

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. 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.
- **Many thanks** to the Parish for providing the funds for me to attend the priests' retreat this past week in Chicago. Our speaker was the wonderful Archimandrite Maximos, well-known as a patristics scholar and translator of the talks and sermons of Elder Aimilianos of Mount Athos.
- **The Diocesan Assembly** is happening in Santa Rosa this coming week. Archbishop Benjamin and the clergy and lay representatives from all over the diocese come to worship, work, and be with each other. Peter Taibbi is our lay representative. Special guests include Bishop Alexei of Alaska. The liturgy on Thursday morning is open to the public and if you would like more information on attending any other sessions, please see Fr. Kirill.
- **IOCC Food & Wine Tour.** On Sunday, November 5, 4-7 pm, International Orthodox Christian Charities 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 – 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

- Tue. Oct. 24:** 12:00 pm Orthodox Christian Fellowship at USF
- Wed. Oct. 25:** NO Vespers here this Wednesday due to the Assembly
- Thu. Oct. 19:** 8:00 am Divine Liturgy in Santa Rosa (Feast of St. Demetrius)
7:00 pm Online Bible Study with Fr. James
- Sat. Oct. 28:** 6:00 pm Vigil followed by Confessions
Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's
- Sun. Oct. 29:** **21st Sunday after Pentecost. Martyr Anastasia.**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by potluck fellowship hour and Church School (high school and young adults)
Parking available Sunday morning at St. Brigid's

Contact Fr. Kirill

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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, October 22, 2023

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

Today's Epistle

Galatians 1:11-19

Today's Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

20th Sunday after Pentecost**The "Kazan" Icon of the Mother of God****Tone 3****Today's Epistle Reading***Galatians 1:11-19*

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not of man. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it; but I received it by a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure, and ravaged it. And I advanced in Judaism above many of my contemporaries among my people, showing much more zeal for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, immediately, without taking counsel with flesh and blood, and without going up to Jerusalem to those who were appointed apostles before me, I went away into Arabia and returned again to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter and abode with him fifteen days. But of the other apostles I saw none, save James the Lord's brother.

Today's Gospel Reading*Luke 16:19-31*

The Lord said this parable: "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

"Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

"Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they

also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'

Paul's Gospel...

Paul's point in today's selection addressed to the Gentiles – who were being confused and divided by false teachers claiming Apostolic authority – is not to denigrate the authority of the other apostles in this passage, nor the importance of Church tradition, nor the connection of the gospel with the Old Testament and the authentic traditions of the Jewish fathers. It is to remind the Galatians (and us!) that all of this is from God, in God, and for God. Paul's extraordinary biography, in which Christ spoke directly to him, and nurtured him for three years, is a stark reminder that the gospel is not a human philosophy, nor a derived tradition, but a teaching directly from God, and enacted by God, and carried through to its fulfillment by God, as well. People can't just make it up, even those who claim some connection with Church leaders! But Paul does not disparage this connection with the twelve, and even in this passage speaks of his communion with Peter and James. No doubt they had a lot to talk about, as Paul would tell them of his vision of the risen Christ, as James would describe how he came to believe that His half-brother really was the Christ when he saw Him alive (1 Cor 15:7), and as Peter would also talk about seeing the risen Lord (1 Cor 15:5). Perhaps even Peter spoke to St. Paul at this time about how the Lord raised Tabitha through him, something that St. Paul had missed (Act 9:40), and that we commemorate this Sunday.

Yes, the gospel is not "according to man," for its content is divine—Jesus the Messiah, crucified and risen, is Lord! Yes, it comes from God, that we might be in Christ, and live lives for Christ, together, and personally.

(read this full passage by Dr. Edith M. Humphrey on her blog: blogs.ancientfaith.com/alampfortoday/2020/10/23)

**Many Years!****Nameday:**

Demetre Kavtaradze (Oct 26)

Dmitri Gaudreau (Oct 26)

Birthday:

Deanna Micros (Oct 24)

Thank You

Welcome guests and visitors!

Please join us for coffee and lunch after the Divine Liturgy.

Thanks to Alex, Brittany, Belen, Seva, and David for contributing to today's luncheon!