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9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR
LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST (Second "Feast of the Savior" in August).

Upcoming Divine Services and Ministry

Thursday, August 3, 7:00pm

Little Compline with Akathist Hymn

Friday, August 4, 7:00pm

Little Compline with Akathist Hymn

Saturday, August 5, 6:00pm

Vigil

Sunday, August 6,

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00am

3rd and 6th Hours, Divine Liturgy

Monday, August 7, 7:00pm

Little Compline with Akathist Hymn

Tuesday, August 8, 7:00pm

Great Vespers

Wednesday, August 9, 7:00am

Divine Liturgy- **Glorification of Herman of Alaska**

7:00pm

Little Compline with Akathist Hymn

Thursday, August 10, 7:00pm

Little Compline with Akathist Hymn

Friday, August 11, 7:00pm

Little Compline with Akathist Hymn

Saturday, August 12, 6:00pm

Great Vespers

Sunday, August 13, 9:00am

3rd and 6th Hours, Divine Liturgy

Monday, August 14, 7:00pm

Vigil

Tuesday, August 15

Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

7:00am

Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, August 16, 7:00pm

Little Compline

Friday, August 18, 7:00pm

Little Compline

Saturday, August 19, 6:00pm

Great Vespers

Sunday, August 20, 9:00am

3rd and 6th Hours, Divine Liturgy

Monday, August 21, 7:00pm

Women's Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, August 23, 7:00pm

Little Compline

Thursday, August 24, 6:30pm

Men's Group Dinner and Discussion

Friday, August 25, 7:00pm

Little Compline

The Primate of the Orthodox Church in America is His Beatitude, The Most-Blessed Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada. Our Bishop is His Grace, the Right Reverend Alexander, Bishop of Dallas and the South, and the Bulgarian Diocese.

August 1st began the two week fast before the Feast of the Dormition (“Falling Asleep”) of the Theotokos. While we should not be concerned about the manner by which our neighbor fasts, each often needing some dispensation out of necessity, we all can practice the discipline ascribed by St. John Cassian to be consistent with the teaching of the Holy Fathers of the Church. The consistent discipline includes not eating until one is filled (sated) but getting up from the table before satiety is met, while one is still able to eat more – thus eating less food, whatever the content may need to be.

During the course of the Dormition Fast, we will often sing Little Compline in the evenings (7pm) including the Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos. Add more prayer to your efforts during the fast and join your brothers and sisters at the church.

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord occurs on Sunday, August 6, so we will sing the Vigil for the Feast on Saturday evening at 6:00pm. Following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, we will bless fruit. You may bring fruit of any kind, although the custom is to bring grapes (Mediterranean climate) or apples (Northern climate). Should you wish to have the garden vegetables from your garden or the market blessed, you may also bring them. Simply prepare your items in a basket to place on the table to the south (right) of the Sanctuary. Certainly, in the middle of the Dormition Fast we all will be eating a lot of fruits and vegetables. Why not bring them to the church for the customary prayers and blessing with Holy Water?

The next **Women's Book Discussion Group** is set for August 21. “Our Thoughts Determine our Lives” will continue to guide discussion. A meeting place is needed, so if you are able to host the group, speak with Lisa Robertson or Susan Skirpan.

The Men's Group will meet again on Thursday, August 24. Don't worry, we won't be put to work this time. There will be dinner and a presentation at the Church, starting at 6:30. Late arrivals are welcome. Please RSVP with Fr. David so he can prepare the dinner. The presentation will be on the lives of the Martyrs whose relics are placed within the Holy Table and the Antimension of our Church. Come learn about these 20th century saints.

The Priest offers this petition on behalf of the faithful who will hear the proclamation of the Holy Gospel during the Divine Liturgy. It is a fitting prayer for us all as we read the scriptures daily – especially during this season of preparation:

Illuminate our hearts, O Master Who lovest mankind, with the pure light of Thy divine knowledge. Open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of Thy gospel teachings. Implant also in us the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that trampling down all carnal desires, we may enter upon a spiritual manner of living, both thinking and doing such things as are well-pleasing unto Thee. For Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, Who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The First Antiphon

*Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise! (Ps.65/66:1)

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

*The voice of Thy thunder was in the whirlwind; Thy lightning lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook. (Ps.76/77:18)

*Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. (Ps.103/104:2)

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

The Second Antiphon

*Mount Zion in the far north is the city of the great King. (Ps.47/48:2)

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

*And He brought them to the mountain of His sanctuary, this mountain which His right hand had won. (Ps.77/78:54)

*The Mount Zion which He loved, He built as His sanctuary with mighty strength. (Ps.77/78:68)

The Third Antiphon

Reader: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Ps.124/125:1)

Tone 7 Troparion

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos!//
O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

Reader: As the mountains are round about it, so the Lord is round about His people, from this time and forevermore. (Ps.124/125:2) **Troparion**

Reader: O Lord, who shall sojourn in Thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell on Thy holy mountain? (Ps.14/15:1) **Troparion**

Reader: Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? (Ps.23/24:3) **Troparion**

Entrance Verse (Deacon)

Send out Thy light and Thy truth; they have led me and brought me to Thy holy mountain. (Ps.42/43:3)

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Tone 7 Kontakion

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God,
and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it;
so that when they should 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.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

O Lord, how manifold art Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them
all! (*Ps 103/104:24*)
v: *Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!*
(*Ps 103/104:1*)

Epistle 2 Peter 1:10-19

Tone 8 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: *The heavens art Thine; the earth also is Thine.* (*Ps 88/89:11*)
v: *Blessed are the people who know the festal shout!* (*Ps 88/89:15a*).

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:) Tone 4

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!

Thy childbearing was without corruption;
God came forth from thy body clothed in flesh,
and appeared on earth and dwelt among men. //
Therefore we all magnify thee, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn

O Lord, we will walk in the light of Thy countenance, and will exult in
Thy name forever. (*Ps 88/89:15b*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!

Only those who are baptized Orthodox Christians making preparation by fasting and a recent confession should approach to receive Holy Communion. Confession (the Mystery of Repentance) is always available, only needing communicate one's need with the priest and making arrangement to participate in this Holy Mystery. It is always assumed that following the Vigil or Great Vespers (or other services at the Church during the week) time is available for those prepared to offer their confession. Again, one only need ask so that it may be done. When a second priest is serving on Sunday morning, their may be time before or at the beginning of the Divine Liturgy, but this must not be assumed to be available, but communicated with the priest. It is almost always impossible for a single priest to provide time for confessions on Sunday morning without making effort to amend his routine for the traditional prayers, which He may be willing and able to do, but this should not be assumed.