

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** is available. Please pick up a printed copy or add the web version to your phone. The Great Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord is on Saturday, August 6, which means we will have Festal Vigil on Friday, August 5, at 6:00 pm and Divine Liturgy on the 6th at 9:30 am. August includes multiple pilgrimages including one for young adults, a teen gathering, the return of Movie Night, a men's fellowship gathering, and OCF meetings at University of San Francisco. Lots of blessings!
- **Dormition Fast.** We celebrate the falling asleep and translation to life of the Most Holy Mother of God with Festal Vigil on Sunday, August 14, at 6:00 pm. We are invited to participate in a pilgrimage and the Divine Liturgy to Holy Assumption Monastery on the feast itself, Monday, August 15. Our fast in preparation for this feast begins on Monday, August 1. Please come to the Sacrament of Holy Confession; you can arrive at an announced time or make an appointment with Fr. Kirill.

This Week at Holy Trinity

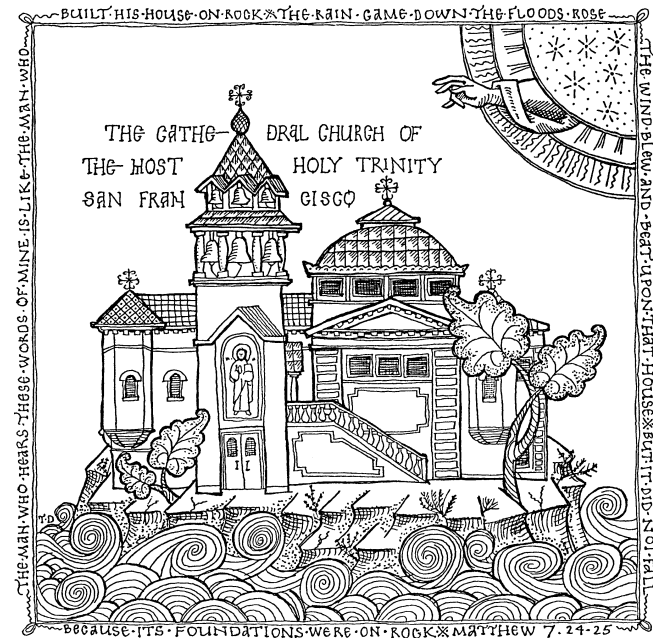
- Mon. Aug. 1:** **Beginning of the Dormition Fast. Procession of the Cross.**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
- Wed. Aug. 3:** 6:00 pm Vespers
- Fri. Aug. 5:** **Forefeast of the Transfiguration**
6:00 pm Festal Vigil
- Sat. Aug. 6:** **Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ**
9:30 am Festal Divine Liturgy

5:30 pm Panikhida for Fr. George Benigsen and Others
6:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions
- Sun. Aug. 7:** **8th Sunday. Afterfeast of the Transfiguration.**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
Parking available at St. Brigid's

Contact Fr. Kirill

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



Sunday, July 31, 2022

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We are delighted to be together with you in worshipping the Holy Trinity.
Welcome!

Today's Epistle

Romans 15:1-7

Today's Gospel

Matthew 9:27-35

7th Sunday after Pentecost.

Forefeast of the Procession of the Honorable and Lifegiving Cross.

Hieromartyr Benjamin, Metropolitan of Petrograd (1922).

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Today's Epistle

Romans 15:1-7

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of you please his neighbor by doing good, for his edification. For even Christ pleased not Himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproach thee have fallen upon me." For whatever things have been written, have been written for our instruction, that through the patience and the consolation afforded by the Scriptures we may have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be of one mind towards one another according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive one another, even as Christ has received us to the glory of God.

Today's Gospel

Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, when Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"

And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute

spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"

But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

The Joy of the Liturgy

The liturgy is, before everything else, the joyous gathering of those who are to meet the risen Lord and to enter with Him into the bridal chamber. And it is this joy of expectation and this expectation of joy that are expressed in singing and ritual, in vestments and in censing, in that whole beauty of the liturgy which has so often been denounced as unnecessary and even sinful. Unnecessary it is indeed, for we are beyond the categories of the necessary. Beauty is never "necessary", "functional" or "useful". And when, expecting someone whom we love, we put a beautiful tablecloth on the table and decorate it with candles and flowers, we do all this not out of necessity, but out of love. And the Church is love, expectation and joy. It is heaven on earth, according to our Orthodox tradition; it is the joy of recovered childhood, that free, unconditioned and disinterested joy which alone is capable of transforming the world.

Father Alexander Schmemmann

For the Life of the World



Many Years!

Nameday:

Archbishop BENJAMIN (7/31)
Vitesse Josephine Disney (7/31)

Birthday:

Tasia Gaudreau (7/31)
Paul Gutzalenko (8/2)

Anniversaries:

Wedding of David Ritsher & Doina Gobera (8/1)
Priesthood of Fr. James Jorgenson (8/3)

Thank you!

Thanks to all those who contributed to today's potluck fellowship meal! We welcome all of our guests and visitors!

The reading group continues today after fellowship.