

Holy Metamorphosis or Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus



Our Lord had spoken to His disciples many times not only concerning His Passion, Cross, and Death, but also concerning the coming persecutions and afflictions that they themselves would endure. Since all these evils were near at hand, but the enjoyment of good things which they hoped to receive in their stead was yet to come, our Savior desired to give them full assurance, evidently and openly, concerning that glory which is prepared for those who endure to the end. Therefore, fulfilling that which He had promised shortly before, that "there be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom" (Matt. 16:28), He took His three foremost disciples and ascended Mount Tabor, where He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as the light. Suddenly, together with this dread and marvelous effulgence of light, there appeared those pinnacles of the Prophets, Moses and Elias, who spoke with the Lord Jesus concerning His saving Passion which was about to take place. Standing before Him as reverent servants, they showed that He is the Lord of both the living and the dead, for Moses came forth from Hades, having died many centuries before, and Elias, as it were from heaven, whither he had been taken up while yet alive. After a little while a radiant cloud overshadowed them and out of the cloud they heard that same voice which had

been heard at the Jordan at the Baptism of Christ, testifying to the Divinity of Jesus and saying: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased; hear ye Him" (Matt. 17: 5).

Such are the marvels, truly worthy of God, celebrated in this present feast, which is an image and prefiguring of the future state of the righteous, whose splendor the Lord spoke of, saying: "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun" (Matt. 13:43). It is because of this that the Kontakion of this Feast is said daily (when there is not a great feast) in the Service of the Typica in perpetual commemoration of the glory that will be the lot of the Saints. According to tradition, the Lord's Transfiguration came to pass forty days before His Crucifixion; this is why the Transfiguration is celebrated forty days before the Exaltation of the Cross.

Apolytikion in the Grave Tone

You were transfigured on the Mount, Christ God revealing Your glory to Your disciples, insofar as they could comprehend. Illuminate us sinners also with Your everlasting light, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. Giver of light, glory to You.

Kontakion in the Grave Tone

You were transfigured upon the mount, O Christ our God, and Your disciples, in so far as they could bear, beheld Your glory. Thus, when they see You crucified, they may understand Your voluntary passion, and proclaim to the world that You are truly the effulgence of the Father.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

August 2, 2009

Orthros
9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy
10:00 AM

Epistle Reading
1Corinthians 1:10-17

Gospel Reading
Matthew 14:14-22

Creed
English

Greeters August 9
Perry Katsikas



EIGHTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, August 3

10:00 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Paraklesis—Bible Study to follow

Tuesday, August 4

9:30 AM Bed pad sewing
12:30 PM Senior Planning Meeting

Wednesday, August 5

7:00 PM Paraklesis

Thursday, August 6

Feast of the Holy Transfiguration
Orthros/Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Friday, August 7

10:00 AM Paraklesis

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Psaltis
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Prosforo
Jack Fry

Fellowship Hour
Jack Fry

Greeters August 2
Perry Katsikas

Chrismation
Kurt Radwanski

Memorial
5 year—Anna & Xantha
Douvitses

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

August 2, 2009

Epistle 1Cor. 1:10-17 BRETHREN, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and

that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Apolytikion of the Church

The truth of your manner of life manifested you to our flock as a rule of faith and an icon of gentleness and a teacher of self-control. By humility, therefore, you acquired the things on high, and riches through poverty. Father Holy Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God, entreating that our souls be saved.

Memorial Hymn

O Lord, rest the souls of your servants and forgive whatever wrong they have committed in life. There is no one sinless, except you. Give rest to those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Matt. 14:14-22 At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

Kontakion

A Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Wisdom of the Fathers

And then at last He for His part lays His hand upon them, saying, "According to your faith be it unto you." And this He does to confirm their faith, and to show that they are participators in the good work...

St. John Chrysostom, *Homily 32 no Matthew 9*

Prayer List

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Gabriella and Viroel Andrews, Constantine Evangelinos, Faye Sekaros, Patrick Gutierrez, Mike Kapetan, Annette Kovalcheck, Angelica Stageman, Katine Eleni Hoffman, Robert Ashley, Sr.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS (www.stnickaa.org)

Welcome Visitors!

Please fill out the form on the notepads in the pews and put it in the collection tray so we may welcome you to our Parish.

Visitors Please Note

Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians. Visitors are welcome to receive the Antidoro (Blessed Bread), which is distributed at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Prophoro needed for August 30, Sept. 6 & 27

Fellowship Hour sponsor needed for Sunday August 9, 16, and 30.

Faith and Food Garden

Our faith and food garden was open to the public yesterday. A number of people stopped by to see what we were planting and how the food was growing. Many thanks to Chris Kerry and Lambri Lagos, in particular for all of the hard work they have offered towards this worthy project. If you are interested in helping to weed or water, please speak with Chris Kerry.

Modern Greek Studies

8th Annual Platsis Symposium on the Greek Legacy

This year's Symposium on "Honor and Shame" will be held at the Biomedical Science Research Building on Central Campus, Sunday, September 13 at 2:00 PM. Dr. Jill Dubisch, Regent's Professor of Anthropology at Northern Arizona University and Douglas Cairns, Professor of Classics and Archaeology in the School of History at the University of Edinburgh. This event is FREE and open to the public. Details to come in mid August.

Holy Transfiguration—August 6th: It is customary to bring grapes to the church to be blessed on this feast. Please feel free to do so and the blessing prayer will be offered at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy

Philoptochos Notes

Please remember that the Community Care Ministry of Philoptochos for June, July and August is the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). If you are interested in helping this philanthropic organization, information is available on the table in the hallway.

Please remember, Sunday, September 20th will be the annual Ya'ssoo Golf Outing. Save the date!

The Bookstore Recommends for summer reading: Patrick Leigh Fermor's books on *Mani* and *Roumeli*, based on his travels through Greece, have been called two of the best travel books of the century and *A Time of Gifts*, journey on foot from Holland to Constantinople is "among the most beautiful travel books in the language." Sofka Zinovieff's *Eurydice Street*, on the author's move to Greece, goes beneath the surface to convey not just customs, practices and descriptions of Greece but the psychological and feeling aspects of life in the Greek culture. These are just a few of our books on Greek history and culture.

An Afternoon of Greek Songs, with Mezzo-soprano Penelope Bitzas and Pianist Pantelis Polychronidis

Songs by 19th and 20th century Greek composers including Greek Art Songs, modern arrangements of folk songs, "Aria Greca" and selections from Greek operetta and familiar favorites. This special recital will take place at the Stamps Auditorium, North Campus on Saturday, October 4 at 3:00 PM. This event is FREE and open to the public. Details to come in early September. For more information on either of these presentations contact: berlykim@umich.edu.