

The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul

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Today is Feast of Transfiguration

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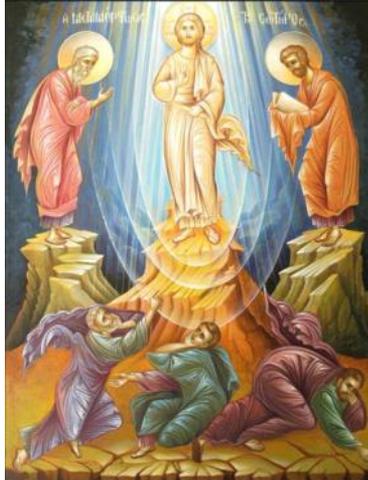
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“Lord, it is good for us to be here” (Matthew 17:4)

The feast of Holy Transfiguration falls near the end of the liturgical year. Only the Dormition of the Theotokos

follows, to complete and close the cycle. Why now? The time of the event comes six days following the confession of St. Peter [Matthew 17:1, Mark 9:2], or “about eight days” [Luke 9:28], although that doesn’t fix the date precisely. Nothing is arbitrary. It comes in the season of fruit harvest. The Orthodox Church greets the feast with the tradition of the blessing of fruit. Here is a natural expression of sacrifice to the Lord of His blessings of rain and sunshine which make it possible to reap a bountiful harvest. We who bring our fruit in plastic bags from the super-

market must use our imagination in order to be truly grateful for the harvest blessings. We have not the same appreciation as if we had brought our grapes and apples from our own vines and trees. It takes a farmer's daily prayers to feel the reward of his petitions.

At another level, we all can comprehend spiritual fruit brought to fruition through the liturgical year now consummated at the completion. The year begins with the birth of the Holy Mother of God, the young virgin herself the glorious fruit of the promise to Abraham and his children to erase Adam's rebellion and restore the glory of the people of Israel. Mary is the "beginning of our salvation" - the anticipation of a new covenant relationship and the anticipation of the Messiah, the Son of God who would be the fruit of her virgin womb.

The time is ripe to receive the divine light in Christ through the Holy Spirit for those in some ways capable of receiving it. Consider the filtration process: From the 5,000 who heard Him offer them the credentials of the blessed from the Sermon on the Mount; to the seventy selected to visit the villages of the Jews and announce His ministry among them [Luke 10:1]; further choosing twelve apostles; and from them but three blessed to experience His Transfiguration atop the mountain, that eternal moment beyond normal time when Moses and Elijah would be brought from the past to appear with the Son of God in a blinding illumination of the Kingdom of God, displaying eternity in a fraction of time. It was a joy that the three disciples did not want to end.

Is it any wonder that so many of our monastic communities have chosen this feast for their own patronal namesake? The revelation of a second Epiphany where all three Persons of the Holy Trinity are involved? Here, the highlight of spiritual progress offers a supernal incentive for all serious Christians to realize and fulfill the precious words of St. Paul: "One thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal..." [Philippians 3:13].

When the three offer to make three booths and remain in that sublime exalted state, Christ responds that they must descend



Liturgical Schedule



Today

12th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone three.

Dormition (Theotokos) Fast. Fish Allowed
The Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and
Saviour Jesus Christ (Second "Feast of the Sav-
iour" in August).

New Martyr Abbacum of Thessalonica (1628).
St. Theoctistus, bishop of Chernigiv (1123).

Customary blessing of the fruits, honey, spices



2 Peter 1:10-19

Matthew 17:1-9

Reader of the Hours - Sandra Haldky

Reader of the Eng. Epist.– Sandra Hladky

Reader of the Eng. Epist.– open

Saturday, August 25

No Vespers

Sunday
August 26

13th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone four.

Dormition (Theotokos) Fast. Food with Oil
Synaxis of saints of Valaam Monastery (movable
holiday on the Sunday after August 6th).

