

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** Whether you are searching for a new church or visiting, we welcome you and hope your experience at Divine Liturgy is edifying and spiritually nourishing. Please join us for lunch after the service. We would love to greet you and answer any questions.
- **Dormition of the Theotokos.** We celebrate the falling asleep and translation to life of the Most Holy Mother of God on August 15 this week! The Vigil with the blessing of flowers will be on Monday, August 14 at 6 pm, with Liturgy for the Feast on Tuesday, August 15, at 9:30 here and beginning at 9:00 if you wish to pilgrimage to the Monastery of the Assumption in Calistoga.
- **Men's Group** will meet for fellowship and dinner after Vespers on Wednesday, August 16.
- **A new Reading Group** will start up beginning next Sunday. We'll be reading St. Augustine's *Confessions*. Watch e-mail for details!
- **Mark your calendars!** Annual parish picnic on Sunday, September 17, in Golden Gate Park after the Divine Liturgy. This annual tradition is definitely a favorite. Please plan on it!

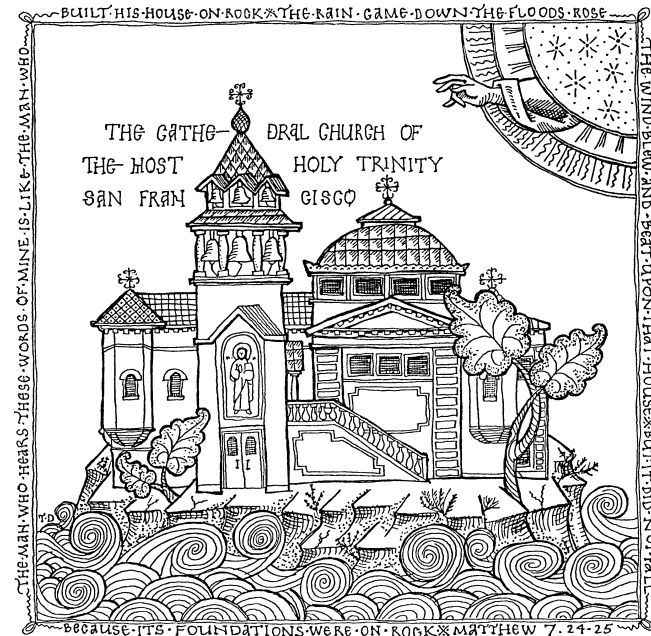
This Week at Holy Trinity

- Mon. Aug. 14:** **Eve of the Dormition**
6:00 pm Festal Vigil for Dormition w/ Blessing of Flowers
- Tue. Aug. 15:** **The Dormition of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary**
9:00 am Pilgrimage & Divine Liturgy to Holy Assumption Monastery, Calistoga (*Patronal Feast Day of the Monastery*)
9:30 am Divine Liturgy (*here*)
- Wed. Aug. 16:** **Afterfeast of the Dormition. Icon "Not-made-by-hands"**
6:00 pm Vespers followed by Men's Group gathering
Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's
- Sat. Aug. 19:** 6:00 pm Vigil followed by Confessions
Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's
- Sun. Aug. 20:** **Afterfeast of the Dormition. St. Alexander Hotovitsky.**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
followed by Fellowship Hour and Reading Group
Parking available Sunday morning at St. Brigid's

Contact Fr. Kirill

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Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, August 13, 2023

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

Today's Epistle
1 Corinthians 4:9-16
Today's Gospel
Matthew 17:14-23

10th Sunday after Pentecost.
Leavetaking of the Transfiguration of
Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ
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Today's Epistle
1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, God has set forth us the apostles last of all, as men doomed to death; for we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are honored, but we are despised. Even to this present hour we hunger and thirst, and we are naked and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless. When persecuted, we endure. When maligned, we entreat. We have become as the refuse of this world and the scum of the earth even to this day.

I write these things not to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have ten thousand tutors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers. For I have begotten you in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. Therefore, I beg you, follow my example.

Today's Gospel
Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him."

Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

The Dormition of the Theotokos

In August the Church celebrates the end of Mary's earthly life, her death, known as her Falling Asleep or Dormition, a word in which dream, blessedness, peace, calm, and joy are all united...

For centuries the Church has looked upon, reflected on and been inspired by the death of the One who was the mother of Jesus, who gave life to our Savior and Lord, who gave herself totally to Him to the very end and stood by Him at the Cross. And in contemplating her death the Church discovered and experienced death as neither fear, nor horror, nor finality, but radiant and authentic Resurrection joy. "What spiritual songs shall we now offer you, O most holy? For by your deathless Dormition you have sanctified the whole world..." Here, in one of the first hymns of the feast we immediately find expressed the very essence of its joy: "Deathless Dormition," deathless death. But what is the meaning of the contradictory, apparently absurd conjunction of words? In the Dormition, the whole joyful mystery of this death is revealed to us and becomes our joy, for Mary the Virgin Mother is one of us. If death is the horror and greed of separation, of descent into terrible loneliness and darkness, then none of this is present in the death of the Virgin Mary, since her death, like her entire life, is all encounter, all love, all continuous movement toward the unfading, never-setting light of eternity and entrance into it. "Perfect love casts out fear," says John the Theologian, the apostle of love (1 Jn 4:18). And therefore there is no fear in the deathless falling asleep of the Virgin Mary. Here, death is conquered from within, freed from all that fills it with horror and hopelessness. Death itself becomes triumphant life. Death becomes the "bright dawn of the mystical Day." Thus, the feast has no sadness, no funeral dirges, no grief, but only light and joy. It's as if in approaching the door of our inevitable death, we should suddenly find it flung open, with light pouring from the approaching victory, from the approaching reign of God's Kingdom.

- Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

(From Celebration of Faith: The Virgin Mary, SVS Press, 1995)



Many Years!

Birthdays:

Pretty (Joanna) Sims (Aug 13)
Lydie Cappe (Aug 15)
Rebecca Jorgenson (Aug 17)
Michael Gaudreau (Aug 19)

Thank You

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

Thanks to Keti, Bonnie, David,
and Dylan for organizing
today's meal!