

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 take a moment after the service to introduce yourself to our pastor, Father Kirill. You are invited to join us for lunch after the service. We would love to greet you and answer any questions.
- **The Birthday of the Virgin Mary.** There are many demands on our time, most of them good: work, school, events, obligations to family and friends, taking care of our health, etc. But none of them should take precedence, if we can help it, over worship and prayer. We identify as *servants of God* and disciples. Jesus Christ is the “Lord and Master of our life” as the Prayer of St. Ephraim has us declare, and as we draw near to Him, we experience his grace, loving kindness, and mercy. We are greeted this week with the first Feast of the Church new year, the Nativity—the birthday—of the Mother of our Life and Salvation. She is the beginning of our Beginning, the Birth-giver of the Savior, in Whom we are reborn too. We will celebrate this feast with Vigil on Wednesday evening and the Divine Liturgy on Thursday.
- **Mark your calendars!** Annual parish picnic on Sunday, September 25, at Lindley Meadow in Golden Gate Park after the Divine Liturgy. Great location, BBQ, potluck, jump house for kids... should be fun! Please look for the sign-up sheet at the candle desk. Thank you!

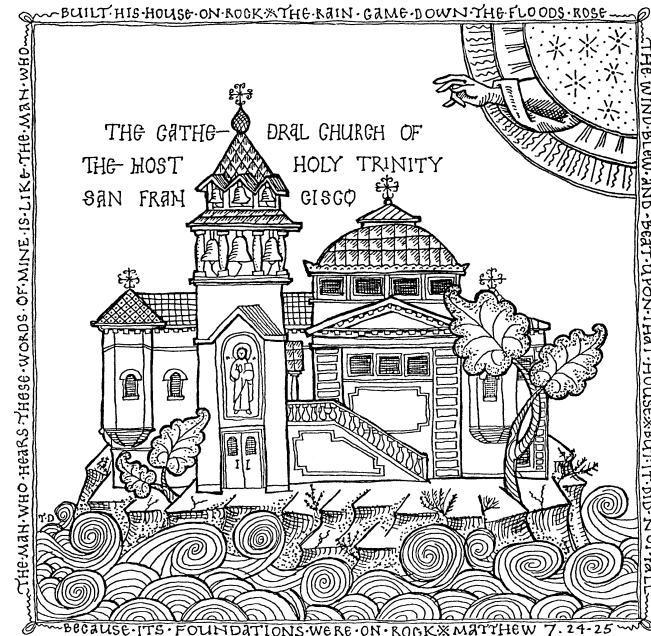
This Week at Holy Trinity

- Tue. Sep. 6:** 12:00 pm Orthodox Christian Fellowship at USF
- Wed. Sep. 7:** 6:00 pm Festal Vigil
- Thu. Sep. 8:** **Nativity of Our Holy Lady Theotokos & Ever-Virgin Mary**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
- Sat. Sep. 10:** 5:00 pm Catechumen/Inquirer Class (all welcome!)
6:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions
- Sun. Sep. 11:** **13th Sunday After Pentecost. Sunday before Elevation.**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
followed by Fellowship Hour and Reading Group
12:00 pm Investment Advisory Committee of Parish Council
Parking available at St. Brigid's for morning service.

Contact Fr. Kirill

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



Sunday, September 4, 2022

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

Today's Epistle
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Today's Gospel
Matthew 19:16-26

12th Sunday after Pentecost
"Unburnt Bush" Icon of the
Mother of God (1680)
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Today's Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brethren, I would remind you of the gospel that I preached to you, which you have received and wherein you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast — unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you first of all what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again on the third day, according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, and after that to the Twelve. Then He was seen by more than five hundred brethren at one time, many of whom are with us still, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

And last of all, as by one born out of due time, He was seen also by me. For I am the least of the apostles, and am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I have labored more than any of them, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Whether then it is I or they, so we preach and so you have believed.

Today's Gospel

Matthew 19:16-26

Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?"

So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

He said to Him, "Which ones?"

Jesus said, " 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "

The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?"

Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier

for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"

But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Icon of the Theotokos "The Burning Bush"

This icon is based on the miracle witnessed by Moses in the Old Testament. In the book of Exodus, God calls Moses on Mt. Horeb from the midst of a bush which "was burning, yet it was not consumed." The Church sees the Unburnt Bush on Horeb as a type of the Most Holy Theotokos, who gave birth to Christ while still while remaining a virgin. The design of the icon has become more complex over time. On the Russian Icon in our Cathedral we can see archangels, Moses and the burning bush (Ex. 3:2), Isaiah and the seraphim with the burning coal (Is. 6:7), Ezekiel and the gate through which only the Lord may enter (Ez. 44:2), and Jacob with the ladder (Gen. 28:12). The Theotokos is shown holding Jacob's ladder, which leads from earth to heaven.

The Church keeps the tradition of the Holy Fathers and its Ecumenical Councils that the flame Moses saw was in fact God's Uncreated Energies or Glory, as Light (compare with the Transfiguration of Jesus), which is why the bush was not consumed. He allowed Moses to see his glory (his energies), which, like his essence, are eternal. When God spoke to Moses, Moses heard the pre-Incarnate Word (Logos), of God. The vision of God's glory as light in this life and the next is the Orthodox definition of salvation, even moving after death "from glory to glory" eternally.



Many Years!

Wedding Anniversary:
Felicia & Jason Dunham (Sep 6)

Nameday:
Amy Elizabeth Berry (Sep 5)

Birthdays:
Irina Yugay (Sep 4)
Pandora Pickering (Sep 6)
Misha Edel (Sep 7)
Emmanuel Manasievici (Sep 7)
Luke Jorgenson (Sep 8)

Thank You

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

Thanks to Irina Yugay for preparing today's meal!

Prayers Requested

Please keep in prayer His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman who is drawing to the close of his earthly life.