Apodosis of the Transfiguration. Venerable Max-
imus the Confessor (662). Martyr Hippolytus of
Rome and 18 martyrs with him, including Mar-
tyrs Concordia, Irenaeus, and Abundius
(258). "Minsk" (1500), "Seven Arrows" (1830)
and "Of the Passion" (1641) Icons of the Most
Holy Theotokos. Venerable Serid (Seridos), ab-
bot, of Gaza (6th c.). Empress Irene, tonsured Xe-
nia (12th c.). Venerable Radegunde of Poitiers,
nun (587) (Gaul). St. Wigbert, abbot of Hersfeld,
English missionary to Germany (738).



1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Matthew 21:33-42

Reader of the Hours - Peter Gordon

Reader of the Eng. Epist.– Peter Gordon

Reader of the Ukr. Epist.– Halyna Kashpar

from the mountain top and return to what was left behind. Such a rare treat was for them a mere aperitif of blessings, enough for them to experience once but never to be forgotten. [II Peter 1:16] He warned them also not to share the experience with anyone until after His resurrection. We can imagine them describing the indescribable to their fellow apostles and the women during those forty days following Christ's appearance in the Upper Room that first day of His resurrection and until the Ascension. And what of us? We conclude each Divine Liturgy with the proclamation: "We have seen the true light!" Have we indeed! Has that been an experience, a proleptic proclamation, or something we just do not understand?

Bible & Faith Study Group

Next Bible Study group meeting is Wednesday August 22 at 6:30 pm. *If you are interested in joining the study, please see Fr. Vasyl*



Seraphim Group



We had a great get-together last Tuesday at Wu's House followed by the movie *Mama Mia* at the theater right next door.

For the next outing, we are going to go to Shrine of Christ's passions in Indiana. Tuesday

September 11, 2018 at noon.

For more info, please see president Debbie Pierog deb12153@aol.com



Prayer Corner for the Month of August

We ask all of you to remember in your prayers the following individuals, who are in need of God's healing and grace: Victoria, Barbara, Tom Macauliffe, John, Margaret, Eleanor, Ethel Smith, Michael P, Catherine Hladky, Andrew Hladky, Wally and Ann Podlecki, Valentina Schacht, Susan Hendrixson, Rayan, Dean Manson, Vera Beggs, Pavlo & Polina, Barbara Patronik, Elias, Roxana, Anthony Bendy, Katie Bruce, Patti Faye, Toni Marie Klavin, Hazel Gardiner, Michael Kimak, Chloe Mckinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Paul Jr & Dorothy Seliga, Wolodymer Kashpar, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Priest David Clooney, Frankie, Zachary, Orest, Oksana, Alexander, Paul.

Announcements

Monthly Parish Council meeting is every third Sunday of the month after the Coffee Hour. Next meeting is Sunday September 26, 2018 *Representatives from parish organizations must be present. Guests are welcome.*

Sunday School Teacher's corner



Dear Parents,
Please register your child/children for you Sunday School as soon as possible as we are anxious to plan not only our curriculum but need to be sure we have adequate materials. We are anticipating grade groups as follows: Pre-K (ages 4 & 5), 1st and 2nd grade,j

3 - 6 or 7th grade, and 8th thru high school. Of course, this is subject to change depending on our enrollment.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's religious education.

Pat Wolsko and the Sunday School Teachers

Saturday August 25 at 9:00am - clean up of the classrooms. Volunteers appreciated. Parents are encouraged to come.

Sisterhood of St. Anne

Thank you very much to all of our volunteers for continues support.

May God reward you hundredfold!

