

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service today in worshiping the Holy Trinity. Please take a moment after the service to introduce yourself to our pastor, Father Kirill. You are cordially invited to join us for the fellowship luncheon or coffee after the service!
- **Today** we host our Bay Area teen gathering (with bowling!) here at Holy Trinity beginning at 2:00 pm. Details in e-mail.
- **This is a fast-free week.** Build community by inviting some church friends to go out or come over for a full-menu pre-lenten feast on Wednesday or Friday this week! Please note that we will not have Vespers on Wednesday evening this week.
- **Let's start the journey to Pascha together!** Forgiveness Vespers will be Sunday, March 17 at 6 pm. Let's all start the Fast all together! The whole of "Clean Week" (March 18-22) and Great and Holy Week (beginning Palm Sunday, April 28) should be deliberately under-scheduled in our busy lives so that we can more fully immerse ourselves into what we really need. Pascha is May 5! Our parish feast day, Pentecost, is June 23!
- **St. Eugene's Camp** is June 24-29 this year. We're starting to organize our counselors and other volunteers. Interested in this beautiful way to serve? Please talk with Fr. Kirill or camp director Fr. Andrew.

This Week at Holy Trinity

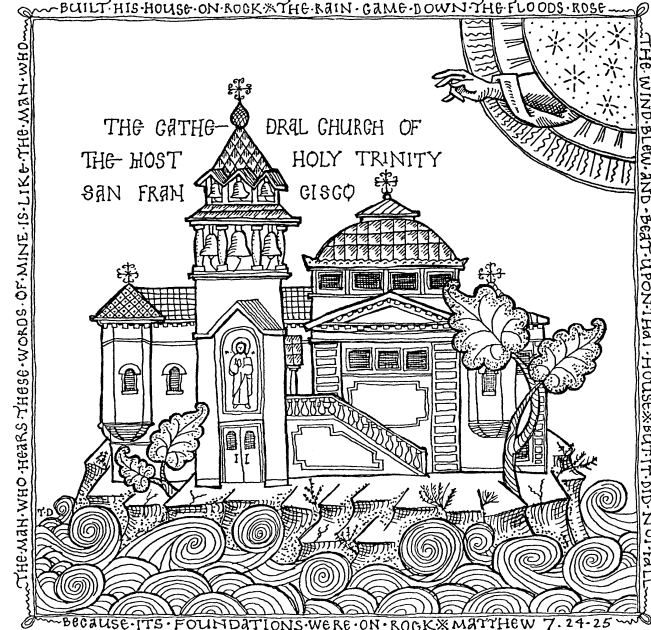
(Fr. Kirill at Diocesan Mission Retreat in Portland Feb 27-29)

- Tue. Feb. 27:** Orthodox Christian Fellowship at USF
- Wed. Feb. 28:** No Wednesday Vespers this week
- Thu. Feb. 29:** 7:00 pm Online Bible Study with Fr. James
(last one before Lent)
- Sat. Mar. 2:** Retreat/Workshop on Preparing for the Inevitable: Dying and Death in Santa Rosa (see email)
6:00 pm Vigil followed by Confessions
- Sun. Mar. 3:** **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship hour
& Reading Group
(Annual appeal and collection for Missions)

Contact Fr. Kirill

Question? Want to talk? Or be on the email list?
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Sunday, February 25, 2024

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Welcome!

Today's Epistle
2 Timothy 3:10-15
Today's Gospel
Luke 18:10-14

The Publican & The Pharisee
Afterfeast of the Meeting of the Lord
Beginning of the Lenten Triodion
St. Tarasius, Archbishop of
Constantinople (806)
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Today's Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 3:10-15

Timothy, my son, thou hast closely followed my doctrine, my conduct, my purpose, my faith, my long-suffering, my love, my patience, my persecutions, my afflictions; such as befell me at Antioch, Iconium and Lystra; what persecutions I endured, but the Lord delivered me out of them all. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution, while evil men and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But do thou continue in the things that thou hast learned and that have been entrusted to thee, knowing from whom thou hast learned them. For from thy childhood thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to instruct thee unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

It is time for the Lord to act!

Those who regularly partake of Holy Communion prepare themselves by fasting, praying the Pre-Communion prayers and by a Confession at least once per month. Because the Divine liturgy is an offering to God of the Church, let us be mindful that we "make up" the Church, and so participate fully by arriving at the beginning of the Liturgy.

This Weekend

This weekend we begin to chant hymns from the Lenten Hymn Book, the *Book of Three Odes*, called in Greek, *The Triodion*. It will be our constant companion right through Holy Saturday. The first Sunday of the Triodion is called the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, since we read the Parable of that name from Luke 18 at the Divine Liturgy. The Pharisee "prays within himself, saying, I thank Thee that I am not like other men." This was not the giving of thanks to God. Fr. Zacharias of St. John's Monastery in Essex, England writes: "Thanksgiving is a kind of prayer particularly pleasing to God and it is very powerful when it is filled with humility and mighty gratitude, when it is accompanied by compassion and entreaty for those who did not receive the same good portion. If such is the case, as our Holy Fathers teach us, thanksgiving intercedes before God for our weaknesses and makes up for all our shortcomings. Yet its power is annihilated when man ascribes the gifts he has received from above to himself. Thanksgiving provokes divine anger when it proceeds from conceit and hidden pride. It proves to be destructive when it is accompanied by judging and humiliating others."

Forgiveness Sunday Vespers – March 17

On Sunday, March 17 we will serve the Vespers of Forgiveness at 6:00 pm. During the service the cloths which cover the icon stands will be changed to the Lenten purple—a royal and rich color, yet darker and more mournful too. From that point on we are in Great Lent, and the Lenten melodies will be used for the Litanies on weekdays. At the end of this unique Service we will ask forgiveness of each other, each person approaching the clergy, then each other. Those who can, do a prostration before one another; those who cannot, simply ask forgiveness; either way is just fine. We say: "forgive me" and answer back, "Forgive me. God forgives." The *important* thing is to ask for forgiveness and then give it. In a Parish—and the longer you are in it the more this is true—there are things to forgive which we might not even know about. Please understand that I am urging you, in the strongest, most emphatic and pastoral way I can, to attend this Vespers and participate in it, since Lent cannot really begin without it. —Fr. Kirill (borrowed)



Many Years!

Birthday
Maria Manasievici (Feb 27)

Welcome & 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 everyone who contributed to today's potluck!