

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.
- **Feasts in September.** The Church year officially begins September 1 and right away in September we have two great feasts: The Nativity of the Theotokos (September 7 & 8) and the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 13 & 14). Let's begin our new Fall routines with rigor, energy, and faith!
- **Christian Education.** Today at the end of Liturgy we are asking for God's help and blessing on all of our students and teachers who are beginning the school year. This time of year also brings renewed opportunities for us all to grow in our faith! This afternoon, our teens are going to the first Monthly Teen Gathering of 2022-2023; this time in Santa Rosa. Our Church School students will have their first monthly lesson on Sunday, September 18. For adults, our reading group is meeting on September 11. college students are invited to join the Orthodox Christian Fellowship at USF on Tuesdays at noon. Inquirers, catechumens, and others interested in learning the fundamentals will meet next on September 10. Let's all keep growing!
- **Mark your calendars!** Annual parish picnic on Sunday, September 25, in Golden Gate Park after the Divine Liturgy. Be there!

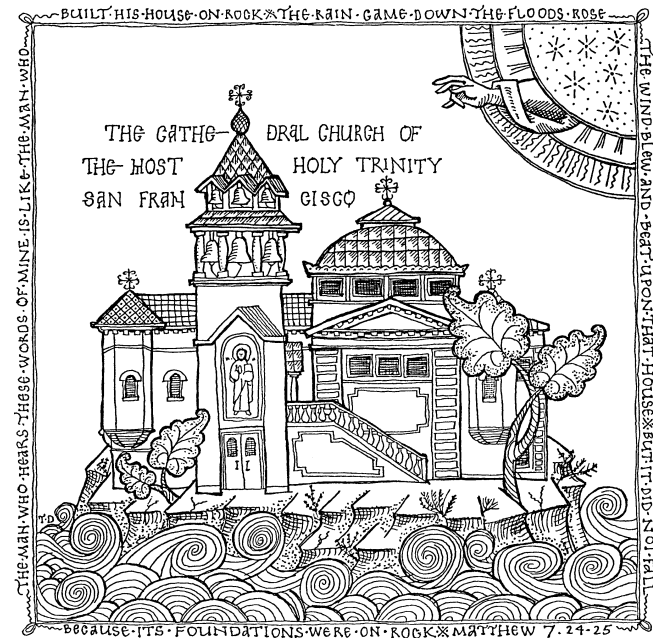
This Week at Holy Trinity

- Tue. Aug. 23:** 12:00 pm Orthodox Christian Fellowship (college ministry at University of San Francisco; open to all students!)
- Wed. Aug. 24:** 6:00 pm Vespers
- Sat. Aug. 27:** 6:00 pm Vigil followed by Confessions
- Sun. Aug. 28:** **11th Sunday After Pentecost.**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
Parking available at St. Brigid's for morning service.
6:00 pm Great Vespers for the Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Forerunner

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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, August 21, 2022

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

Today's Epistle
1 Corinthians 4:9-16
Today's Gospel
Matthew 17:14-23

10th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 1.
Afterfeast of the Dormition
Apostle Thaddaeus of the Seventy
(ca 44 A.D.)

Today's Epistle
1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, God has set forth us the apostles last of all, as men doomed to death; for we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are honored, but we are despised. Even to this present hour we hunger and thirst, and we are naked and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless. When persecuted, we endure. When maligned, we entreat. We have become as the refuse of this world and the scum of the earth even to this day.

I write these things not to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have ten thousand tutors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers. For I have begotten you in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. Therefore, I beg you, follow my example.

Today's Gospel
Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him."

Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

Rejoice, for great is your reward

When St. Paul wrote that the "wages of sin is death" he meant that sin kills our soul and body by shutting down the relationship between us and God. The "wages" are not a punishment from God— Who did not create death—but a result of sin. Without exception, the Holy Fathers of the Church refuse to blame God for death. If God created death, well, he could just as easily have abolished it by the same type of divine command. But no divine command from God in his holy heaven could change the fact that man preferred himself to God. Yes, God permitted death, and He did that out of mercy, so that "evil would not be eternal" to quote one of the Holy Fathers. Before the death and resurrection of Christ, death was a terrible and rotten fruit of sin, and for each person the complete alienation and exile from God Himself and His Kingdom. Since the Lord's victory over sin and death on the Cross and Tomb, now OUR death becomes— if we desire to be with Him—an entry into His Presence. Our death is also the "seed" of the resurrection of our body which we eagerly await. I remind you: we were not created to be disembodied souls, or angels. Our resurrection on the Last Day will be the restoration of human life—soul and body—as God intended. "...and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (1 Cor. 15:53). St Paul also wrote that the "last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." And Christ has already accomplished this victory over death in Himself, and we that are "in Christ" by Baptism, Chrismation, Communion and the sharing of His Divine Uncreated Energies enter into the Kingdom now, even before our death, and become bearers of the Holy Spirit, rather than bearers of death. "...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away: behold, all things have become new." (2 Cor. 5:17) -Fr. Lawrence Margitich

From the Fathers

If, then, "death of the righteous man is honorable" (cf. Ps. 115:6) and the "memory of the just man is celebrated with songs of praise" (Prov. 10:7). How much more ought we to honor with great praises the memory of the holiest of the saints, she by whom all holiness is afforded to the saints, I mean the Ever-Virgin Mother of God!
-St. Gregory Palamas



Many Years!

Anniversary of Chrismation:
Frank Anthony Morelli (Aug 25th)

Birthdays:
Frank Anthony Morelli (Aug 26th)

Thank You

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

Thanks to Matushka Sophia for organizing today's meal.