

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** Whether you are searching for a new church or just visiting, we welcome you and hope your experience at the Divine Liturgy is edifying and spiritually nourishing. Please join us for lunch after the service. We would love to greet you and answer any questions.
- **Dormition of the Theotokos.** We celebrate the falling asleep and translation to life of the Most Holy Mother of God with Festal Vigil tonight at 6:00 pm. We will bless flowers during the Vigil. We are invited to participate in a pilgrimage and the Divine Liturgy to Holy Assumption Monastery in Calistoga on the feast itself, Monday, August 15 at 9:00 am.
- **Congratulations to Blaise Dunham who is being awarded the Alpha-Omega Medal** of the Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting today. This program consists of work by the Orthodox Scout on Personal Life (your life and actions as an Orthodox Christian); Parish Life (things you see and do in your parish church); Community Life (how your church functions as the representative of Christ in your community); and Service Projects (helping your parish and your fellow Christians). In addition, Blaise is heading to Emerson College this month — we will keep him in prayer and wish him every blessing from the Lord!

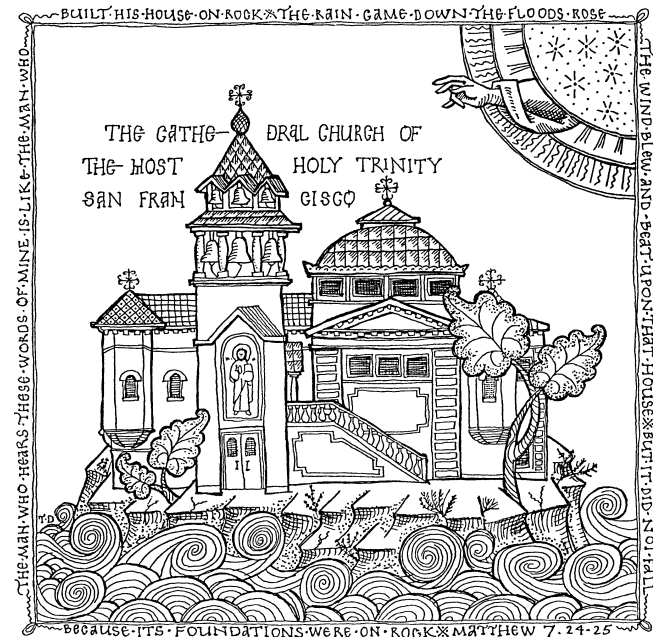
This Week at Holy Trinity

- Sun. Aug. 14:** 6:00 pm Festal Vigil for Dormition w/ Blessing of Flowers
- Mon. Aug. 15:** **The Dormition (“Falling Asleep”) of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary**
9:00 am Pilgrimage & Divine Liturgy to Holy Assumption Monastery, Calistoga (Patronal Feast Day of the Monastery)
- Wed. Aug. 17:** 6:00 pm Vespers followed by Men’s Group (see email)
- Thu. Aug. 18:** 7:00 pm Parish Council Zoom
- Sat. Aug. 20:** 6:00 pm Vigil followed by Confessions
- Sun. Aug. 21:** **10th Sunday After Pentecost. Afterfeast of the Dormition.**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy with prayers for students returning to school followed by Fellowship Hour
Parking available at St. Brigid’s for morning service.
3:00 pm Orthodox Teen Gathering in Santa Rosa

Contact Fr. Kirill

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



Sunday, August 14, 2022

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

Today's Epistle

1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Today's Gospel

Matthew 14:22-34

9th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 8.

Forefeast of the Dormition.

Prophet Micah (8th century B.C.)

Today's Epistle

1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Brethren, we are fellow workers in God's service. You are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, as a skilled master builder I have laid the foundation, upon which another is building. But let everyone take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay, but that which has been laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds upon this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble – the work of each will be made manifest. For the day of the Lord shall declare it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built upon the foundation survives, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work is burned, he shall suffer loss, though he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Today's Gospel

Matthew 14:22-34

At that time: Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

The Dormition of the Theotokos

In August the Church celebrates the end of Mary's earthly life, her death, known as her Falling Asleep or Dormition, a word in which dream, blessedness, peace, calm, and joy are all united...

For centuries the Church has looked upon, reflected on and been inspired by the death of the One who was the mother of Jesus, who gave life to our Savior and Lord, who gave herself totally to Him to the very end and stood by Him at the Cross. And in contemplating her death the Church discovered and experienced death as neither fear, nor horror, nor finality, but radiant and authentic Resurrection joy. "What spiritual songs shall we now offer you, O most holy? For by your deathless Dormition you have sanctified the whole world..." Here, in one of the first hymns of the feast we immediately find expressed the very essence of its joy: "Deathless Dormition," deathless death. But what is the meaning of the contradictory, apparently absurd conjunction of words? In the Dormition, the whole joyful mystery of this death is revealed to us and becomes our joy, for Mary the Virgin Mother is one of us. If death is the horror and greed of separation, of descent into terrible loneliness and darkness, then none of this is present in the death of the Virgin Mary, since her death, like her entire life, is all encounter, all love, all continuous movement toward the unfading, never-setting light of eternity and entrance into it. "Perfect love casts out fear," says John the Theologian, the apostle of love (1 Jn 4:18). And therefore there is no fear in the deathless falling asleep of the Virgin Mary. Here, death is conquered from within, freed from all that fills it with horror and hopelessness. Death itself becomes triumphant life. Death becomes the "bright dawn of the mystical Day." Thus, the feast has no sadness, no funeral dirges, no grief, but only light and joy. It's as if in approaching the door of our inevitable death, we should suddenly find it flung open, with light pouring from the approaching victory, from the approaching reign of God's Kingdom.

- Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

(From *Celebration of Faith: The Virgin Mary*, SVS Press, 1995)



Many Years!

Wedding Anniversary:

Fr. John & Matushka Robin Takahashi (8/20)
Rebecca & Michael Jorgenson (8/20)

Birthdays:

Nadine French (8/14)
Lydie Cappe (8/15)
Rebecca Jorgenson (8/17)
Michael Gaudreau (8/19)
Ketevan Peradze (8/20)

Thank you!

Please join us downstairs
for coffee and our
fellowship meal! We look
forward to meeting our
guests and visitors.

Thanks to Katherine S.
for organizing today's
meal.