

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.
- **Fire Disaster Charity.** We are all increasingly horrified by the news from Maui and the devastating fire there. While we do not have any mission or parish on that particular island, we cannot but be moved by the human tragedy that is unfolding there. The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco does have a small mission on Maui and our prayers are with our Orthodox brothers and sisters there. I would like to encourage you to take up a collection this Sunday and to join the local community in being present for their neighbors (you can also send money directly to the mission at www.mauiimission.org). "Again we pray for those who have suffered loss during the recent fires on Maui and that the Lord grant rest to those who have perished." —*Thank you, Archbishop Benjamin*
- **A new Reading Group** starts up, beginning today after lunch. We'll be reading St. Augustine's *Confessions*. See Bruce or check your email for details.
- **College Student Sunday.** Next Sunday is designated as a Sunday to highlight the ministry of Orthodox Christian Fellowship on college campuses including our own humble effort at University of San Francisco. We will have a special collection for this ministry.
- **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!

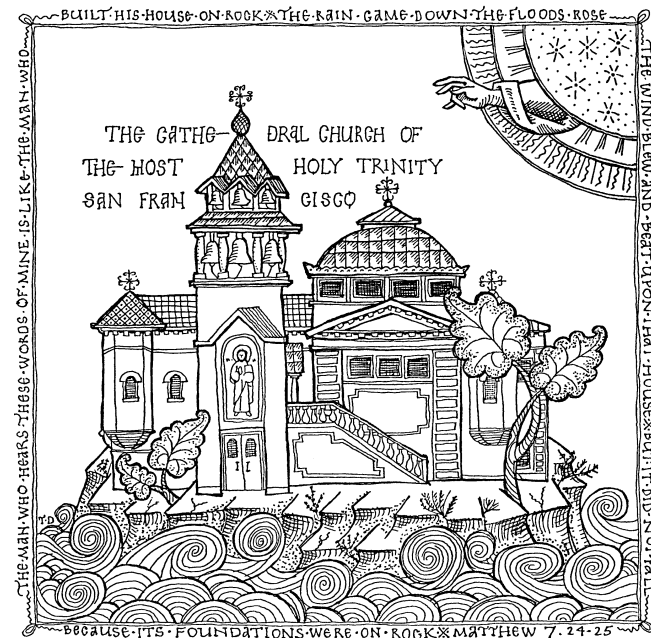
This Week at Holy Trinity

- Wed. Aug. 23:** 6:00 pm Vespers
Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's
- Sat. Aug. 26:** 6:00 pm Vigil followed by Confessions
Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's
- Sun. Aug. 27:** **12th Sunday After Pentecost. Ven. Pimen the Great.**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
followed by Potluck 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 20, 2023

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

Today's Epistle
1 Corinthians 9:2-12
Today's Gospel
Matthew 18:23-35

11th Sunday after Pentecost
Afterfeast of the Dormition
Hieromartyr Alexander Hotovitsky
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Today's Epistle
1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Brethren: You are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense against those who question me is this: Have we not a right to eat and to drink? Do we not have a right to be accompanied by a woman, a sister, as do the other apostles, and the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to stop working? What soldier ever serves at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Who feeds the flock and does not eat of the milk of the flock? Do I speak these things on human authority? Or does not the Law also say these things? For it is written in the law of Moses, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treads out the grain." Is it about oxen that God is concerned? Or does He not speak entirely for our sake? These things were written for us. For he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes, in hope of partaking of the fruits. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share in this right over you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure all things, lest we offer hindrance to the Gospel of Christ.

Today's Gospel
Matthew 18:23-35

The Lord said this parable: the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

"But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on

your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.
"So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Hieromartyr Alexander Hotovitsky

New-Hieromartyr Alexander Alexandrovich (Hotovitsky), a graduate of the Volyn' Orthodox Seminary and the St. Petersburg Theological Academy (1895), was brought to America by Archbishop Nicholas (Ziorov; in America in 1891-98). This Hierarch ordained him on February 25, 1896, in the San Francisco Cathedral, to which the young priest was attached until the end of that year. After many years of the fruitful missionary activity in America, Father Alexander was recalled to Russia in 1914, and appointed rector of the Cathedral in Helsinki, Finland. After the revolution of 1917, Holy Patriarch Tikhon appointed his faithful American assistant to the post of Dean of Christ the Saviour Cathedral, Moscow. The Bolsheviks arrested Protopresbyter Alexander, and after years of tormenting imprisonment, he was executed (c. 1937). In 1994, The Holy Synod of the Church of Russia included Hieromartyr Protopresbyter Alexander among the new martyrs of Russia. The Proclamation declares: "This missionary and ascetic fruitfully labored in the spreading of Orthodoxy on the American continent. He was one of the closest and most faithful advisors to the Holy Patriarch Tikhon and Patriarch Sergius. He endured unjust trials, imprisonment, exile and ended his holy life by confessing Christ through suffering."

As members of Holy Trinity Cathedral in the God-protected city of Saint Francis, we are blessed to be surrounded by a host of Saints and saintly predecessors. The living memory of these holy men and women who lived and worshipped in a manner well-pleasing to God challenges us to be good heirs and not to waister our precious inheritance. -Fr. Victor Sokolov



Many Years!

Wedding Anniversary:

Michael and Rebecca Jorgenson (Aug 20)
Justin and Sarah Disney (Aug 24)

Anniversary of Chrismation:
Frank Anthony Morelli (Aug 25)

Nameday:
Samuel Strelkoff (Aug 20)

Birthday:
Ketevan Peradze (Aug 20)
Frank Anthony Morelli (Aug 26)

Thank You

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

Thanks to Anastasia, Catherine
M., and Bonnie for organizing
today's meal!

Prayers

Please pray for Matushka Priscilla
Shipley (Chico CA) who is nearing
the end of her earthly struggle.