

## Announcements

- **Welcome Guests and Visitors.** Whether you are searching for a new church or visiting, we welcome you and hope your experience at the Divine Liturgy is edifying and spiritually nourishing. Please take a moment after the service to introduce yourself to our pastor, Father Kirill. You are invited to join us for lunch after the service. We would love to greet you and answer any questions.
- **We add to our fervent prayers new catechumen** Yancy Marion. Yancy will be taking as his heavenly patron the Holy Apostle Thomas. We wish Yancy Thomas every blessing as he continues on the path to Holy Baptism! We regularly have classes and Q&A sessions for all those interested in knowing more about the Faith; our next such session is Saturday, October 14, at 4:30 pm before Vigil.
- **Blood Drive.** Today we are hosting a life-saving blood drive 11:15 am to 3:15 pm. This is a beautiful and very concrete opportunity for us to serve our neighbor.
- **IOCC Food & Wine Tour.** On Sunday, November 5, 4-7 pm, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) is celebrating its 30+ years of service at a fun event in Belmont. Come and experience wine and food samplings from around the world at this annual opportunity to raise funds for this important charitable ministry. More: [iocc.org/bayarea](http://iocc.org/bayarea) - Our parish is purchasing a table; please reach out to Fr. Kirill if you'd like to buy a ticket!

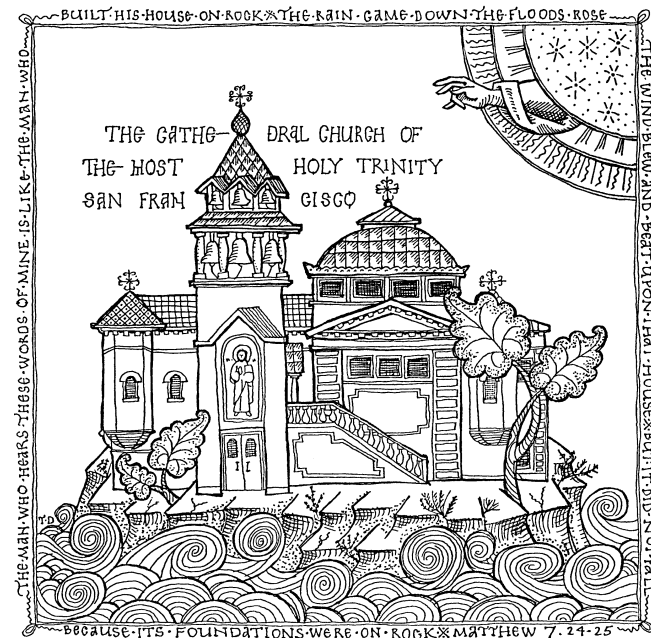
## This Week at Holy Trinity

- Tue. Oct. 3:** 12:00 pm Orthodox Christian Fellowship at USF
- Wed. Oct. 4:** 6:00 pm Vespers followed by Confessions  
*Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's*
- Thu. Oct. 5:** 7:00 pm Online Bible Study with Fr. James
- Sat. Oct. 7:** 6:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Choir Rehearsal  
*Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's*
- Sun. Oct. 8:** **Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
followed by fellowship hour, Church School (High School and Young Adult), & Reading Group  
*Parking available Sunday morning at St. Brigid's*

### Contact Fr. Kirill

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# Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, October 1, 2023

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

**Today's Epistle**

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

**Today's Gospel**

Luke 6:31-36

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost****The Protection of our Most Holy Lady****Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary****Ven. Romanus the Melodist (5th c.)****Tone 8****Today's Epistle Reading***2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1*

Brethren: you are the temple of the living God. As God has said, "I will dwell in them and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Wherefore, "come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; and I will welcome you, and will be a Father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of the flesh and of the spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

**Today's Gospel Reading***Luke 6:31-36*

The Lord said: just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

**The Protection of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God  
and Ever-Virgin Mary (October 1)**

This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

On Sunday, October 1, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ Saint

Andrew (October 2), at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. Saint John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop's Throne, she continued her prayer.

After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed "more than the rays of the sun." Saint Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, "Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?" Epiphanius answered, "I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe."

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, "O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them go away from my icon unheard."

Saints Andrew and Epiphanius were worthy to see the Mother of God at prayer, and "for a long time observed the Protecting Veil spread over the people and shining with flashes of glory. As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, the Protecting Veil was also visible, but with her departure it also became invisible. After taking it with her, she left behind the grace of her visitation."

**Many Years!**

**Anniversary of Installation:**  
Archbishop BENJAMIN of SF (Oct 2)

**Nameday:**  
Gerald Bruno Benoit (Oct 2)

*On this "Church Musicians Sunday" we invoke God's mercy and many years to all of our singers, readers, and bell ringers.*

**Thank You**

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

Thanks to Tamara, Bonnie, and Anastasia for preparing "Oktoberfest" lunch!