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BULLETIN OF AUGUST 6, 2017

SUNDAY/AUGUST 6

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Fruits; Coffee Hour

THE TRANSFIGURATION

TUESDAY/AUGUST 8

7:00p.m. Vespers & Anointing with oil from tomb of St. Herman; Confessions

WEDNESDAY/AUGUST 9

St. Herman of Alaska

8:00a.m. Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY/AUGUST 10

7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to St. Spyridon & Anointing with oil from his tomb; Confessions

FRIDAY/AUGUST 11

7:00p.m. Compline; Confessions

SATURDAY/AUGUST 12

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confessions

3:00p.m. Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

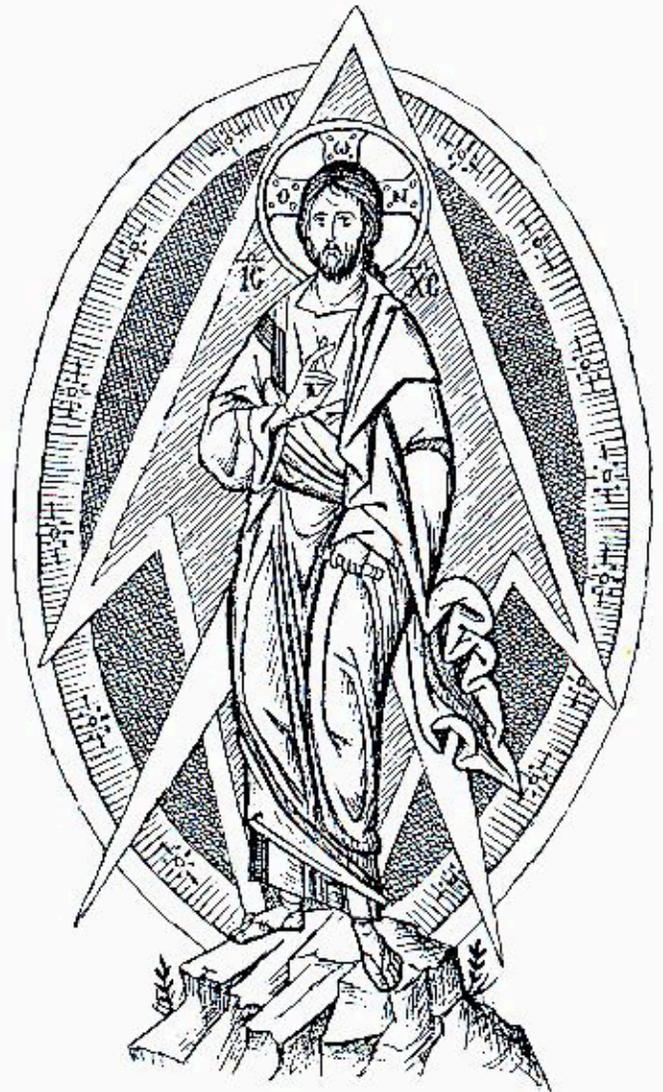
SUNDAY/AUGUST 13

10th Sunday After Pentecost

St. Tikhon of Zadonsk

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

Coffee Hour



Offerings Week of August 6

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia, Anastasia, Panteleimon, Eva and Ivanna; in memory of Sarchisian and Bocai families; in memory of Eleanor and Rita; in memory of John and for the health of Vera and protection of Nicholas.

Wine: for forgiveness of sins, protection and salvation of Mariana, Simona, Gabriel, Tabitha, Stefan, Kurt, Constantin, Maria and David.

Flowers: for the health of Stone family.

Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Aug. 07, 1916 Anna Wislosky
Aug. 07, 1931 Michael Gargol
Aug. 07, 1941 Helen Martchisin
Aug. 08, 1945 Mary Lebedz
Aug. 08, 1949 Shelia McCloskey
Aug. 09, 1916 George Siplak
Aug. 09, 1939 Michael Sapochuk
Aug. 09, 1979 Parasceva Kulwinsky
Aug. 11, 1967 Andrew Hriniaik
Aug. 11, 1974 Andrew Kozich
Aug. 11, 1995 Joseph Kulina
Aug. 11, 2003 Anna Pozgay
Aug. 13, 1983 Adam Adamchak

Coffee Hour Schedule

Aug. 06 (Lenten Food – fish ok)
Aug. 06 Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei,
Erkman and Stone
Aug. 13 (Lenten Food – fish ok)
Aug. 13 Kita, Nevitt, Keller, Turri,
Torrise & Kachek
Aug. 20 Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona

Counters Schedule

Aug. 06 Rebecca O. & Ekaterini M.
Aug. 13 Ciprian C. & Jill P.
Aug. 20 Irina S. & Lisa K.

