ANNOUNCEMENTS

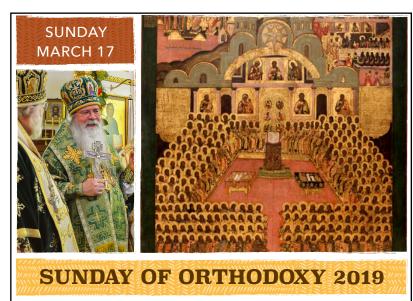
SUNDAY, March 17, 2019 - Feast of the Triumph of Orthodoxy

TROPARION OF THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY, Tone Two:

We venerate Thy most pure icon, O Loving Lord, asking Thee, O Christ our God, to pardon our transgressions. For of Thine own will wast Thou well-pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver from the bondage of the enemy those whom Thou hast fashioned. Therefore, in thanksgiving, we cry aloud to Thee: Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, when Thou camest to save the world.

KONTAKION OF THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY, Tone Eight:

The uncircumscribed Word of the Father became circumscribed, taking flesh from thee, O Theotokos, and He has restored the sullied image to its ancient glory, filling it with divine beauty. This our salvation we confess in deed and word, and we depict it in the holy icons.



Visit of Metropolitan Tikhon

The Most Blessed Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada, will be making a Primatial Visit to the Diocese of the West the weekend of the Triumph of Orthodoxy! Join His Beatitude, our Metropolitan Tikhon, along with His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin, and His Grace, Bishop Daniel:

Saturday, March 16, 6:00 pm: Vigil at St. Nicholas Church, San Anselmo.

Sunday, March 17, 10:00 am:

Divine Liturgy at St. Seraphim Cathedral, Santa Rosa, with the Procession of Icons.

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Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy, Holy Trinity Cathedral, San Francisco. Reception following; all are invited! Parking available at St. Brigid's School on Broadway between Van Ness & Franklin.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

• Saturday, March 16: 3:30 PM, Catechism, On the Holy Mystery of Confession

5 PM, Great Vespers

• Sunday, March 17: 10 AM, Greeting of Metropolitan Tikhon, Divine Liturgy, *Cross and Icon*

Procession

Noon, Agape Lunch

6 PM, Vespers in San Francisco at Holy Trinity Cathedral

• Tues., March 19: 8 AM, Lenten Matins

• Wed., March 20: 8 AM, Lenten Matins

5 PM, Confessions

6:15 PM, Presanctified Liturgy, meal

• Thurs., March 21: 8 AM, Lenten Matins

7 PM, Parish Council Meeting

• Friday, March 22: 10:30 AM, Presanctified Liturgy, Feast of the Forty Martyrs of Sebaste

6 PM, Small Compline and Akathist to the Theotokos (Youth Group to chant)

• Saturday, March 23: 9:30 AM, Parish Retreat with Fr. John Bethancourt

• FESTAL WELCOME:

The Parish faithful are deeply honored to celebrate the Feast of the Sunday of Orthodoxy with our Metropolitan Tikhon, our Archbishop Benjamin and our own Bishop of Santa Rosa, Vladyka Daniel. These holy hierarchs are a gift to us of joy and consolation for our labors during Clean Week. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy there will be a Cross and Icon procession (bring your icons) around the Church, followed by a meal in the Parish Hall. *Please arrive by 9:50 AM at the latest*, so that you will be in Church to greet the Metropolitan when he arrives.

• NEXT FRIDAY:

The feast of the Forty Martyrs of Sebaste falls on March 9. Because the hymns of the feast day assume that Lent is already underway, we will celebrate it on the old calendar date of Friday, March 22, with a Presanctified Liturgy at 10:30 AM.



• LANDSCAPING:

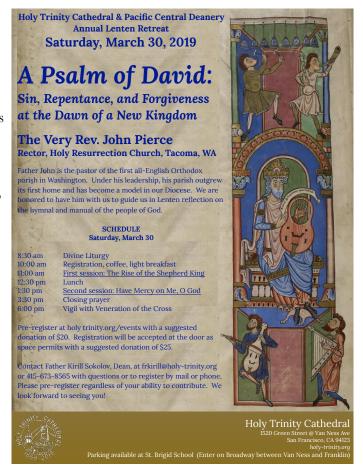
The area formerly known as the "gazebo oval lawn" or the "race track lawn" has been completely renovated with the removal of invasive weeds and grass, the planting of fruit trees, a shaded area (the old gazebo simply collapsed when we tried to move it), a fire pit, walkways, and a hedge on the west side that will eventually be six feet high and block the view of the parking lot. A gate will be installed in a few weeks to keep our children from wandering into the parking lot traffic. We thank the donors who made this project possible, and thank Matushka Ann for managing the design. The landscape work was done by Glen Springs Enterprises, run by Phil Thomas.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY:

