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SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019  
**FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION**  
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Epistle Reading**  
2 Peter 1:10-19

**Gospel Reading**  
Matthew 17:1-9

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!  
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

**Troparion for the Feast of Transfiguration:** You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Your glory to Your disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos. O Giver of Light, glory to You!

**Kontakion:** On the Mountain You were Transfigured, O Christ God, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold You crucified, they would understand that Your suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world, that You are truly the Radiance of the Father!

**Today's Communion Hymn:** O Lord, we will walk in the light of Your countenance, and will exult in Your name forever. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**The Blessing of Grapes and Other Fruit**

The traditional Transfiguration blessing of fruit will take place after Divine Liturgy.

**Memory Eternal – Archpriest John Matusiak**

Father John served the Orthodox Church in America for 50 years on the parish, diocesan, national and international levels. He was a gifted musician, artist, writer, speaker, missionary and leader who served in Youth Ministry, Religious Education, Communications, Church Growth and Evangelization. In recent years, he was the OCA Director of Communications. May his memory be eternal. Večnaja pamjat +

**Welcome to Our Guests**

We offer a warm welcome to all guests who are with us today. Please join us for Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life. You are always welcome in our worship, fellowship, study and charity outreach. Thank you to Beau and Elena Garret and children for hosting Coffee Hour today.

**The Fast and Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos**

- The Dormition Fast began last Wednesday and continues through August 27.
- Anyone wishing to come for Confession may schedule a time with Fr. John.
- Great Vespers and Litya will be served on Wednesday the 28th at 7PM followed by the Blessing of Fragrant Flowers and Herbs.

**Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, August 21 - 7-8:30PM**

Wednesday Vespers begins at 7PM. Afterwards Fr. John will lead a discussion on the Gospel of Mark, Chapters 4-6, along with the book by Fr. Lawrence Farley.

**St. Nicholas Cathedral Fall Bazaar – Saturday-Sunday, September 21-22**

St. Nicholas Cathedral is sponsoring their annual Bazaar with an extensive menu of Russian, Belarus, Georgian cuisine, live music performances, children's activities, iconography demonstrations and Cathedral tours. See [www.stnicholasdc.org](http://www.stnicholasdc.org).

**Upcoming Pan-Orthodox Events – Registration Required**

August 20-23 “Fighting the Good Fight” **Conference for Orthodox Men**  
Antiochian Village, Bolivar PA; See the bulletin board.

Oct. 4-6 **Connect Conference** for Orthodox Christian Young Professionals, age 21-39, on “The Mystery of Faithfulness” - Renaissance Atlanta  
<https://www.connectorthodox.org/>

Nov. 1-2 **Doxacon** “Faith & Fandom Convention”; St. George–Bethesda, MD  
Orthodoxy in Science Fiction Literature; <http://www.doxacon.org/>

Nov. 14-17 **Ancient Faith Women’s Retreat** - Antiochian Village, Bolivar PA;  
A time for worship, learning and rest before the Nativity season  
<https://www.ancientfaith.com/>

**God Grant You Many Years!**

May God grant many years to Adana Kassaye who is celebrating his birthday.