

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** We are delighted to have you join us at our service today in worshipping 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 after the service. We would love to greet you and answer any questions.
- **Men's Gathering.** All men of the parish are invited to spend some time together for dinner and conversation after Vespers this coming Wednesday, the 19th.
- **The SF Marathon** is next Sunday, July 23. Take advantage of maps posted at thesfmarathon.com and leave yourself a little extra time to get to Liturgy that Sunday. We announce the Kingdom at 9:30—don't miss it!
- **Looking Ahead.** On August 6, we celebrate a Great Feast of the Church: the Transfiguration of our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ. This commemorates the events described by the Evangelists Matthew (17:1-13) and Luke (9:28-36). In view of His forthcoming death on the cross, the Lord revealed to His chosen disciples the voluntary character of His passion and death. His bright transfiguration on Mount Tabor assured these witnesses that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is truly His Father's radiance, the Deliverer Who freely, out of His love for us, ransomed our terrible debt of sin with His most pure blood. Very conveniently and beautifully for us this year, the Feast of the Holy Transfiguration is on a Sunday, so all of us should be able to experience the festal vigil on August 5 at 6 pm and the Sunday festal liturgy with the customary blessing of grapes and apples.

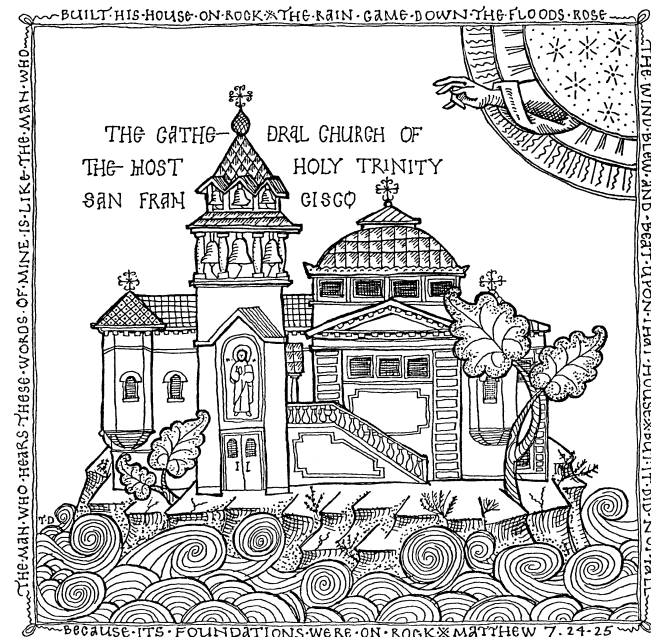
This Week at Holy Trinity

- Wed. July 19:** **St. Seraphim of Sarov**
9:30 am Patronal Feast Divine Liturgy in Santa Rosa
6:00 pm Vespers (*here*) followed by Men's Group gathering
(see above). *Parking available at St. Brigid's*
- Sat. July 22:** 6:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions
Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's
- Sun. July 23:** **7th Sunday after Pentecost. Icon of the Mother of God
"The Joy of All Who Sorrow" (with coins)**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
Parking available Sunday morning at St. Brigid's

Contact Fr. Kirill

Question? Want to talk? Or be on our email list?
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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, July 16, 2023

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Welcome!

Today's Epistles

Romans 12:6-14

Hebrews 13:7-16 (Fathers)

Today's Gospels

Matthew 9:1-8

John 17:1-13 (Fathers)

6th Sunday after Pentecost**Commemoration of the Holy****Fathers of the First Six****Ecumenical Councils****Tone 5****Today's Gospel Readings***Matthew 9:1-8*

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"

But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house.

Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

John 17:1-13

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and

have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

What is an Ecumenical Council?

The Ecumenical Councils are the highest authority in the Church. Such Councils, guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and accepted by the Church, are infallible. The Orthodox Church's conciliar definitions of dogma have the highest authority, and such definitions always begin with the Apostolic formula: "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us..." (Acts 15:28). The Ecumenical Councils were always convened for a specific reason: to combat false opinions and heresies, and to clarify the Orthodox Church's teaching. But the Holy Spirit has thus seen fit, that the dogmas, the truths of faith, immutable in their content and scope, constantly and consequently are revealed by the conciliar mind of the Church, and are given precision by the holy Fathers within theological concepts and terms in exactly such measure as is needed by the Church itself for its economy of salvation.

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

Ella Jorgenson (July 18)

Lisa Sims (July 18)

Elliot Sylvan Dunham (July 20)

Enrique Elijah Gavidia (July 20)

Bonnie Marie Cherry (July 20)

Birthday:

Larisa Dzwonczyk Villa (July 19)

Thank You

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

Thanks to Dylan, George, Jon, Dylan, and David for organizing today's meal.