Over the past few centuries the view has grown within Christianity that the significance and character of the icon is not decisive for the teaching of the faith. But the history of the Church and her teachings demonstrate the opposite: it is not for nothing that the bloody struggle against iconoclasm lasted for over 100 years. The Orthodox liturgical calendar is full of the names of martyrs and confessors for icons. And they didn't go to martyrdom, tortures and deaths for a work of art (the icon was never viewed that way), nor for a painted board, but for the confession of the faith through the icon, just as in the first century and later people went to martyrdom for confessing the name of Christ (a strange situation for the mind of contemporary man). ... The dogma of the veneration of icons is a victory over the Christological and, at the same time, Trinitarian heresies... This dogma was the culmination of an entire era of struggle for the Orthodox faith in the Incarnation and, it follows, for the true confession of the image of the building of the House of God in the world. It is an open truth, revealed by the collective consciousness of the Church. In it the Church reveals the genuine essence of the Christian icon as the visible and immutable witness of the Incarnation (and not only as one in a series of Old Testament and New Testament theophanies). This dogma is the result of the acceptance by Christianity of the fullness of Christ's nature as both God and human. —Leonid Ouspensky, *On the Way to Unity?*

KNOWING:

Reason, in the classical and Christian sense, is a whole way of life, not the simple and narrow mastery of certain techniques of martial manipulation, and certainly not the childish certitude that such mastery proves that only material realities exist. A rational life is one that integrates knowledge into large choreography of virtue, imagination, patience, prudence, humility and restraint. Reason is not only knowledge, but knowledge perfected in wisdom. In Christian tradition, reason was praised as a high and precious thing, principally because it belonged intrinsically to the dignity of beings created in the divine image; and, this being so, it was assumed that reason is also always morality, and that charity is required for any mind to be fully rational. Even if one does not believe any of this, however, a rational life involves at least the ability to grasp what it is one does not know, and to recognize that what one does know may not be the only kind of genuine knowledge there is. - David Bentley Hart, from Atheist Delusions



PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 31 - Veneration of the Cross 10 AM, Divine Liturgy (N.B. Matins served on Sat.) 11:45 AM, Church School Noon, Agape Meal 3 PM, Concert: Green Mountain Singers	1	2 • 8 AM, Matins	3 • 8 AM, Matins • 6:15 PM, Presanctified, meal to follow	4 • 8 AM, Matins	5 • 10:30 AM, Presanctified Liturgy	• 10 AM, Retreat led by Bishop Daniel • 3:30 PM, Catechism, On Holy Unction • 4 PM, Children's Choir
7 - St. John Climacus / St. Tikhon • 10 AM, Greeting of Bishop Daniel, Divine Liturgy • 11:45 AM, Church School • Noon, Agape Meal • Sisterhood Meeting	8	9 • 8 AM, Matins	• 8 AM, Matins • 5 PM, Redwood Empire Food Bank • 6:15 PM, Presanctified, meal to follow	II • 8 AM, Matins with the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	• 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions • 6 PM, Matins of the Akathist Hymn	 13 - Akathist Saturday 9 AM, Divine Liturgy 3:30 PM, Catechism, On Death and the Funeral 5 PM, Great Vespers
14 - St. Mary of Egypt • 8:40 AM, Matins • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • 11:45 AM, Church School • Noon, Agape Meal	15	16 • 8 AM, Matins	• 8 AM, Matins • 6:15 PM, Presanctified, meal to follow	18 • 8 AM, Matins	• 8 AM, Matins • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions • 6:15 PM, Matins of Lazarus Saturday • 7 PM, Baptismal Catechesis	20 - Lazarus Saturday • 9 AM, Baptisms • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy, Reception for baptized Afternoon: deaning and decoration of Church • 5 PM, Vigil, blessing of palms
21 - Entrance into Jerusalem • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy and Procession • 11:45 AM, Church School • Noon, Agape Meal	22 - Holy Monday • 6:30 AM, Bridegroom Matins • 6:15 PM, Presanctified	23 - Holy Tuesday • 6:30 AM, Bridegroom Matins • 6:15 PM, Presanctified	24 - Holy Wednesday • 6:30 AM, Bridegroom Matins • 6:15 PM, Presanctified	25 - Holy Thursday • 11:30 AM, Vesperal • 9 AM, Royal Hours Liturgy • 3 PM, Vespers with the bringing out of the bringing out of Holy Shroud • 6:15 PM, Matins of Holy Saturday Holy Saturday	26 - Holy Friduy • 9 AM, Royal Hours • 3 PM, Vespers with the bringing out of Holy Shroud • 6:15 PM, Matins of Holy Saturday	 27 - Holy Saturday 1 PM, Vesperal Liturgy 11:30 PM, Nocturn Midnight, Matins and Divine Liturgy
28 - PASCHA We begin at Midnight, Saturday 11:30 AM, Church Cleaning 1 PM, Agape Vespers Potluck picnic to follow	29 - Bright Monday • 9 AM, Paschal Matins and Divine Liturgy (Archbishop Benjamin serving)	30 - Bright Tuesday • 6 PM, Paschal Vespers	May 1	2 - Bright Thursday • 6 PM, Paschal Vespers	3 - Bright Friday • 6 PM, Paschal Vespers	 4 - Bright Saturday • 9 AM, Paschal Divine Liturgy • 5 PM, Great Vespers

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