

## 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.
- **Church School** for all children in grades K-8 will happen soon after lunch today. Today, both sections will continue their series on St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Today's topic is *What is the Epistle to the Romans?* An adult handout on this lesson is available [online](#) and some copies will be printed out.
- **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: [ioccc.org/bayarea](http://ioccc.org/bayarea) - Our parish is purchasing a table; please reach out to Fr. Kirill if you'd like to buy a ticket!
- **The Orthodox Church in America** is hosting a national spiritual retreat for bishops and priests in Chicago later this week, featuring talks by the Athonite monk and patristics scholar Archimandrite Maximos (Constans). Thank you for making it possible for me to attend as part of my "continuing education." -Fr. Kirill

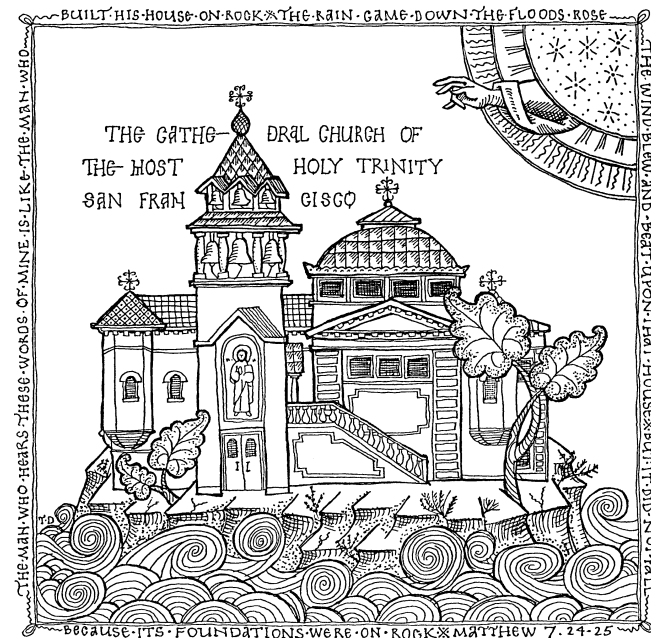
## This Week at Holy Trinity

- Wed. Oct. 18:** 6:00 pm Vespers followed by Men's Group Fellowship  
*Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's*
- Thu. Oct. 19:** 7:00 pm Online Bible Study with Fr. James
- Sat. Oct. 21:** **Memorial Saturday – St. Demetrius Saturday**  
5:30 pm Panikhida (Memorial Service)  
6:00 pm Vigil followed by Confessions  
*Parking available this evening at St. Brigid's*
- Sun. Oct. 22:** **20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.**  
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, October 15, 2023

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

**Today's Epistle**

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

**Today's Gospel**

Luke 8:5-15

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Ven. Euthymius the New, of  
Thessalonica, Monk of Mt. Athos  
(889). Martyr Lucian the Presbyter  
of Antioch (312).  
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**Today's Epistle Reading***2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9*

Brethren: The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed for evermore, knows that I do not lie. In Damascus the governor under king Aretas was guarding the city of the Damascenes in order to arrest me, but I was lowered in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. If I must boast, although it is not expedient to do so, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows – was caught up to the third heaven. And I know that this man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – was caught up into Paradise, and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. Of such a man I will boast; but of myself I will glory in nothing save my infirmities. For if I do wish to boast, I shall not be foolish; for I shall be speaking the truth. But I forbear, lest any man should think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And lest I should be elated above measure by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me. Concerning this I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**Today's Gospel Reading***Luke 8:5-15*

The Lord said this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a

hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?”

And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that

*‘Seeing they may not see,*

*And hearing they may not understand.’*

“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

**Praying for All**

We do not know everything about the conflicts of this world, nor is it necessary to know. We just pray with a compassionate heart for the peace of the world and for all. We do not take sides, because each side will be responsible for crimes, and we do not want to share in these crimes and be condemned. If we pray for those who are more wrong than right, well, we perform the commandment to love even enemies. And if we pray for those who are more right than wrong, we do well. Therefore, we cannot go wrong if we pray that God save all and grant peace to the world.

*-Archimandrite Zacharias of St. John the Baptist Monastery, Essex*

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

Luke Michael Jorgenson  
(Oct 18)

**Birthday:**

Bonnie Cherry (Oct 18)

**Thank You**

Welcome guests and visitors!

Please join us for coffee and lunch  
after the Divine Liturgy.

Thanks to Irina Y., Nino, and Dylan  
for contributing to today's  
luncheon!