

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. You are invited to join us for lunch after the service. We would love to greet you and answer any questions.
- **Second Sunday School!** Our elementary and middle grade Church School programs will be taught on the Second Sundays of each month to help us all plan ahead. We will start all together at 11:30 in the Library and then break off into age groups. We'll come together and close with singing at 12:30. *Please prioritize this!* Our lessons will engage the real issues in the lives of young people – so beautifully laid by St. Paul's teachings to the Romans. Among the topics that will be explored are keys ones such as sinfulness both in the world and among God's people, the meaning of justification and faithfulness, and adoption into the family of God and living a life of peace. We are using a professional curriculum developed by the Antiochian Archdiocese. Ms. Amy Berry will head the K-4 section and Fr. Kirill will take the 5-8 graders. Teens and Young Adults will meet with Dr. Ryan Perkins on another Sunday (the 24th this month).
- **Mark your calendars!** Annual parish picnic on Sunday, September 17, at Lindley Meadow in Golden Gate Park after the Divine Liturgy. Great location, BBQ, potluck, jump house for kids... should be fun! Sign up to help, today!

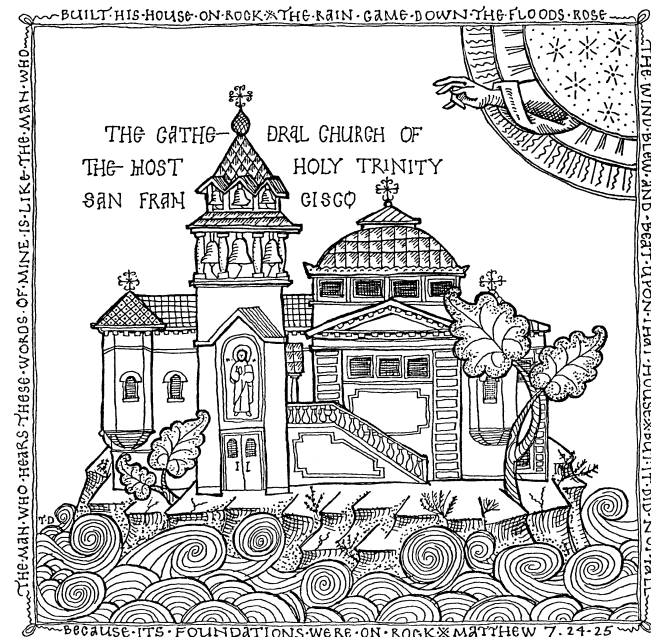
This Week at Holy Trinity

- Tue. Sep. 5:** 12:00 pm Orthodox Christian Fellowship meeting at USF
- Wed. Sep. 6:** 6:00 pm Vespers followed by choir rehearsal
Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's
- Thu. Sep. 7:** 6:00 pm Festal Vigil
Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's
- Fri. Sep. 8:** **Nativity of Our Holy Lady Theotokos & Ever-Virgin Mary**
8:00 am Divine Liturgy (*please note time*)
- Sat. Sep. 9:** 6:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Women's Group
Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's
- Sun. Sep. 10:** **14th Sunday After Pentecost. Sunday before Elevation.**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour, Reading Group, & Church School (elementary and middle)
Parking available Sunday morning at St. Brigid's

Contact Fr. Kirill

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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, September 3, 2023

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

Today's Epistle

1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Today's Gospel

Matthew 21:33-42

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Hieromartyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia, and those with him (302 AD) Tone 4

Today's Epistle Readings

1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Brethren: Be watchful, stand fast in the faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done with charity. Now I beseech you, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first fruits of Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the Saints. I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the arrival of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence. For they have refreshed both my spirit and yours. To such as these, therefore, give recognition. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be anathema. Maranatha. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Today's Gospel Readings

Matthew 21:33-42

The Lord said this parable: "There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"

They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.
This was the Lord's doing,
And it is marvelous in our eyes?"

New Year Resolutions?

The Church New Year is marked on September 1. At one time in history, it was simply "the New Year." The date makes a lot of sense, considering the harvest and the change in seasons. In any case: as we start the ecclesiastical new year, consider it an opportunity to prepare spiritually for the year ahead. Some ideas to celebrate the New Year:

- Take a moment to really thank God for all things, including the Church, our salvation, those around us and of course, the beauty of nature (September 1 has been designated by our bishops as the day of thanksgiving and renewed care for the creation).
- What is the first great feast of the Church New Year? The birth of the Theotokos. When we intentionally celebrate the feasts of the Church, we experience how this feast, which is a beginning (a birth is also a fulfillment) offers us an opportunity to be spiritually renewed.
- Clean/organize your icon corner. If you don't have a dedicated space, find a physical space in your home to dedicate to prayer. Clear the space of other unrelated items. Prayer items to consider (no, you don't need to get these all at once, do it gradually over time): icons of Christ, Theotokos, patron names for everyone in the family; candles; Bible; prayer and Akathist books; incense and charcoal and burner; prayer rope.
- Put every family member's (including godchildren) nameday on the calendar.
- Start the new year with a confession and a plan to do a good work.
- Make a plan to attend Saturday Evening Resurrectional Vigil as frequently as you can in order to prepare well for the Lord's Day and Holy Communion. Never go at all now? *Make a plan* for a once a month Saturday evening "retreat" with Vigil and confession.

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Many Years!

Wedding Anniversary:

Jason & Felicia Dunham (Sep 6)

Nameday:

Amy Elizabeth Berry (Sep 5)

Birthday:

Irina Yugay (Sep 4)

Pandora Pickering (Sep 6)

Misha Edel (Sep 7)

Emmanuel Manasievici (Sep 7)

Luke Jorgenson (Sep 8)

Thank You

Welcome guests and visitors! Please join us for coffee and lunch after the Divine Liturgy.

Thanks to Irina Y. for organizing today's lunch!

Prayers

Please pray for Matushka Priscilla Shipley (Chico, CA) who is nearing the end of her earthly struggle.