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BULLETIN OF JULY 31, 2016

SUNDAY, JULY 31ST

6th Sunday After Pentecost

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5TH

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH

Transfiguration of the Lord

One of the Twelve Great Feasts

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Blessing of Fruit
6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH

7th Sunday After Pentecost

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

A Warm Welcome!

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

Dormition Fast – August 1-14th

Each year the Church observes a 2 week fast from August 1st through 15th, 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. Everyone should make a good confession during the fast, especially if we haven't been to confession since before Pascha. Please see Fr. John to set a time.



3 Great Feasts in August

In the month of August we celebrate three Great Feasts: Transfiguration of the Lord (8/6), Dormition of the Theotokos (8/15), and Our Parish Feast – The Icon Not-Made-By-Hands (8/16). Please note these days and make a special effort to attend the Services.

The Feast of the Transfiguration – August 6th

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.

Save the Dates – Mortgage Burning!

On August 20-21, we will welcome Metropolitan Tikhon for a mortgage burning and joyous celebration with the parishioners and friends of Christ the Savior. All are invited! Come give thanks to God and all who have helped to make this happen!



George's Greek Festival – July 29-31st

This year's festival is from July 29-31st (Friday-Sunday). Help support our brothers and sisters at St. George's by lending a hand, attending, or getting the word out!



Have a Question About Orthodoxy or Parish Life?

You may reach Fr. John at any time by phone or email: 302-537-6055 or frjohn@orthodoxdelmarva.org.



Q LORD JESUS CHRIST SON OF GOD
HAVE MERCY ON ME A SINNER

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 7th

Gabriela Jones

Sunday, August 14th

Joanne Patrick



CASH FLOWS THROUGH 6/30/16					CASH FLOWS IN JULY 2016					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	AS OF: 7/31		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Checking	Overdue	Mortgage
45,769	40,658	9,455	7,455	+7,111	5,805	16,080	0	0	-10,275	2,375	0	0

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

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

Birthdays:

8/2 Denise Royal
8/9 Dn. Stephen Hall
Joanne Bushman
8/11 Laurie Morsey
8/16 Basil Cook
8/21 Jodi McElwee
8/27 Anna Evanusa
8/29 Jonah Klimitchev
8/31 Alice Peters

Namesdays:

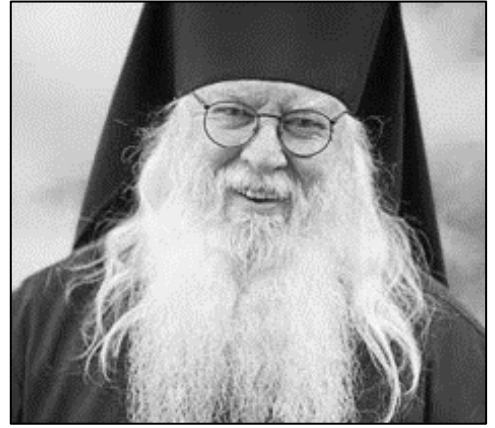
8/4 St. Maximillian
Maksimilian Morsey
8/15 The Most-holy Theotokos
Maleah Morsey
8/23 Martyr Aleksandra
Alice Peters

rather 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.

HOW TO FORGIVE

By Abbot Tryphon

The decision to forgive another person a wrong done to us begins when we decide to let go of resentment and thoughts of revenge. To forgive someone does not mean that we forget what they did to us, for this may be impossible. The memory of the hurt might always remain with you, but when you decide to forgive the person who wronged you, the grip of resentment is put aside. When we forgive someone it is even possible the find yourself filled with compassion and empathy for the person, for the act of forgiveness opens the heart to God's grace.



When we forgive someone, we are not denying their responsibility for hurting or offending us, nor are we justifying their act. We can forgive them without approving or excusing their transgression against us. The act of forgiving another opens our heart to the peace that brings closure to hurt and pain, and opens us up to the love and peace that comes from living a life without resentment.

If we find ourselves struggling to forgive, it is a good reminder to recall those hurtful things we've done to others, and remember when we've been forgiven. It is especially good to recall how God has forgiven us, and call upon Him to give us the grace needed to put aside our resentment, and truly forgive the other person. Being quick to forgive, and putting aside all thoughts of revenge will open our heart to a joyful and peaceful life.

Finally, if we pray for those who've offended us, we open the door to all kinds of possibilities. When we ask God to help the person whose been unkind and hurtful, our own hearts receive healing, for when we've forgiven others, grace abounds.

"Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate when people say unkind things about you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God wants you to do, and he will bless you for it." (1 Peter 3:9)



DO NOT CONDEMN

St. Seraphim of Sarov

You cannot be too gentle, too kind. Shun even to appear harsh in your treatment of each other. Joy, radiant joy, streams from the face of one who gives and kindles joy in the heart of one who receives. All condemnation is from the devil. Never condemn each other, not even those whom you catch committing an evil deed. We condemn others only because we shun knowing ourselves. When we gaze at our own failings, we see such a morass of filth that nothing in another can equal it. That is why we turn away, and make much of the faults of others. Keep away from the spilling of speech. Instead of condemning others, strive to reach inner peace. Keep silent, refrain from judgment. This will raise you above the deadly arrows of slander, insult, outrage, and will shield your glowing hearts against the evil that creeps around.

Vacation Planning

An online directory of Orthodox churches in North America is available online and as a free app at orthodoxyinamerica.org. Everyone needs a vacation sometime, but who really wants or can afford a vacation from God? If you don't have the internet, ask your priest to help find you a parish while you are away.

