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**TRANSFER OF THE RELICS OF THE
PROTOMARTYR AND ARCHDEACON STEPHEN
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Epistle Readings

1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Galatians 5:22-6.2

Gospel Readings

Matthew 14:14-22
Luke 6:17-23

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

Troparion (Resurrection)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

Troparion (St. Stephen)

Your relics have risen from the depths of the earth, like a treasury for the immortal life of all of creation. The Church, rejoicing in the grace that she receives from them, duteously honors you, Protomartyr Stephen. Preserve us from error and heresy by your intercession!

Kontakion (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: “The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Kontakion (St. Stephen)

You were the first to be sown on the earth by the Heavenly Husbandman, O all-praised one. You were the first to shed your blood on the earth for Christ, O blessed one. You were the first to receive the crown of victory from Him in heaven, Stephen, first of the suffering God-crowned martyrs.

Kontakion (St. Luke)

Let us praise the godly Luke: he is the true preacher of piety, the orator of ineffable mysteries and the star of the Church; for the Word, Who alone knows the hearts of men, chose him, together with wise Paul, to be a teacher of the gentiles!

In Your goodness You have sanctified the whole world with Your Light: You were transfigured on a high mountain, showing Your power to Your Disciples; for You redeem the world from transgression. Therefore we cry out to You: “O Lord of compassion, save our souls!”
~From the Litya-Idiomela of Transfiguration



Welcome to everyone with us today in person and by livestream as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith, we invite you to stay for Coffee Hour to meet Fr. John and to get acquainted with us. Come join us again for prayer, study and fellowship.

Memory Eternal

We pray for the souls of the newly departed Archpriest Stephen Janos, father of our St. Luke parishioner Andrew, and for Dr. John Demakis, local and national leader in inter-Orthodox ministries. *O Lord, grant rest eternal with the Saints, in blessed repose.*

Dormition Fast and Feastday

The Fast for the Dormition of the Theotokos began yesterday and continues until the Feastday Liturgy on Sunday, August 29. Fr. John will hear Confessions by appointment.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, August 18 – 7PM on Zoom

Join us for this week’s discussion topic “On Repentance” by Elder Thaddeus in the book, *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives*. Fr. John will email the link.

Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord – Thursday, August 19

Divine Liturgy on Transfiguration Day will be celebrated at 10:00AM. Bring grapes and other fruit for the traditional Blessing of Fruit. Plan on a potluck coffee hour.

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Metropolitan Tikhon – Sunday, August 22

His Beatitude will be with us next Sunday for Liturgy. Everyone is encouraged to attend, to spend time with him and come to know his loving archpastoral care.

Autumn Retreat with Archimandrite Sergius (Bowyer) – Saturday, September 18

Fr. Sergius, abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery, will be leading a retreat on Saturday, September 18, 9:30AM-3:30PM at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church in Falls Church, VA. He will speak on his profound book, *Acquiring the Mind of Christ*. He will be accompanied by the Wonderworking Icon of Saint Anna. RSVP at stk.retreat@gmail.com.

Save the Date – Orthodox Bishops to Meet in Washington, DC – October 2-5

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops will hold its 10th anniversary meeting here in the DC area beginning on Saturday, October 2nd. (More information when available.)