

*August 5, 2018*

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**The Gospel according to Saint John 21:1-14 (10th Matins Gospel)**

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?" – knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2018 10th SUNDAY AFTER PETECOST**

**— Tone 1. Forefeast of the Transfiguration. Martyr Eusignius of Antioch (362). Ven. Job of Ushchelsk (1628). Hieromartyr Antherus (Antheros—236) and Fabian (250), Popes of Rome. Martyr Pontious at Cimella in France (ca. 257). Martyrs Cantidius, Cantidian, and Sibelius (Sobel) of Egypt. Righteous Nonna, mother of St. Gregory the Theologian (374).**

**TROPARIA**

**(Tone 1)** When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

**(Tone 4)** Come, you faithful, let us welcome the Transfiguration of Christ, and let us joyfully cry as we celebrate the prefeast: "The day of holy gladness has come; the Lord has ascended Mount Tabor//to radiate the beauty of His Divinity."

**(Tone 4)** In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy Father Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

### **KONTAKION**

**(Tone 4)** Today all mortal nature shines with the divine Transfiguration and cries with exultation: // “Christ the Savior is transfigured to save us all!”

*The Prokeimenon in the First Tone: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee.*

**v. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!**

### **THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (4:9-16)**

*Brethren:* I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ’s sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

### *Alleluia, Tone 1*

**v. God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.**

**v. He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW (17:14-23)** And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him.” And Jesus answered, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.” And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.” As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.”

### **COMMUNION HYMN:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

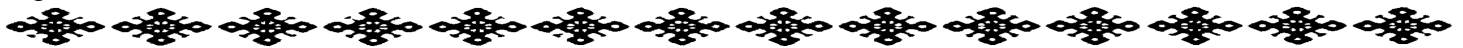
# THE TRANSFIGURATION

## OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST (August 6)

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 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.

*The Prologue from Ochrid*

August 5, 2018



### **CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitrie, Fr. Anthony, Aaron, Rimi, Allen, Deborah, JoAnn, Susan,  
Luba, Kosta, Jimmy, Laurie, David, Helen, Anna, Walt, Vladimir,  
Dorothy, Michael, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Christopher, Marcia,  
Nicholas, Margaret, Joseph, Greg, Gladys, my family and friends

Special Intention

To all the Goodmans

Health & God’s blessings to Andrew Panoff & his family during his next  
round of chemo.

Health & God’s blessings to Lucy Hogg for a successful surgery & fast recovery.

Lucy, Chris, Heather, Raegan, Jeremy, Teri, Hayden, Nadja, Sean, Auden, Nick,  
Cathy & George

Joe Tome

Joe Tome

John & Rose Goodman

Baba & Dedo

Angelo & Christine

Lucy Hogg

## CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

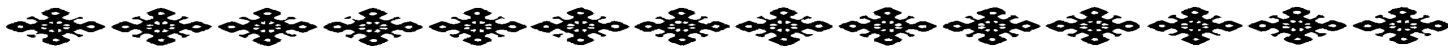
Jimmy Todorovsky~Memory Eternal  
Jimmy Todorovsky

Dorothy, Debbie, Ralph, Joe & Sarah  
Joe Tome

## ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Blessed Repose of Charles Jernigan

Dennis, Sharon & Charlie Jernigan



WELCOME to all our friends and visitors. Please join us in our fellowship hall.



COFFEE & DONUTS Today- coffee and donuts are being provided by Connie Maxim as a 32nd Year Wedding Anniversary Memorial of the July 27<sup>th</sup> marriage of her and Nick Maxim.

Volunteers are needed for the months of August & September. Please see the sign-up sheet outside of the kitchen. Call or email the parish office as well as signing up if you'd like to sponsor the donuts and/or coffee.

DORMITION FAST began on August 1 and continues to August 14. Check the wall calendar and the newsletter calendar for fasting days.

FLINT AREA PAN ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL this week - August 6, 7, 8 and 9 from 6 to 8:30pm. Hosted by St. George Orthodox Church. Please contact our church office if your children want to attend, you wish to volunteer or if any of our teens need volunteer hours, they can assist. Office: 810-744-0070 or [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com) or 810-695-2177 or [laabud@aol.com](mailto:laabud@aol.com)

PARKING LOT RE-PAVING The proceeds from last year and this year's Macedonian Open will go towards the re-paving of the entire parking lot which will cost over \$100,000. With capital improvement funds and other funds on hand, that leaves a shortfall of \$35,000. If anyone would like to donate or dedicate a memorial fund or make an anonymous donation to the Capital Improvement Fund (formerly Parish Pride), please contact the office. To date \$1,100 has been donated to the project not including any funds from the Macedonian Open. If we do not raise the rest of the funds, we will be required to take a loan in order to complete the project.

## OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

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.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS are available on the table in the hall. Please pick yours up and help us save on postage.

### Weekly Schedule:

Today 1 pm

Baptism of Mila Miller

Monday, August 6

**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

9:30 am

**Divine Liturgy – please bring fruit to be blessed**

6:30 pm

Parish Council meets. Please check your email for the agenda and reports. Please call the office if you are unable to attend. *Please note the change in the date for this meeting that was originally scheduled for August 7.*

6 to 8:30 pm

Pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School at St. George

Tuesday, August 7

6 to 8:30 pm

Pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School at St. George

**Wednesday, Aug. 8**

No Liturgy  
\*No adult class until September  
6 to 8:30 pm Pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School at St. George

**Thursday, Aug. 9**

6 to 8:30 pm Pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School at St. George

**Saturday, Aug. 11**

5 pm Vespers

**Sunday, Aug. 12**

**Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord**  
9:30 am Third Hour  
10 am Divine Liturgy. *Blessing of fruit. Please bring fruit to be blessed.*  
12:30 pm Moleben to the Theotokos at the Shrine

Father Matthew will be with the Bishop in Dayton on business August 7 to 11. In case of a pastoral emergency you may reach Fr. Gabriel Bilas 330-285-1740, Fr. Joseph Abud 810-444-9108 or Fr. Robert Royer 810-919-9485.

**Offerings for the week July 29, 2018**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 5,980.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,034.03
	<b>\$ 1,945.97</b>

*50 people were in attendance on Sunday, July 29.*

**“When your children are still small, you have to help them understand what is good. That is the deepest meaning of life.” St. Paisios**

**CELEBRATIONS FOR THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE BIRTH-GIVER OF GOD**

**Tuesday, August 14**

6 pm Vespers at Assumption  
7 pm Matins and Lamentations at St. Mary Magdalene

**Wednesday, August 15**

10:30 am Divine Liturgy at Assumption

**at Dormition Monastery**

**Tuesday, August 14**

5 pm Light Supper  
6:30 pm Vigil with Lamentations

The Bookstore will be open except during the services. Our Archbishop Alexander will be at the pilgrimage. Fr. Matthew will be at the pilgrimage for both days

**Wednesday, August 15**

9 am Akathist, 3rd Hour, 6th Hour, Vesting  
9:45 am Procession to Pavilion  
10 am Hierarchal Divine Liturgy  
12:45 pm Lunch  
2:30 pm Mystery of Holy Unction Service  
5:30 pm Vespers  
6:30 pm Supper