Ushers Schedule

Aug. 06 Timothy S. & Peter B.
Aug. 13 Jerome S. & Adrian M.
Aug. 20 Dennis F. & Robert F.

Sunday Readers Schedule

Aug. 13 Austin K./ Aug. 20 Ciprian C.

The Holy Fire From Jerusalem

The Holy Fire from Pascha in Jerusalem is perpetually lit and kept on the altar. You may obtain the fire after any service.

Dormition Lent: Aug. 1st thru 14th

This is one of the Four Lenten Seasons of the year. A fast from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil is observed. Your parish wall calendar indicates days allowing for fish, wine and oil as exceptions.

Dormition Feast – August 15th

This feast celebrates the Repose, Burial, Resurrection and Ascension of the Mother of God. This is one “of the 12 Great Feasts” of the year.

On Receiving the Holy Mysteries of Confession and Communion

- Each of the Four Lents is an appropriate time to receive these Holy Mysteries of Confession and Communion.
- If you are regularly receiving Holy Communion on Sundays and you have not been to Confession anytime after Pascha (April 16) you must go to Confession by the end of August to continue to approach the Holy Chalice – this also includes children of Confession age.

Church School Conference for Teachers and Parents – Saturday, August 12th

“Raising Our Young People As A Generation of Disciples and Leaders” is the subject of this one day – 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. to be held at Christ the Saviour Church in Paramus. You are encouraged to attend – car pool. (see posted flyer). There is no charge, but an investment in your child/children.

Appreciation to Kita Family

Our thanks for your hospitality in having our parish picnic at your home. It was a wonderful gathering. Photos are on the website and Face Book.

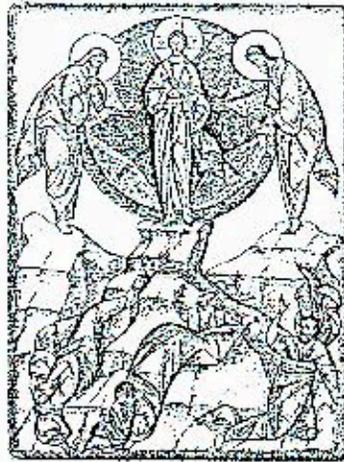
Parish Bulletin Board Has Postings

There are events forth-coming in the next few months that you are encouraged to participate in. Help yourself to the posted flyers.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

From the Prologue of St. Nikolai Velimirovich

In the third year of His preaching, the Lord Jesus often spoke to His disciples of His approaching passion but at the same time of His glory following His suffering on the Cross. So that His impending passion would not totally weaken His disciples and that no one would fall away from Him, He, the All-wise, wanted to partially show them His divine glory before His passion. For that



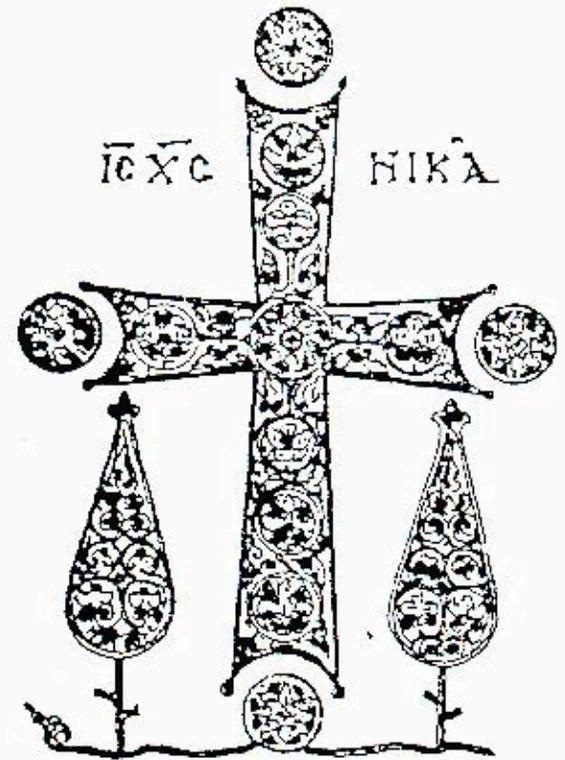
reason, He took Peter, James and John with Him and, with them, went out at night to Mt. Tabor and there was transfigured before them: "And His face shone as the sun and His garments became white as snow" (St. Matthew 17:2). There appeared along side Him, Moses and Elijah, the great Old Testament prophets. And, seeing this, His disciples were amazed. Peter said: "Lord, it is good for us to be here: if You will, let us make here three tabernacles; one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah" (St. Matthew 17:4). While Peter still spoke, Moses and Elijah departed and a bright cloud overshadowed the Lord and His disciples and there came a voice from the cloud saying: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear Him" (St. Matthew 17:5). Hearing the voice, the disciples fell to the ground on their faces as though dead and remained that way, lying in fear, until the Lord came near to them and said: "Arise and be not afraid" (St. Matthew 17:7). Why did the Lord take only three disciples on Tabor and not all? Because Judas was not worthy to behold the divine glory of the Teacher, Whom he will betray and the Lord did not want to leave him [Judas] alone at the foot of the mountain so that the betrayer would not, by that, justify his betrayal. Why was our Lord transfigured on a mountain and not in a valley? So as to teach us two virtues: love of labor and godly thoughts. For, climbing to the heights required labor and height represents the heights of our thoughts, i.e., godly thoughts. Why was our Lord

