

Announcements

- **Leavetaking of Pascha and Ascension.** On Wednesday morning, we celebrate a Divine Liturgy with Paschal hymns one last time. That same evening we begin the celebration of the Ascension with Vigil at 6:00. The Divine Liturgy for the Feast will be on Thursday, May 25. The Feast is always on a Thursday—Forty Days after the Resurrection (described in Acts 1). We are such materialists, that it can be hard for us to understand this event. The Ascension is the vindication of the crucified, buried and risen Lord Jesus, the initiation of His reign—inauguration day—over all creation, and His power made present in us. “Lo, I am with you, even to the end of the ages. Amen” says the Lord as He ascends. He comes into His glory and sits upon the Throne at the Right Hand of the Father. He is with us—we are with Him too—because now, the One Who Is God *and* human is in Heaven. The Feast of the Ascension is not a decline from the glory of Pascha. It is, rather, a movement upward toward the Kingdom of Heaven for those who are with Christ! It is the joyful revelation of our destiny in Christ...
- **Parish Feast Day...** and all of this culminates on the great last day of Pentecost! On Saturday June 3, we will have a Memorial Service (Panikhida) for the founders and clergy of our Cathedral along with all those we have in mind and then a work party. At 6:00 pm that evening, we will host local parishes for the festal vigil. We will host a reception for our guests after the vigil. On the morning of the Feast, we will begin at 9:30 with the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Kneeling Vespers, Festal Reception, and Festal Meal where we will also honor Robert A. (Reader Stephen) Parent.

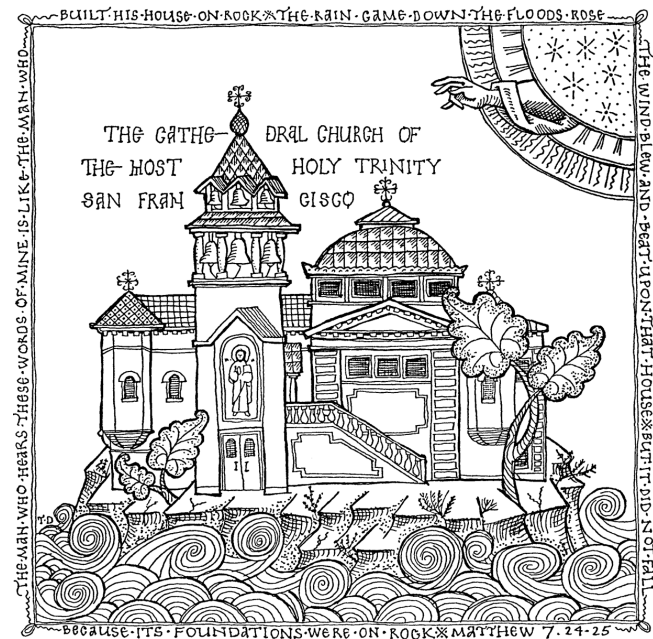
This Week at Holy Trinity

- Tue. May 23:** 11:30 am Iconography Project Begins—*Volunteers Needed!*
- Wed. May 24:** 9:30 am Leavetaking of Pascha Divine Liturgy
6:00 pm Festal Vigil of Ascension
Parking available evening only at St. Brigid's
- Thu. May 25:** **ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
We will be hosting students from St. John Academy
- Sat. May 27:** 6:00 pm Great Vespers
Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's
- Sun. May 28:** **7th Sunday of Pascha. Fathers of 1st Ecumenical Council**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by potluck fellowship
Parking available Sunday morning at St. Brigid's

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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, May 21, 2023

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

CHRIST IS RISEN! ХРИСТОСЪ ВОСКРЕСЕ!

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Apostolic Reading

Acts 16:16-34

Today's Gospel

John 9:1-38

6th Sunday of Pascha

Sunday of the Blind Man.

Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles Emperor

Constantine and his mother, Helen (327)

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Today's Gospel

John 9:1-38

At that time, as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him."

He said, "I am he."

Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."

Then they said to him, "Where is He?"

He said, "I do not know."

They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath."

Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight.

And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner."

He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"

Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from."

The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing."

They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."

Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.



Many Years!

Wedding Anniversary:

Paul & Alexa Belonick (May 26)

Namedays:

Elleni Hailemichael (May 21)

Helen Edwards (May 21)

Birthdays:

Sarah Disney (May 23)

Bruce Joseph Oberon-Levoff (May 25)

Demetre Kavtaradze (May 27)

Thank You!

Welcome guests and visitors!

Please join us for coffee and lunch after the Divine Liturgy. We look forward to saying hello.

Thanks to the Martin and Yeager families for organizing today's fellowship meal!