



*Christ Feeds the Multitudes*

## CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**BULLETIN OF AUGUST 2, 2009**

### **Please Remember in Prayer**

Carole Boris (newly-departed), Archpriest Michael, Monk Christian, Nadia, Kathy & Bill Parrish, Marie, Thomas, Judith Kocinski, Jane Koshutko, Robert Evanusa, Nicholas & Linda, Nicholas, Anna, Steven, Yvonne, Katherine, Michael, Gregory, Todd & Olga Leisure, Nina Gordon, Constantina & Christos. Requests? Let Fr. John know.

### **Welcome!**

to all those who are visiting! Please consider staying for coffee hour!

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>**

#### **8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>**

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

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD One of the Twelve Great Feasts**

8:40a.m. Hours  
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>**

6:00p.m. Great Vespers

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ST. HERMAN OF ALASKA**

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

### **On Life More Abundantly**

*The Lord said, "I have come so that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."*

John 10:10

#### **READER SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**

Mat. Emily Parsells

**Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

Jodi McElwee



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

We are currently in the Dormition Fast, if you haven't made a recent confession or received Holy Communion since Pascha, now is the time. Dormition is August 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

of the Lord is celebrated on August 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be Vespers on Wednesday at 7:00pm, and Divine Liturgy on Thursday at 9:00am. 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.



### **Baptism of Christiana Milite**

On Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Baby Christiana Milite will receive Holy Baptism. The Baptismal-Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:00am. Following the service there will be a meal in her honor. All are invited!

### **Choir Practice**

will be held on the two Sundays (8/16 and 8/23) before Met. Jonah's visit. Choir members are asked to please stay for these practices.

### **Church Readers Workshop**

If you have interest in reading during the Services and are not sure if this is for you, please see Fr. John who will be scheduling a workshop on reading in the Church. You may have a talent that needs to be uncovered, don't leave it buried!



### **First Archpastoral Visit of Metropolitan Jonah**

On August 29-30 (Saturday and Sunday), His Beatitude Metropolitan Jonah will make his first archpastoral visit to our parish. He will be here for Great Vespers on Saturday through a special meal at a local resort hotel following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday. More info coming soon!

### **Summer Reading**

The book, "Turn Around" is available for purchase in the back. It is suggested that all parishioners read this book together in the month of August. Discussion to be held in September. Don't be left out. Get your copy today!



## 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 along side 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 than the day is

### **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:**

- 8/12 Gregory & Carole Boris
- 8/17 Oleg & Genevieve Dudkin
- 8/20 Michael & Katherine Cook

### **Birthdays:**

- 8/2 Denise Royal
- 8/5 Tanya Jenkins
- 8/9 Alice Dzwomczyk
- 8/15 Evelyn Dodge
- 8/16 Basil Cook
- 8/19 Gregory Boris
- 8/21 George Hamaty  
Jodi McElwee
- 8/25 Lee Jenkins
- 8/27 Anna Evanusa
- 8/31 Alice Peters

### **Namesdays:**

- 8/23 *Martyr Aleksandra*  
Alice Peters

*If your name is not on this list and it should be, please see Fr. John, as soon as possible!*

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.

## A LESSON: PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER

*From the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania*

One day a Church School teacher brought a large poster into her classroom. But the picture on the poster was covered with paper so the children couldn't see it. She then took scissors and cut the poster into 20 pieces (one for each child), distributed them in sealed envelopes, and instructed the students not to open the envelopes but to bring them back to class the following Sunday.



The next week, the children gathered around a table, opened their envelopes, and began to assemble the pieces into a puzzle, excitedly twisting and organizing the pieces in anticipation of discovering the complete picture. When all the children present had used their respective pieces, they began to see a colorful icon of Our Lord develop. But there were six gaping holes in the puzzle because three students forgot to bring their pieces back to class and three other students were absent.

The teacher seized the opportunity for a valuable lesson. "When we are baptized, we each become a part of the church to help do Jesus' work. When any piece is missing, someone's not doing their job. But when all the pieces fit together, what a beautiful icon of Our Lord it is!"

Without the mutual faith, commitment, presence, active involvement, prayers and contributions of each and every Church member, there remain gaping holes in the work of Christ and His Church; the picture is incomplete. **How many pieces of the puzzle are missing in your parish? Is YOURS among them?**

## FROM THE LIVES OF THE DESERT FATHERS

The following story is from the life of St. Macarius. The lives of the ancient Desert Fathers are filled with examples of great men and women who fasted, practiced feats of asceticism, and rejected all worldly things. The following story, though, demonstrates how these practices were manifested in even small ways and how they served to teach others then and now by their example.



At one time St. Macarius was sent some fresh grapes. He desired to eat them, but showing self-control, he sent them to a certain brother who was ill and who was himself fond of grapes. When the brother received them he was delighted, but wishing to conceal his self-mastery, he sent them to another brother, pretending that he had no appetite for any food. When the next brother received the grapes, he did the same in turn, although he too had a great desire to eat them.

When at length the grapes had been passed round a large number of the brethren without any of them deciding to eat them, the last one to receive them sent them again to Macarius, thinking that he was giving him a rich gift. Macarius recognized them and after inquiring closely into what had happened, marveled, giving thanks to the Lord for such self-control among the brethren. And in the end not even he partook of the grapes.

## FOR CONSIDERATION

*From the Prologue by St. Nikolai Velimirovich*

By true repentance, by tears, prayers and good works, the most filthy soul can be utterly cleansed and changed. Therefore, be careful not to rejoice in remembering the sin of a repentant sinner, but give thanks to God and marvel that light has been brought from darkness. The Egyptian Pharaoh Amases was of low birth, and, when he came to the throne, the people showed him scant respect, remembering his ancestry. In order to outwit the people and gain the respect due to him, he took a metal laver, in which the feet of visitors to the court were usually washed, and caused it to be heated to white heat and made into the likeness of an idol. Then the Pharaoh set the idol up in the street. The people, seeing it, began to bow down to it and give it divine honor. Then the Pharaoh disclosed the source of the material used for it. The people understood that the Pharaoh wanted to prove in this way that they must not bear in mind his former state, but accept what he was now, and they began to give the Pharaoh the respect due to royalty.

