

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Weekly Bulletin for Week of August 7-13, 2017

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

EPISTLE: Beloved: Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.

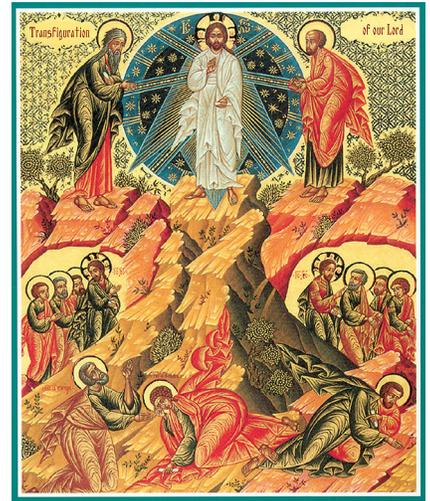
Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease. For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; (2 Peter 1:10-19)

GOSPEL: At that time: 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." (Matthew 17:1-9)



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

TODAY: 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Hours: G. Brooks

Greeters: Stafford/McAuley

Epistle: W. Demko

Coffee: Jolevski

Post-Communion: Bitsko

BLESSING OF FRUIT AT THE END OF LITURGY

FATHER JOHN OUT OF TOWN UNTIL AUGUST 16

THURSDAY, August 10: Eritrean Service, 8:00 AM

SATURDAY, August 12: Great Vespers, 5:00 PM; CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY, August 13: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM; 10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. **Leavetaking of the Transfiguration. St. Tikhon, Bishop of Vorónezh, Wonderworker of Zadónsk and All Russia.** Translation of the Relics of St. Maximus the Confessor. Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Maxim of Moscow, Fool-for-Christ. Martyr Hippolytus of Rome and those with him: Martyr Concordia, Irenæus, and Abundius. The Icon "PASSION" of the Most-holy Theotokos.

Hours: H. Demko

Greeters: Murphy/Demko

Epistle: Hood

Coffee: Bitsko

Post-Communion: Halliday

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FATHER JOHN AWAY

Father John and Matushka Liz are away until August 16. They have the joy of baptizing their new granddaughter, Nika, in Connecticut, then traveling to St. Louis for Matushka's 50TH high school reunion.

Father Stephen is handling pastoral duties, including services and confessions, during Father John's absence. Please contact him in the event of an emergency or any pastoral need that may arise.

SUMMERTIME BLUES

We need volunteers to help with cleaning up the church after liturgy on Sundays. If you can offer 15-20 minutes, just stay. Our cleaning angels will help direct you.

We also need volunteers for greeting at the doors of the church. This is a vital job, ensuring a little bit of order during divine worship. It also is a great way to meet and get to know others in our parish. If we get enough volunteers, you would only be scheduled every 5-6 weeks. Father John will be having a little orientation meeting with all greeters in August, date to be announced.

The new Coffee Hour sign-up list for next Church Year (beginning September 1) is on the bulletin board in the hall. Please volunteer for hosting one of our fellowship hours. It does not have to be extravagant - bagels and coffee are adequate.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Father John and Amy are planning for the 2017-2018 church school year. Due to the changes in our parish with a number of teachers moving away, **we have a very clear need for teachers** - both "firsts" and "seconds." If you can help, please see Amy or Father John.

Registration for the 2017-2018 Church School year begins today. Amy will be available in the hall after liturgy.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

We have need of those willing to serve on the Fellowship Committee. We will be meeting at Fr. John's house on August 17 at 7:00 PM to begin planning the events scheduled for the fall. Please consider offering a little time and talent!

LOOKING AHEAD

- The *Blessing of Flowers and Herbs* will take place after Vespers and Liturgy **each** for Dormition (August 15).
- The August Parish Council meeting will take place **after liturgy on Sunday, August 20**, due to the Diocesan Finance Committee meeting Father needs to attend on August 22. Please plan accordingly.

REMEMBER, O LORD...those in need of prayer

Archpriest Paul (Lazor)	Peter (Jolevski)
Archpriest John (Bruchok)	Alla (Jascolt)
Matushka Mary (Perez)	Robert (Kuhn)
Michelle (Chong)	Stacy (Kim)
Laura (Draskovic)	Kathryn (Kessler)
Anita (Maresca)	Micah (Demko)
Sophie & Natasha (Zonitch)	Ann (Prochko)
Marteen (Moore)	Monique (Miller)
Christine (Sechrist)	Michael (Geralt)
David (Poe)	Veronica (Hood)

The newly-departed Protodeacon Gregory

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

ST. GREGORY PALAMAS, ARCHBISHOP OF THESSALONICA

... And why did the Lord, before the beginning of the Transfiguration, choose the foremost of the Apostles and lead them up onto the Mount with Him? Certainly, it was to show them something great and mysterious. What is particularly great or mysterious in showing a sensory light, which not only the foremost, but all the other Apostles already abundantly possessed? Why would they need a transforming of their eyes by the power of the Holy Spirit for a contemplation of this Light, if it were merely sensory and created? How could the Glory and the Kingdom of the Father and the Holy Spirit project forth in some sort of sensory light? Indeed, in what sort of Glory and Kingdom would Christ the Lord come at the end of the ages, when there would not be necessary anything in the air, nor in expanse, nor anything similar, but when, in the words of the Apostle, "God will be all in all" (1 Cor.15: 28)? That is to say, will He alter everything for all? If so, then it follows that light is included.

Hence it is clear that the Light of Tabor was a Divine Light. And the Evangelist John, inspired by Divine Revelation, says clearly that the future eternal and enduring city "has no need of the sun or moon to shine upon it. For the Glory of God lights it up, and the Lamb will be its lamp" (Rev 21:23). Is it not clear, that he points out here that this [Lamb] is Jesus, Who is divinely transfigured now upon Tabor, and the flesh of Whom shines, is the lamp manifesting the Glory of divinity for those ascending the mountain with Him? ...

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Aug 7: 1 Corinthians 15:12-19	Matthew 21:18-22
Aug 8: 1 Corinthians 15:29-38	Matthew 21:23-27
Aug 9: 1 Corinthians 16:4-12	Matthew 21:28-32
Aug 10: 2 Corinthians 1:1-7	Matthew 21:43-46
Aug 11: 2 Corinthians 1:12-20	Matthew 22:23-33
Aug 12: Romans 15:30-33	Matthew 17:24-18:4

STEWARDSHIP 2017

Stewardship 7/30:	\$ 2,090.00
Total Income 7/30:	\$ 2,316.00

Weekly income needed:	\$ 4,995.27
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2017 INC GOAL (32 wks):	\$ 159,848.64
2017 INC ACTUAL:	\$ 178,555.69
Percentage of Budgeted Income:	111.7%