Troparion (Tone 7)

Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

Kontakion (Tone 7)

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



transfigured at night? Because, the night rather than the day is more suitable for prayer and godly thoughts and because the night, by its darkness, conceals all the beauty of the earth and reveals the beauty of the starry heavens. Why did Moses and Elijah appear? In order to destroy the error of the Jews, as though Christ is one of the prophets; Elijah or Jeremiah or some other that is why He appears as a King above the prophets and that is why Moses and Elijah appear as His servants. Until then, our Lord manifested His divine power many times to the disciples but, on Mt. Tabor, He manifested His divine nature. This vision of His Divinity and the hearing of the heavenly witness about Him as the Son of God, should serve the disciples in the days of the Lord's passion, in strengthening of an unwavering faith in Him and His final victory.

A LESSON: PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER

From the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

One day a Church School teacher brought a large poster into her classroom. But the picture on the poster was covered with paper so the children couldn't see it. She then took scissors and cut the poster into 20 pieces (one for each child), distributed them in sealed envelopes, and instructed the students not to open the envelopes but to bring them back to class the following Sunday.



The next week, the children gathered around a table, opened their envelopes, and began to assemble the pieces into a puzzle, excitedly twisting and organizing the pieces in anticipation of discovering the complete picture. When all the children present had used their respective pieces, they began to see a colorful icon of Our Lord develop. But there were six gaping holes in the puzzle because three students forgot to bring their pieces back to class and three other students were absent.

The teacher seized the opportunity for a valuable lesson. "When we are baptized, we each become a part of the church to help do Jesus' work. When any piece is missing, someone's not doing their job. But when all the pieces fit together, what a beautiful icon of Our Lord it is!"

Without the mutual faith, commitment, presence, active involvement, prayers and contributions of each and every Church member, there remain gaping holes in the work of Christ and His Church; the picture is incomplete. **How many pieces of the puzzle are missing in your parish? Is YOURS among them?**

FROM THE LIVES OF THE DESERT FATHERS

The following story is from the life of St. Macarius. The lives of the ancient Desert Fathers are filled with examples of great men and women who fasted, practiced feats of asceticism, and rejected all worldly things. The following story, though, demonstrates how these practices were manifested in even small ways and how they served to teach others then and now by their example.



At one time St. Macarius was sent some fresh grapes. He desired to eat them, but showing self-control, he sent them to a certain brother who was ill and who was himself fond of grapes. When the brother received them he was delighted, but wishing to conceal his self-mastery, he sent them to another brother, pretending that he had no appetite for any food. When the next brother received the grapes, he did the same in turn, although he too had a great desire to eat them.

When at length the grapes had been passed round a large number of the brethren without any of them deciding to eat them, the last one to receive them sent them again to Macarius, thinking that he was giving him a rich gift. Macarius recognized them and after inquiring closely into what had happened, marveled, giving thanks to the Lord for such self-control among the brethren. And in the end not even he partook of the grapes.

FOR CONSIDERATION

From the Prologue by St. Nikolai Velimirovich

By true repentance, by tears, prayers and good works, the most filthy soul can be utterly cleansed and changed. Therefore, be careful not to rejoice in remembering the sin of a repentant sinner, but give thanks to God and marvel that light has been brought from darkness. The Egyptian Pharaoh Amases was of low birth, and, when he came to the throne, the people showed him scant respect, remembering his ancestry. In order to outwit the people and gain the respect due to him, he took a metal laver, in which the feet of visitors to the court were usually washed, and caused it to be heated to white heat and made into the likeness of an idol. Then the Pharaoh set the idol up in the street. The people, seeing it, began to bow down to it and give it divine honor. Then the Pharaoh disclosed the source of the material used for it. The people understood that the Pharaoh wanted to prove in this way that they must not bear in mind his former state, but accept what he was now, and they began to give the Pharaoh the respect due to royalty.

