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SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

Forefeast of the Procession of the Cross

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading

1Corinthians 4:9-16

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:14-23

*Christ is in our midst!
He is and ever shall be!*

Troparion for the Forefeast of the Procession of the Honorable and Life-giving Cross of the Lord (with Blessing of Water)

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries. And by virtue of the Cross, preserve Your habitation!

Kontakion

As You were voluntarily crucified for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Your name; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!

Dormition of the Theotokos Fast and Feastday – August 14 - 27

The Fast for the Dormition begins tomorrow and continues until August 27. Fr. John will be available to hear Confessions by appointment. The Feastday Liturgy will be celebrated on the 27th with the Blessing of Fragrant Flowers and Herbs.

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord – Sunday, August 20

The Transfiguration Feastday will be celebrated at Divine Liturgy next Sunday followed by the Blessing of Grapes and Other Fruit. Bring fruit if you wish to have it blessed for sharing at Coffee Hour and/or to take home.

Welcome to Our Guests

We offer a warm welcome to all guests with us today, Orthodox Christians and seekers alike. May you experience the fullness of the Orthodox Faith through the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall. We look forward to seeing you again at Liturgy and other parish life activities.

Sisterhood Meeting – Today

Sisterhood president, JoAnne de la Riva, welcomes all women to today's meeting during Coffee Hour. Bake Sale preparations and Fall events will be discussed.

Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, August 16

We come together for Vespers at 7PM this Wednesday. After the service, we will have a discussion and study of "The Heavenly Banquet" by Fr. Emanuel Hatzidakis. It's unique format provides teaching for the laity while including added resources for the theologically minded reader. Everyone is welcome.

OCA Washington, DC Archdiocesan Day - Saturday, August 26

On August 26, Christ the Savior Mission will host the annual Archdiocesan Day for the Washington, DC area OCA churches at 10315 Carey Road, Berlin, MD 21811.

- The main event is the 10AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (Vesting at 9:30AM).
- At 1PM there will be a barbeque and time to meet with people from the other churches. The mission has its own swimming pool and welcomes all.
- At 3PM, there will be a Spiritual Discussion with Metropolitan Tikhon.
- Also part of the celebration are the 90th birthday of Fr. Daniel Hubiak, first pastor at the host parish and retired OCA Chancellor; also Christ the Savior parish will be elevated from Mission status to Church status. There is no cost for admission; donations will be appreciated.

St. Luke Gift Shop

We have a new collection of Orthodox greeting cards from an abbey in France known for their craftwork. There are several different themes to choose from, and they are only \$3 each. We also have a wonderful framed reproduction portrait of Elder Joseph, the Hesychast, and some new icons. Visit the kiosk today and see Louise Romanchak who can answer any questions.

God Grant You Many Years!

May God bless our Altar Server, Alexei Hreczuck, who celebrated his birthdays last week. Mnogaja ljeta!