

August 6, 2017

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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**The Holy Gospel according to Luke (9:28-36).
Matins Gospel for the Transfiguration**

At that time, Jesus took with Him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And as He was praying, the appearance of His countenance was altered, and his raiment became dazzling white. And behold, two men talked with Him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His departure, which He was to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with Him were heavy with sleep, and when they wakened they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. And as the men were parting from Him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah,” not knowing what he said. As he said this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My Son, My Chosen; hear Him!” And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silence and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —

**Tone 8. THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD GOD
AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

The crash of Thy thunder was in the whirlwind; Thy lightning lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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SECOND ANTIPHON

Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the Great King!

O Son of God who wast transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

And He brought them to the mountain of His holiness, this mountain which His right hand had won!

O Son of God who wast transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

The Mount Zion which He loved, He fashioned for His holy abode.

O Son of God who wast transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

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THIRD ANTIPHON

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever! (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!

As the mountains are round about Him, so the Lord is round about His people, from this time forth and forevermore. (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!

O Lord, who shall sojourn in Thy tent? Who shall dwell on Thy holy hill? (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!

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? (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!

THE SMALL ENTRANCE

Deacon: Wisdom! Upright!

Priest: For with Thee is the fountain of life, O Lord, and in Thy light shall we see light.

Choir: O Son of God who wast transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

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!

The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all!
v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

THE READING FROM THE SECOND CATHOLIC EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PETER (1:10-19)

Brethren: be the more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do

well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in Thy name.

v. Blessed are the people who know the festal shout!

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

MATTHEW (17:1-9) 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.”

HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!
Your birthgiving was incorruptible! God came from your body and
appeared on earth in the flesh, dwelling among men. Therefore we
magnify you, O Theotokos!

COMMUNION HYMN

O Lord, we will walk in the light of Thy countenance, and will exult in Thy
name forever! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE SYNAXARION

On August 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the divine Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Verse: Tabor was glorified above earth's every region When it looked upon God's nature shining in glory.

On the sixth Christ transformed His form as a man. This glorious event is recorded in the Gospels of Mark (9:2-13), Luke (9:28-36 in Matins) and Matthew (17:1-9 in Liturgy). In the third year of His preaching, the Lord Jesus often spoke to His disciples of His approaching passion and His glorious Resurrection. So that His impending passion would not totally weaken His disciples, the All-wise Savior wanted to show them His divine glory before His passion on the Holy Cross. (This is why we sing the Katavasias of the Holy Cross on this day.) For that reason, He took Peter, James and John with Him and went out at night to Mount Tabor. The Lord took only three disciples on Tabor because the Lord did not want to leave the unworthy Judas alone at the foot of the mountain so that the betrayer would not, by that, justify his betrayal. Our Lord was transfigured on a mountain and not in a valley 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. Moses and Elijah appeared in order to destroy the erroneous thought that the Christ is one of the prophets; 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 Mount 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 would serve the disciples in the days of the Lord's passion, in strengthening of an unwavering faith in Him and His final victory. Unto Christ God be glory and dominion unto the ages. Amen.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Fr. Tom, Fr. Gabriel, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Reggie, Allen, Deborah, Jo Ann,

Luba, Kosta, Jimmy, Laurie, David, Helen, Anna, Walt, Zina

Dorothy, Michael, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Ted, Marlene,

Joseph, Nicholas, Margaret, Gladys, my family and friends

Special Intention

Happy 60th anniversary (Aug. 3). Blessing & health for Pete & Jo Sredich

Joe Tome

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Stojan & Mira

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ETERNAL MEMORY (14 day candle)

Evdokia Ponomarenko (Aug. 3) on her birthday

Lucy Hogg



WELCOME all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship in the hall.

COFFEE HOUR



Volunteers are needed to help serve & donate for August & September.

PARISH PICNIC on Sunday, August 20. Tickets are \$12. Menu: Ribs or Chicken, Beans, Coleslaw & Bread
Bring a dessert to share. Dance Music will be provided! Please see Sharon or Dennis Jernigan to buy your ticket!

THANK YOU to Charlie and Dennis Jernigan for the hours of work they are putting in for the audio/visual upgrade.
The Lord God re-pay you!

OLD TABLES AND CHAIRS IN THE GARAGE At the July parish council meeting it was decided to get rid of the
old tables and chairs in the garage. If you are interested in having any, please see Dennis Jernigan. Any tables and
chairs not taken by parishioners will be left out for others to take.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN God bless all those who came to minister to Christ with our brothers and sisters at
the North End Soup kitchen last Thursday.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting **Feminine Care Products/Razors & Shaving Cream** for the month of August.
Place the items in the blue box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.



PAN-ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Again, our four Orthodox Churches in Genesee County are having a combined **Pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School** hosted by the Assumption Church in Grand Blanc. The Flier and Registration Form is in the July/August newsletter and posted on the bulletin board in the hall. The VCS will be offered for 3 days August 7th to August 9th, from 6 to 8:30 pm.

Ages are 3 (potty trained) up through 12. The cost of registration is \$15 per child. Checks made out to AGOC-RE. We want as many of our children to participate as possible, so if there is ANY financial need, families can contact Fr. Matthew and we'll work something out. All registration forms can be emailed to Lori Photiou at loriphotiou@gmail.com or faxed to the Assumption church office at 810-771-4586.

Last, but not least, we are in need of volunteers to help out during VCS. Two persons have already offered to help but we need more!

Please contact our parish coordinator, Matushka Lisa (matushka13xi@gmail.com) to tell her you are registering your children with the ages or to volunteer.

Weekly Schedule:

Monday, Aug. 7

6 pm to 8:30 pm Vacation Church School at Assumption

Tuesday, Aug. 8 Fr. Matthew in Toledo

6 pm to 8:30 pm Vacation Church School at Assumption

Wednesday, Aug. 9

9 am Divine Liturgy

11 am Adult Education – “Wounded by Love” by St. Porphyrios

6 pm to 8:30 pm Vacation Church School at Assumption

Friday, Aug. 11

6 pm

ST NICHOLAS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT. Please bring a Lenten dish to pass (no meat). We'll be watching “Night at the Museum”. Popcorn will be provided. Feel free to bring your family and friends, even if they do not attend St Nicholas.

Saturday, Aug. 12

5 pm Vespers

Sunday, Aug. 13

9:30 am Third Hour

10 am Divine Liturgy

12:30 pm Moleben to the Theotokos (Shrine)

Offerings for the week July 30, 2017

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| <i>Weekly Offerings</i> | \$ 903.00 |
| <i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i> | \$4,034.03 |
| | \$-3131.03 |

*75 people were in attendance on
Sunday, July 30, 2017*

“Remember, Lord, those who remember the poor...” (St. John Chrysostom’s Liturgy)