

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

August 6, 2017

Saints Commemorated today: Holy Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

EPISTLE READING

II Peter 1:10-19

Brethren, be 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.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:1-9

At that time, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead."

ENTRANCE HYMN: 4TH PLAGAL TONE

(Page 46 in "The Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom")

Thou dost descend from on High, O Merciful Savior, and dost endure the grave for three days, that Thou mightest free us from anguish. Glory to Thee, O Lord, our Life and our Resurrection.

FOURTH MODE

As the first-called of the Apostles, and brother of their leader O Andrew, entreat the Master of all that peace be granted unto the world and great mercy to our souls.

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ALL EVENING SERVICES THIS WEEK WILL BE AT HOLY DORMITION CHAPEL, NEW CARLISLE

We hope you will join us this week as well as August 14 and 15th for the Dormition services. If you would like to donate towards the flowers, candles or incense please contact the office.

HOLY DORMITION PICNIC

The 14th Annual Holy Dormition Picnic will take place on Sunday, August 20 following Divine Liturgy. Service times will be Orthros 9:30, Divine Liturgy 10:30. \$15 per adult; \$4 for children (10 and under free). Menu includes: Greek salad, chicken breast, BBQ ribs, pasta with marinara, rice, bread, corn-on-the-cob, dessert, coffee, soft drinks and bottled water. Beer \$5, glass of wine \$6, bottle of wine \$20.

PROSFORO COMMITTEE

Jesus is the Bread of Life Who offers Himself for our salvation. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood you have no life in you; he who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:53-54). **We NEED parishioners willing to join the Prosforo Committee.** If needed, we will do an instructional class for anyone who would like to join but is not sure how to prepare the Prosforo. **Generally it means making the Prosforo for two Sundays during the year and occasionally making extra for weekday Liturgies. Please contact the office if you are able to volunteer. Thank you.**

COFFEE HOUR

Please note that the coffee helpers, *at Father George's direction*, do not start brewing the coffee until Father begins passing out the Antidoron. We thank you for your patience and cooperation.

DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Discretionary Fund is to assist families that face financial crisis, students that need financial aid, single moms, philanthropic institutions in this city and overseas, people with catastrophic illnesses, and missions for the Archdiocese, etc. Thank you for your support. If you would like to help please contact Father George or make donations payable to the Discretionary Fund.

BULLETIN FLYERS

We will no longer be including flyers in the weekly bulletin. They are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. This week there are flyers for: **Holy Dormition Picnic, Direct (Auto) Debit forms**. Please take what you need.

REQUEST FOR TRANSFERRING PARISHIONERS

We are blessed to welcome new parishioners to Saint Andrews. We ask that you pick up a welcome packet from the table in the Fellowship Hall. You should call the office and schedule an appointment with Father prior to beginning to receive the Sacraments. *We also ask transferring parishioners to follow the Uniform Parish Regulations, Art 18, Sec 2: "A parishioner wishing to move from one Parish to another must present a letter of transfer from the Priest of the Parish from which he or she is moving stating that he or she is in good standing."*

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

There should be NO talking in the Narthex during the Divine Liturgy. (No one should be congregating in the hallways or Fellowship Hall). It is completely disrespectful to God and to the worship service of our Church.

Please remember to dress appropriately and modestly for church services. There is no chewing gum, talking or crossing your legs in church. Everyone should arrive on time for the Liturgy. Do not leave trash (bulletins, paper, etc) in the pews. It is considered disrespectful for anyone attending Orthodox Christian services to cross their legs during service, chew gum or come in late. Also women who are planning on taking Communion should not wear lipstick or should remove it before going up for Communion.

TURN OFF CELL PHONES. Thank you.

A NOTE TO OUR VISITORS

People of different religious affiliation or tradition who behave in a respectful manner are always welcome at the liturgical services of our Holy Orthodox Church but **ONLY MEMBERS OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH who share a common faith and practice a specific spiritual discipline may participate in the Church's sacraments and receive Holy Communion at the Orthodox Divine Liturgy. The Greek Orthodox Church has a closed communion and no intercommunion with any other Christian body.** We are blessed by your presence with us and thank you for your understanding. May God bless you always.

A NOTE TO ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS

ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS PLEASE NOTE: The proper preparation for receiving Holy Communion is: 1) prayer; 2) keeping the fast throughout the year (Wednesdays, Fridays, Great Lent, fast of the Holy Apostles, fast of the Dormition and the Christmas Fast, etc); and 3) most important, participating in the Sacrament of Holy Confession and Repentance. **ALSO follow these guidelines as you approach for Holy Communion: Take the red cloth from the person before you and place it under your chin. Say your baptismal name. Open your mouth wide and receive the Holy Spoon in your mouth, lower your lips on the Holy Communion spoon and carefully remove the Holy Eucharist so that there is nothing left. After partaking of the Sacrament blot your lips and hand the red cloth to the person behind you. Receive one piece of antidoron, return to your seat and read the post communion prayer. Lipstick, lip gloss, lip balm, etc, should be removed prior to approaching the chalice. Receiving the precious Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ should not be treated like a fast food service. You should come on time for the Divine Liturgy (that means at the beginning) and not leave until the completion of the service. This means that every time you eat this bread and drink from this cup you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. It follows that if anyone eats the Lord's bread or drinks from his cup in a way that dishonors him, he is guilty of sin against the Lord's body and blood. So then, everyone should examine himself first, and then eat the bread and drink from the cup. For if he does not recognize the meaning of the Lord's body when he eats the bread and drinks from the cup, he brings judgment on himself as he eats and drinks. That is why many of you are sick and weak, and several have died. If we would examine ourselves first, we would not come under**

