

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.
- **Later this week and into the weekend,** God willing, I will travel to Helena, Montana, to serve for one of our small missions. Fr. Nicholas Cragle, who is visiting and serving in the Bay Area this summer while he finishes his studies abroad, will be serving here. Please make him welcome!
- **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 6pm and the Sunday festal liturgy with the customary blessing of grapes and apples.

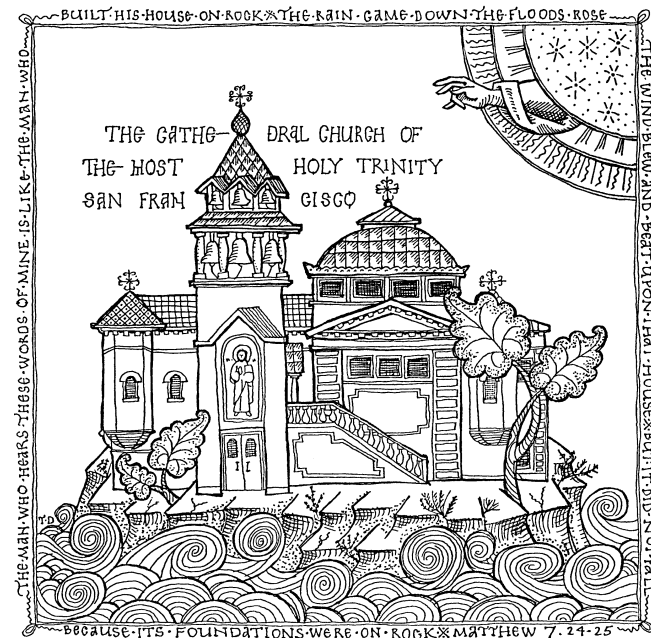
This Week at Holy Trinity

- Wed. July 26:** 6:00 pm Vespers and Confessions
Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's
- Thu. July 27:** **Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
- Sat. July 29:** 6:00 pm Vigil
Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's
- Sun. July 30:** **8th Sunday after Pentecost. St. Apostles Silas & Silvanus.**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Potluck 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 23, 2023

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Welcome!

Today's Epistle

Romans 15:1-7

Today's Gospel

Matthew 9:27-35

7th Sunday after Pentecost.**Icon of the Mother of God, "The Joy of All Who Sorrow" (with coins) in St. Petersburg (1888).****Tone 6.****Today's Epistle***Romans 15:1-7*

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of you please his neighbor by doing good, for his edification. For even Christ pleased not Himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproach thee have fallen upon me." For whatever things have been written, have been written for our instruction, that through the patience and the consolation afforded by the Scriptures we may have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be of one mind towards one another according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive one another, even as Christ has received us to the glory of God.

Today's Gospel*Matthew 9:27-35*

At that time, when Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"

And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"

But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

The Joy of All Who Sorrow... "with coins"

There are many beautiful old icons hanging on the walls of our cathedral. In most cases, we don't know the "story" of why a particular icon is here. But near the front of the church, on the right (South) wall, we have a beautiful image of the Theotokos "Joy of All Who Sorrow" patterned after a miraculous icon in St. Petersburg that is contemporary to the founding of our community. The Theotokos, as the most beautiful flower, stands amid the flowers of Paradise with arms outstretched beseeching her Son, depicted in clouds on high, on behalf of her suppliants who are being comforted by angels.

On July 23, 1888, the chapel in a St. Petersburg glass factory was struck by lightning and completely destroyed. The sole surviving object was an icon of the Theotokos "Joy of All Who Sorrow." The heat of the fire was great enough to fuse twelve small coins (half-kopeck pieces), fallen from a poor box, into the icon, but the image itself was untouched and subsequently credited with many documented miracles. Since then, many copies of this icon have been made with or without coins commemorating the miracle and have themselves become miraculous. The banners read, "Clothing for the naked," "Healing for the sick."

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

Dr. Ronald Panteleimon Eisner (Jul 27)

Birthday:

John Martin (Jul 25)

Traveling to Rwanda for work:

Scott (John) Klaus

Thank You

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

Thanks to Bonnie and Bruce for organizing today's meal.