



CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Announcements

- **Saturday, August 16**, the Divine Liturgy for the Consecration of the new Bishop will begin at 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Cathedral
- **Volunteer** to help with a post-liturgy meal. Please consider signing up to bring a dish: bit.ly/45w6EpB

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This Week's Schedule

Mon Aug 4

9:30 AM Liturgy for St. Mary Magdelene

Wed Aug 6

9:30 AM Liturgy

12:00 PM St. Syphrony Book Group (Zoom)

7:00 PM Reading the Bible in a Year Group (Zoom)

Thur Aug 7

6:00 PM Jesus Prayer

Sat Aug 9

5:30 PM Vigil

Sun Aug 10

10:00 AM Liturgy

1:00 PM Study Group

Author St. Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles and the founder of the church at Corinth (Acts 18:1-11), is the undisputed author of this epistle. Date-First Corinthians was probably written from Ephesus around AD 55, during Paul's third missionary journey (Acts 19:1-20:1).

Major Theme Communion with God versus communion with darkness. We are created for communion (Gr. *koinonia*) with God and with each other. *Koinonia* is concretely experienced in the life of the Church, which is the Body of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit. But communion is not automatic; we pursue it. And while we may cooperate with evil, we are created to cooperate with God and with each other.

The subthemes of this epistle are found in the sections Paul writes to answer specific problems or concerns in the church.

- (1) Factionalism (1:10-3:23)
- (2) Civil lawsuits (4:1-21; 6:1-8)
- (3) Sexual immorality (5:1-13; 6:9-7:40)
- (4) Meat sacrificed to idols (8:1-9:27)
- (5) Eucharistic theology and practice (10:1-11:34) to- and
- (6) Spiritual gifts (12:1-14:40)
- (7) Resurrection life (15:1-16:24)

Background There were a number of problems in the Corinthian church to which Paul responds in this letter. These problems include:

(a) Church disunity. Many Corinthian Christians had broken into several factions based on improper loyalty to particular Christian leaders (1:12). **(b)** Doctrinal speculations. Erroneous teaching thrived in Corinth, particularly that of the gnostic variety. **(c)** Moral failure. The Corinthian church, free from persecution, became spiritually weak and succumbed to the moral failure the city was famous for. **(d)** Dealing with pagan religions. Christians in Corinth could not agree about how to respond to idolatry. **(e)** Self-centeredness and the Holy Spirit's counter to the hedonism there. But the self-centeredness of spiritual gifts. Corinth was brilliantly endowed with spiritual gifts, perhaps as the gifted ones brought dishonor to God.

Epistle Reading for Sunday August 3

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

¹¹ For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you.

¹² Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ."

¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,

¹⁵ lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name.

¹⁶ Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other.

¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

