

# CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## BULLETIN OF AUGUST 4, 2019



### A Warm Welcome!

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

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

Each year the Church observes a 2-week fast from August 1<sup>st</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>, 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. See Fr. John to schedule your confession.



### Looking Ahead in August

- Tuesday, 8/6: Transfiguration of the Lord
- Thursday, 8/15: Dormition of the Virgin Mary
- Friday, 8/16: Parish Feastday – Icon Not-Made-By-Hands
- Sunday, 8/25: Prayers for the New Academic Year

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

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

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

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

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

#### Transfiguration of Our Lord One of the Twelve Great Feasts

8:40a.m. Hours  
9:00a.m. Div. Liturgy w/ Blessing of  
Grapes and Fruits

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

#### St. Herman of Alaska

9:00a.m. Akathist

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

5:00p.m. Memorial: Baba Catherine  
6:00p.m. Great Vespers

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>

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

8:40a.m. Hours  
9:00a.m. Div. 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 top of 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. Come up the mountain!

### 40<sup>th</sup> Day Memorial: Catherine Lupiwok

Saturday, August 10 at 5:00pm, we will have the 40<sup>th</sup> Day Memorial service for the newly-departed Baba Catherine, mother of Kathy Parrish.

### Open Pool

After the Divine Liturgy, the pool will be open for swimming until 1pm. A certified lifeguard will be on duty, but parents should still watch their children. **Notes:** 1) Swimming will begin after the food is blessed. 2) Toys, food, and garbage should be cleaned up before leaving for home.



### Vacation Planning

An online directory of Orthodox churches in North America is available at [orthodoxyinamerica.org](http://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. If you are planning to receive Holy Communion while away, it is good order to contact the priest in advance.

### On Virtue Not Yet Acquired

*He who runs does not count the distance he has gone, but the distance he has still to go.*

*St. John Chrysostom (4<sup>th</sup> C)*

### Haven't Seen Someone in a While?

Give an email or a call. Let them know that you miss them. Our parish is a family, and families check up on each other.

### Going to the Hospital?

Please let your priest know, so that he can add you to the prayer list (public or private), or, if you like, pay you a visit.



✝	OPERATING			EARMARKED			ACCOUNTS		READER SCHEDULE	
	THRU 6/30	LAST MONTH	THIS YEAR	THRU 7/31	LAST MONTH	THIS YEAR	OPERATING			
INCOME	57,005	9,099	66,104	15,110	0	15,110	EARMARKED	18,839	8/4	Gabriela Vlahovici-Jones
EXPENSE	55,566	9,261	64,827	2,885	0	2,885	SAVINGS	12,000	8/11	Beth Dunbar
NET	+1,439	-161	+1,277	+12,225	0	+12,225	BUILDING	5,000	8/18	Rdr. Nicholas Borodulia
									8/25	Megan Wilkinson

## 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

### **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!

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night? Because, the night 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.

## AUGUST CONGRATULATIONS!

### **Anniversaries:**

- 8/6 Larry & Kimberly Perrone
- 8/18 Andrew & Kelly Hageman
- 8/22 Roy & Mirona Bendfeldt

### **Birthdays:**

- 8/1 Eliana Milite
- 8/2 Denise Royal
- 8/7 Gareth Ganim
- 8/9 Dn. Stephen Hall  
Joanne Bushman  
Zachary Davidson
- 8/11 Laurie Morsey
- 8/15 Evelyn Dodge
- 8/16 Basil Cook
- 8/21 Jodi McElwee
- 8/22 Mirona Bendfeldt
- 8/27 Anna Evanusa
- 8/29 Jonah Klimitchev
- 8/31 Alice Peters

### **Namesdays:**

- 8/4 *St. Maximillian*  
Maksimilian Morsey
- 8/10 *St. Lawrence*  
Larry Casserly  
Larry Perrone
- 8/15 *The Most-holy Theotokos*  
Maleah Morsey
- 8/23 *Martyr Aleksandra*  
Alice Peters

*Errors? Omissions? Please see Fr. John.*

## ABOUT HUMAN INGRATITUDE, UNSEEN EVEN AMONG THE ANIMALS

St. Nikolai Velimirovich / From the Prologue of Ochrid / August 3<sup>rd</sup>

**"The ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, My people doth not consider"** (Isaiah 1:3).



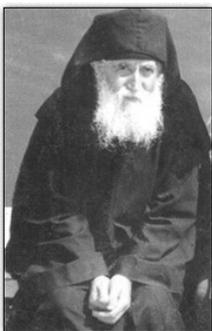
The ingratitude of man is most strongly exposed by the gratitude of animals. When the irrational ox knows who his master is, and when the ass knows from whose crib it is fed, how then can rational man not know about God, His Creator and Nourisher? The word "Israel" means "one who sees God." And every rational man should, by his rationality, be "one who sees God," and knows God, and feels the presence of God, and serves God as the meek and wonderful Jacob once did. But when rational man, whose entire dignity is in the knowledge of God, does not know God--when the "one who sees God" becomes blind toward God--then the dignity of the ox and the ass is raised above that of such a man. For oxen, without exception, recognize the master; and asses, without exception, recognize the one who feeds them; while among men there exists exceptions. There are men--very often leaders of men--who do not recognize their Lord or their Nourisher. In all of created nature, godlessness is a disease only among men; for godliness is the condition of normality and health only for men, and not for animals. Thus, godlessness is not the disease of animals but of men (alas, only of men!), for only they are destined to be "ones who see God" and, when they lose their godliness, they become poorer than the ox and the ass.

This is the vision of Isaiah, the son of Amos, the Prophet of God.

O God of meek Jacob, of Israel the enlightened one "who sees God," help us to maintain our human dignity--the dignity of one "who sees God"--so that, every day and every hour, we may know and recognize Thee with gratitude, as our Lord and Nourisher. To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ Most people come to church because of a personal invitation.
- ❖ Only 2% of church-going people invite someone to church in a given year. That means 98% of church-goers never extend an invitation in a given year!
- ❖ 7 out of 10 unchurched people have never been invited to church in their whole lives.
- ❖ 82% of the unchurched are at least somewhat likely to attend church if invited.
- ❖ The top "rational" reason adults seldom or never attend church is they don't agree with organized religion or what they preach (24 percent).
- ❖ The top "practical" reasons for hardly attending or missing church altogether, 21 percent said they don't have time or they don't get around to it.
- ❖ Children and youth who attend religious services weekly, exhibit fewest behavior problems, are more likely to have high-quality relationships with their parents, and are more likely to exhibit positive social behavior, including showing respect for teachers and neighbors, getting along with other children, understanding other people's feelings, and trying to resolve conflicts with classmates, family or friends.



## HOW TO HELP THE CHURCH?

St. Paisios of Mt. Athos

If you want to help the Church, it is better to try to correct yourself, rather than be looking to correct others.

If you manage to correct yourself, one small part of the Church is immediately corrected.

Naturally, if everyone did the same, the body of the Church would be in good health. But, today, people concern themselves with anything but themselves. You see, judging others is easy, whereas working on yourself takes effort.