Due to Labor Day weekend we will be working in the kitchen

August 26 -29, 2018

Next pierogi session will be:

Sunday August 26 - make cheese balls

Monday August 27 - make Plum & cheese pierogies

Tuesday August 28 - make SK & Pot balls

Wednesday August 29 - make SK & Pot Pierogies

Thursday August 30 - sale



Seven Day Vigil Candles



For the health of my parents in Ukraine Pavlo & Polina by Halyna Kashpar

For the health of our daughter Iryna, son in-law Stephen and their children on their 18th wedding anniversary by Kashpar Family

For the health and God's blessings of family members by Katie & Barbara Bruce

For the health of Maria Iordanov by Barbara & Katie Bruce

For the health and God's blessings for Fr. Vasyl and Family by Barbara & Katie Bruce

For the health of Maria Iordanov by PM Olenka

For the health of Barbara Patronik by Pat & Mike Beck

For the health of Sharon Flanagan by Pat & Mike Beck

For the health of Christine Finnigan by Pat & Mike Beck

For the health of Nate Freeman by Pat & Mike Beck

For the health and God's blessing of Family members by Mike Gbur

In memory of John Spivak by Sharon & Mike Melnyk

In loving memory of our fathers, Stephen Kuzemka & Theodore B. Larson in remembrance of their August birthdays ~Ted & Karen Larson

In remembrance of my maternal grandparents, Ray & Anna Arendt, whose earthly love for one another surpassed 50 years of marriage. ~Karen Larson

In loving memory of my brother, Mark Kuzemka, on the sixth anniversary of his repose. ~Karen Larson

Memories Eternal for my paternal aunts, Dorothy Kuzemka and Helen Lelekacs, who recently passed within a few weeks of one another. ~Karen Larson

In loving memory of Maria Omelian by Sendeha Family

In memory of William Mulholland by Pat & Mike Beck

In memory of Bernard Miskowitz by Pat & Mike Beck

In memory of Anthony Kaczor by Michael Supilowski



Church Temple Main Chandelier



We are working on replacing Main Chandelier at the Church Temple. Current one is too small for our temple as well as in very poor condition. We have collected so far \$6415.00 towards this project. Every little bit helps.



The new chandelier will look like the one on the picture above. It will have 5 levels of white lights as well as icons of twelve apostles around with red lights.

Thank you for your generous support.

Michael Cheroim and family in loving memory of my wife Nina and our parents Wasyl, Kateryna, Ewhenia and Ivan — \$1000.00

In memory of Josephine Hobert - \$25.00 - the Larson Family

Katie & Barbara Bruce in memory of Josephine Hobert—\$50.00

Memorial Panahyda

August 26: In memory of Howard Brooks on the First anniversary of His passing into eternal life. Requested by Fr. Vasyl

Coffee Hour Schedule



Today — Larson, Pierog and Zmysly families (Lenten)
August 26 -- Oryhon Family (Lenten)
September 2 -- Mary Wisniowski and Tina Palasti
September 9 -- Alla and Mary Jo Grzymiski
September 16 -- PORK & CHICKEN ROAST
(1st Day of Sunday School)
September 23 -- Megan & John Hryn
September 30 -- *Open volunteer needed*
If you would like to volunteer for the Coffee Hour or need to change your scheduled date, please see Olga Piskoun call 708-361-5165 or email opiskoun@yahoo.com

Save the Date. Come and participate

Saturday August 25 at 9:00am - clean up of the classrooms in the hall. Volunteers appreciated.

Sunday August 26, 2018. Come and celebrate with us. Dr. Harry's 70 years and Yvonne's 45 years at our parish family. Harry and Yvonne are moving to Tennessee to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Please join us for a special day we are going to honor them and their parents!

Sunday September 16, 2018. Pork & Chicken Roast. Beginning of Sunday School year 2018-2019

Church Humor

Two soldiers on leave in Copenhagen went to church one Sunday. Not knowing the Danish language, they imitated everything the congregation did. When people stood, they stood; when people sat, they sat. When, after a question asked by the clergyman, the man in front of them stood up, they stood up. The whole congregation burst into uncontrollable laughter. A baby was about to be baptized and the priest had asked the father of the baby to stand up.