, for his physical self was nothing out of the ordinary...

-Father Sergei Hackel

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Many Years!

Birthday:

John Martin (7/25)

Strong Claire (Photini) Sims (7/30)

Nameday:

Dr. Ronald Panteleimon Eisner (7/27)

Thank you!

Thanks to Katherine for today's fellowship meal. We welcome all of our guests and visitors!

Our reading group continues today after fellowship.