

## **SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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### ***BULLETIN OF AUGUST 2, 2015***

**\*\*\*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: October 3 & 4\*\*\***

#### **SUNDAY/AUGUST 2**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Translation of relics of St. Stephen**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy; Coffee Hour

Question & Answer Period

#### **WEDNESDAY/AUGUST 5**

3:00p.m. Confession

7:00p.m. Vigil and blessing of fruits; Confession

#### **THURSDAY/AUGUST 6**

**Transfiguration of our Lord**

**(One of "the 12 Great Feasts")**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy and  
blessing of fruits

#### **SATURDAY/AUGUST 8**

10:00a.m. Baptism of Stephen Varney

3:00p.m. Confession

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

#### **SUNDAY/AUGUST 9**

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**St. Herman of Alaska**

**St. Panteleimon**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

#### **HOLY DORMITION LENT: AUGUST 1 - 14**

A two week Fast in honor the Mother of God, honoring her repose, resurrection and ascension into heaven. A Fast is observed from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil. You parish wall calendar indicate days that permit fish, wine or oil. The Fast ends, after the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Dormition, August 15<sup>th</sup>.



### **Offerings Week of August 2**

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia; Anastasia; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; in memory of Sarafina; for the health of Andrea; for the health of Julita.

Wine: for Jowita and Arer.

### **Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!**

Aug.22 40<sup>th</sup> Day for Charles Specian

Aug.03, 1995 Helen Hnatuk

Aug.04, 1970 Fr. Peter Karel

Aug. 05, 1966 Jacob Hosko

Aug. 05, 1977 Joseph Pituch

Aug. 05, 1988 Lepasava Ratzkovich

Aug. 06, 1943 Sarafina Spak

Aug. 06, 1946 Jacob Russaway

Aug. 06, 1975 Artem Kuchner

Aug. 06, 1989 Andrew Gavlick

Aug. 07, 1916 Anna Wislosky

Aug. 07, 1931 Michael Gargol

Aug. 07, 1932 Helen Marchisin

Aug. 08, 1945 Mary Lebedz

Aug. 08, 1949 Shelia Mc Closkey

### **Coffee Hour Hosts**

Aug. 02 (fast foods) Dunaenko, Wypych,  
Chirnoaga, Moldoveanu & Nemes

Aug. 09 (fast foods) Peterson, Bakaletz,  
Mattei & Erkman

Aug. 16 Kita, Nevitt, Keller & Turri

### **Usher Schedule**

Aug. 02 Timothy S. & Peter B.

Aug. 09 Jerome S. & Adrian M.

Aug. 16 Dennis F. & Peter B.

### **Counters**

Aug.02 Rebecca O. & Edward S.

Aug 09 Lisa Keller & Daniel T.

Aug.16 Inga G. & Peter B.

### **2015 Equal Sacrifice Model is in Effect**

Each of our 70 parishioners (100%) is asked to make an extra offering over the amount of your usual offering of \$2.87 to \$8.62 per week to cover this year's deficit. This is based on 12 months, with 2 months already over. The Lord bless your sacrifice and generosity! If absent, please mail in.

### **Small Projects/Landscaping/Etc.**

Our part-time worker, Javier is available. Speak with Fr. James.

### **The Mysteries of Confession & Communion in the Month of August**

- If you are a regular communicant on Sundays and have not been to Confession anytime after Pascha (April 12), to continue to receive Holy Communion, you must go to Confession in the month of August. This includes children of Confession age.
- The Dormition Lent is a favored time for everyone to avail themselves of Holy Confession and Communion.
- Extended Confession Times are listed on the August printed out monthly calendar or you may make an appointment.

### **For Sale At The Vestibule Stand**

A new supply of Orthodox Prayer Books and the Divine Liturgy Books are again in stock.

### **4 – H Fair Pirohi Booth**

Pirohi Making this week: Thursday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30 and 7:30 to 9:00p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> 9-12:30p.m. and 12:30p.m. to 4:00p.m. This takes place at Holy Ghost Church Hall.

### **Marriage of Stephen Varney & Svetlana Malenkova**

Sunday Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.m. at our church.

### **Prayers for New Academic Year**

Prayers for Teachers and Students will take place at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Photos on Website and Face Book**

Recent additions are: July 11, Pirohi Making at Holy Ghost Church; July 12, Parish Picnic; July 19, Blessing of Things Mobile.

### **Three Things Make Faith Firm**

There are 3 things by which faith stands firm, piety remains constant and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting and mercy. Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains; mercy receives. Prayer, fasting and mercy; these 3 things are 1 and they give life to one another.



# The Transfiguration of Our Lord

celebrated on August 6th (August 19th)

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid.

But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead." (**Matthew 17:1-9**)

## About the Feast

"When You were transfigured, O Savior, upon a high mountain, having with You the chief disciples, You shone forth in glorious majesty, proving thereby that those who surpass in the height of their virtues shall be counted worthy of the divine glory. Talking with Christ,

Moses and Elijah showed that He is the Lord of both the living and the dead, the God who spoke of old through the Law and the Prophets. And the voice of the Father testified to Him from the cloud of light saying, 'Hear Him, who through His Cross destroys hell and gives the dead eternal life.'"

"Having uncovered, O Savior, a little of the light of Your divinity to those who went up with You into the mountain, You have made them lovers of Your heavenly glory. Therefore they cried in awe: 'It is good for us to be here. With them we all we sing unto You...'" (from the Vespers and Matins for the Transfiguration)

The Transfiguration of Christ is one of the central events recorded in the Gospels. Immediately after the Lord was recognized by His disciples as the Christ, the Son of the Living God, he told them that He must go up to Jerusalem and suffer many things... and be killed and on the third day be raised. This announcement of Christ's approaching passion and death was met with indignation by the disciples.

And then, after rebuking them, the Lord took Peter, James, and John up to a high mountain, by tradition Mount Tabor, and was transfigured before them.

In the Transfiguration, the disciples see the glory of the Kingdom of God present in majesty in the Person of Christ. They see that in Him, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. They see this before the crucifixion so that in the resurrection they might know who it is Who has suffered for them, and what it is that this One, God, has prepared for those who love Him.

Besides this meaning, the presence of Moses and Elijah is also of great significance for understanding of the feast. These two figures actually stand for the Old Testament itself: Moses for the *Law*, and Elijah for the *Prophets*. They also stand for the *living and dead*, for Moses died and his burial place is known, while Elijah was taken alive into heaven in order to appear again to announce the time of God's salvation in Christ the Messiah. Christ is the Lord of both the living and the dead.

(Taken from *The Orthodox Faith*, Vol. II: Worship, by Fr. Thomas Hopko.)

### Troparion (Tone 7)

You were transfigured on the mount, O Christ God,  
revealing Your glory to Your disciples as far as they could bear it.  
Let your everlasting light shine upon us sinners!  
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to You!

### Kontakion (Tone 7)

On the mountain where You transfigured, O Christ God  
and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they could see it;  
so that when they would behold You crucified,  
they would understand that Your suffering was voluntary,  
and would proclaim to the world that You are truly the Radiance of the Father!

## The Blessing of Fruit

The blessing of grapes, as well as other fruits and vegetables on this day is the most beautiful and adequate sign of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. It signifies the ultimate flowering and fruitfulness of all creation in God's Paradise where all will be transformed by the glory of the Lord.