God's judgment. But we are judged and punished by the Lord, so that we shall not be condemned together with the world. (1 Corinthians 11:26-32).

At the time of communion, please allow families with infants to approach first, followed by the children and then the adults. Thank you.

The Communion Prayer is located in the Divine Liturgy Books on page 40 (old edition) and 66 (new edition). Everyone is encouraged to participate in the reciting of the Communion Prayer together.

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Please remember to check the ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDAR when scheduling activities. They should **not** be scheduled during service times. This is disrespectful to God and unacceptable. Thank you.

REMINDER FOR PARENTS

For the convenience of parents with crying children, a "cry room" is located off the Narthex for your use. **ATTENTION PARENTS: PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN ARE NOT WANDERING AROUND THE CHURCH DURING SERVICES. THIS IS VERY DISRUPTIVE TO EVERYONE. THANK YOU!**

YOUR PRAYERS HELP...

"...I was sick and you visited Me..." St. Matthew 25:36. "Holy Father, Physician of our souls and bodies have mercy, forgive and heal thy servants." The following brothers and sisters in Christ need your constant prayers and love, *recovering at home or ill at home/hospital*: Artemis Hoke (home), Anna Efthimiou (home), Jim Zeinis (home), Anthonia Pefanis (home), and Nick Limberopoulos (home).

In nursing homes or home bound: Diana Katsanis (Golden View), Esther Magrames (Waterford), Mary Manos (Wellbrooke), Amelia Morris (Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton), and Joan Rekos (Signature)

Today's **Ushers** are: Manolis Anagnostou, Terry Karaszewski, Leon Andrews, Bruno Zovich, Nick Giannakakis. If you are not serving in the pangari today, you should join everyone in the Sanctuary. Thank you.

Today's **Epistle Lesson** will be read by an **Altar Boy**.

Ted Poledor prepared Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always.

The Coffee Hour was lovingly prepared for our entire community by. We thank you for your love and generosity.

THIS WEEK

Monday, August 7	Orthros 9am at St. Andrew Supplications 7pm at Holy Dormition
Tuesday, August 8	Supplications 7pm at Holy Dormition
Wednesday, August 9	Orthros 9am at St. Andrew Supplications 7pm at Holy Dormition
Thursday, August 10	Supplications 7pm at Holy Dormition
Friday, August 11	Orthros 9am at St. Andrew Supplications 7pm at Holy Dormition
Saturday, August 12	Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, August 13	Tenth Sunday of Matthew 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, August 14	Great Vespers for the Falling Asleep of the Theotokos 7p.m. at Holy Dormition Artoklasia (Blessing of the Loaves) Epitaphio of the Virgin Mary with Procession
Tuesday, August 15	Holy Dormition of Theotokos at Holy Dormition 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, August 16	Paraklesis to St. Nektarios 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Friday, August 18	Paraklesis to Theotokos 10am at Holy Dormition Vespers 4:30pm
Saturday, August 19	Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, August 20 <i>No services at St. Andrew</i>	Eleventh Sunday of Matthew at Holy Dormition Chapel 9:30 Orthros 10:30 Divine Liturgy Annual Picnic following Liturgy

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, Aug 20	Annual Holy Dormition Picnic following Liturgy held at Holy Dormition Chapel, New Carlisle
Sunday, Sept 10	Greek Festival Volunteer Luncheon following Liturgy
Saturday, Oct 14	Women's Business Bazaar
June 8-10, 2018	43 rd Annual Greek Festival

2017 Financial Report
(Does not include Festival)

July 17 Income	July 17 Expenses	Monthly Balance	July 16 Income	July16 Expenses	July 16 Balance
\$19,538.26	\$25,022.97	--\$5,484.71	\$14,692.15	\$28,364.50	--\$13,672.35

YTD Income	YTD Expense	YTD Balance	16 YTD Inc	16 YTD Ex	16 YTD Bal
\$174,044.22	\$196,866.20	--\$22,821.98	\$161,710.75	\$193,919.80	--\$32,209.05

Stewardship Report

July Pledge Income	July Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income	YTD Pledge Inc	YTD Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income
\$13,094.00	\$16,500.00	--\$3,406.00	\$107,130.00	\$159,500.00	--\$52,370.00

*Year-to-date as of August 4, 2017

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