

## Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** Whether you are searching for a new church or 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 answer any questions.
- **Father Ian MacKinnon** is presiding at today's Divine Liturgy while Fr. Kirill is on a short vacation to visit his son at college. Mitred Archpriest Ian MacKinnon is the retired former chancellor of the Diocese and rector of Elevation of the Holy Cross parish in Sacramento, CA. We also thank Archpriest Peter Fermeilia for serving Vespers last night.
- **Blood Drive.** Thanks to all who donated at last week's blood drive. We collected 60 lifesaving units for hospitals during a critical time. Our appreciation to Deanna for leading this effort!
- **IOCC Food & Wine Tour.** On Sunday, November 5, 4-7 pm, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) is celebrating its 30+ years of service at a fun event in Belmont. Come and experience wine and food samplings from around the world at this annual opportunity to raise funds for this important charitable ministry. More: [ioccc.org/bayarea](http://ioccc.org/bayarea) - Our parish is purchasing a table; please reach out to Fr. Kirill if you'd like to buy a ticket!

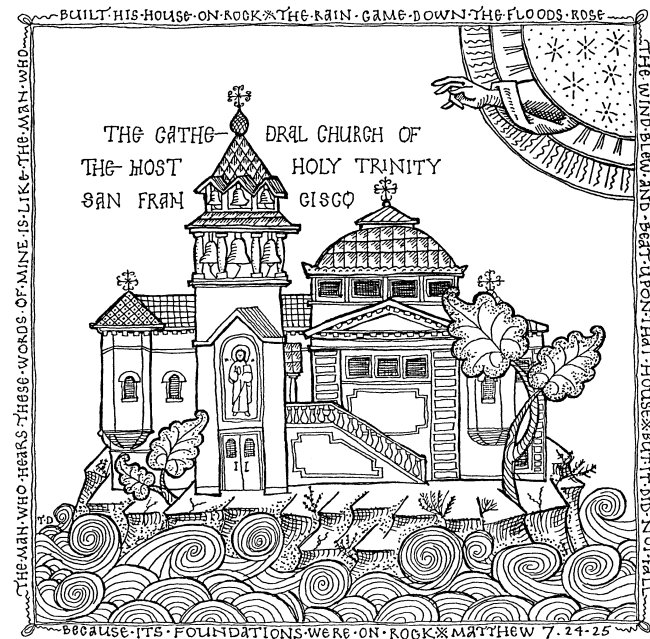
## This Week at Holy Trinity

- Mon. Oct. 9:** 10:00 am Funeral of Anna Chow
- Tue. Oct. 10:** 12:00 pm Orthodox Christian Fellowship at USF
- Wed. Oct. 11:** 6:00 pm Vespers followed by Women's Group Fellowship  
*Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's*
- Thu. Oct. 12:** 7:00 pm Online Bible Study with Fr. James
- Sat. Oct. 14:** 4:30 pm Intro to Orthodoxy Class for inquirers and catechumens - *all welcome!*  
6:00 pm Vigil followed by Confessions  
*Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's*
- Sun. Oct. 15:** **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship hour, Church School (K-8) and Reading Group  
*Parking available Sunday morning at St. Brigid's*

### Contact Fr. Kirill

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# Holy Trinity Cathedral



## Sunday, October 8, 2023

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

**Today's Epistle**

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

**Today's Gospel**

Luke 7:11-16

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost****Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council****Ven. Pelagia the Penitent (457)****Tone 1****Today's Epistle Reading***2 Corinthians 9:6-11*

Brethren: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Let each one give according as he has determined in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for "God loves a cheerful giver." And God is able to make all grace abound in you, so that always having ample means, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has scattered abroad and has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." Now he who provides the sower with seed will both give you bread to eat and will multiply your seed, and will increase the fruits of your righteousness; that being enriched in all things, you may contribute with great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

**Today's Gospel Reading***Luke 7:11-16*

At that time, Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

**The Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council**

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25).

The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18).

In Greek Churches, the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday which follows October 11. According to the Slavic calendar normally followed in the Orthodox Church in America, if the eleventh falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the service is moved to the preceding Sunday (today!).

We thank God with all our hearts that He has revealed Himself to us, that He has dispelled darkness in our minds and hearts, that He who is the Truth has shared the knowledge of the perfect Truth Divine with us.

**Memory Eternal!**

With hope in the Resurrection, we pray for the repose of Anna Chow who fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, October 3. Her funeral will be here at Holy Trinity tomorrow, the 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am. Memory Eternal!

**Many Years!****Wedding Anniversary:**

Andrew and Tatiana (Belen) Pickering  
(Oct 11)

**Anniversary Ordination to Priesthood:**

Archpriest John Takahashi (Oct 10)

**Birthday:**

Nicholas Sokolov (Oct 12)

**Thank You**

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

Thanks to Felicia, Jason, and David for organizing today's luncheon!