



# CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## BULLETIN OF AUGUST 3, 2014

### A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you!

### Prayers Requested

For Isabelle, daughter of Jodi McElwee, who will be having a major back surgery on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. May the Lord bless her and guide her physicians' minds and hands!

### Dormition Fast – August 1-14<sup>th</sup>

Each year the Church observes a 2 week fast from August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup>, the feast of the Dormition (or "Falling Asleep") of the Mother of God. This great feast is called the Summer Pascha as it commemorates the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of the Virgin Mary.



### SUNDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours  
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
 Coffee Hour/Open Pool

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>

7:00p.m. Great Vespers w/ Litiya

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>

#### Transfiguration of the Lord

*One of the Twelve Great Feasts*

8:40a.m. Hours  
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
 Blessing of Fruit  
 Pool Party

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>

#### St. Herman of Alaska

5:15p.m. Akathist  
 6:00p.m. Great Vespers

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>

#### 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours  
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
 Coffee Hour/Open Pool



### The Feast of the Transfiguration – August 6<sup>th</sup>

This feast, one of the 12 Great Feasts, recalls how the Lord revealed His divine glory to His disciples on Mt. Tabor. On this feast we bless fruit as a symbol of transfiguration, new life, and God's gifts. You may bring fruit for blessing to either the evening or morning services.

### Open Pool

Following the Divine Liturgy and until 1pm, the pool will be open for swimming. A certified lifeguard will be on duty, but parents should still watch their children. Be safe and enjoy! Questions? Please see Fr. John.



### Shorebirds Game – Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:05pm

Everyone is invited to a group outing of the church family to see a Shorebirds game, which features the following charitable and educational promotions:

**Strike Out Hunger Sunday:** *Bring two canned food items to the Shorebirds Box Office and get a general admission ticket for just \$2! All the canned food items will be distributed to local food banks! Also, Junior Shorebirds Kids Club members can run the bases after the game!*

**Back to School Night:** *Get ready for the end of summer with Back to School Night! We'll help you prepare for classes by giving away school supplies throughout the game.*


### Save the Dates – 1<sup>st</sup> Spiritual Retreat at the Mission

Metropolitan Tikhon and the Synodal Youth Choir will offer a Spiritual Retreat on Saturday and Sunday, September 6-7<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP at the candle stand, online or by phone. Thank you!

**READER SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**  
 Gabriela Jones

**Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 Alexis Oleynik



CASH FLOWS THROUGH 6/30/14					CASH FLOWS IN JULY 2014					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	ASSETS & LIABILITIES – 8/3		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Checking	Overdue	Mortgage
39,142	34,344	6,231	9,850	+1,179	4,667	5,379	2,000	0	+1,288	8,419	0	355,325

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

From the Prologue of St. Nikolai Velimirovich



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 alongside 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

### **Troparion (Tone 7)**

Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

### **Kontakion (Tone 7)**

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

## AUGUST CONGRATULATIONS!

### **Anniversaries:**

8/18 Andrew & Kelly Hageman  
8/20 Michael & Katherine Cook

### **Birthdays:**

8/2 Denise Royal  
8/9 Alice Dzwomczyk  
Delilah Mary Stewart  
8/11 Laurie Morsey  
8/12 Dumitru Bernatchi  
8/16 Basil Cook  
8/21 Jodi McElwee  
8/27 Anna Evanusa  
8/31 Alice Peters

### **Namesdays:**

8/4 *St. Maximilian*  
Maksimilian Morsey  
8/15 *The Most-holy Theotokos*  
*Ana Breha*  
Maleah Morsey  
8/23 *Martyr Aleksandra*  
Alice Peters

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.

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## ON THE FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION

By St. Anastasius the Sinaite

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*St. Anastasius was a priest and abbot of Mt. Sinai. His zeal for true faith led him to travel through Egypt, Arabia, and Syria to combat the errors of the Acephalites and Eutychians. His writings show not only a thorough command of Holy Scripture and a wide knowledge of the writing of the Church Fathers and other Christian writers, but also classical erudition and a solid grounding in Aristotelian philosophy. Of his prolific output the most important works are Guide Against the Acephalites and Answers to Questions.*

Upon Mount Tabor, Jesus revealed to his disciples a heavenly mystery. While living among them he had spoken of the kingdom and of his second coming in glory, but to banish from their hearts any possible doubt concerning the kingdom and to confirm their faith in what lay in the future by its prefiguration in the present, he gave them on Mount Tabor a wonderful vision of his glory, a foreshadowing of the kingdom of heaven. It was as if he said to them: "As time goes by you may be in danger of losing your faith. To save you from this I tell you now that some standing here listening to me will not taste death until they have seen the Son of Man coming in the glory of his Father. "Moreover, in order to assure us that Christ could command such power when he wished, the evangelist continues: Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John, and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. There, before their eyes, he was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Then the disciples saw Moses and Elijah appear, and they were talking to Jesus.

These are the divine wonders we celebrate today; this is the saving revelation given us upon the mountain; this is the festival of Christ that has drawn us here. Let us listen, then, to the sacred voice of God so compellingly calling us from on high, from the summit of the mountain, so that with

the Lord's chosen disciples we may penetrate the deep meaning of these holy mysteries, so far beyond our capacity to express. Jesus goes before us to show us the way, both up the mountain and into heaven, and – I speak boldly – it is for us now to follow him with all speed, yearning for the heavenly vision that will give us a share in his radiance, renew our spiritual nature and transform us into his own likeness, making us for ever sharers in his Godhead and raising us to heights as yet undreamed of.

Let us run with confidence and joy to enter into the cloud like Moses and Elijah, or like James and John.

Let us be caught up like Peter to behold the divine vision and to be transfigured by that glorious transfiguration. Let us retire from the world, stand aloof from the earth, rise above the body, detach ourselves from creatures and turn to the creator, to whom Peter in ecstasy exclaimed: Lord, it is good for us to be here.

It is indeed good to be here, as you have said, Peter. It is good to be with Jesus and to remain here for ever. What greater happiness or higher honor could we have than to be with God, to be made like him and to live in his light?

Therefore, since each of us possesses God in his heart and is being transformed into his divine image, we also should cry out with joy: It is good for us to be here – here where all things shine with divine radiance, where there is joy and gladness and exultation; where there is nothing in our hearts but peace, serenity and stillness; where God is seen. For here, in our hearts, Christ takes up his abode together with the Father, saying as he enters: Today salvation has come to this house. With Christ, our hearts receive all the wealth of his eternal blessings, and there where they are stored up for us in him, we see reflected as in a mirror both the first fruits and the whole of the world to come.

