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AUGUST 21, 2022
FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION
TENTH 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

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 at the end of Divine Liturgy.

From the Church Fathers

“Through long meditations, long reading of the Bible and the Fathers, St. Gregory Palamas came to a conclusion: he placed the Transfiguration above all acts of Jesus – even above the Eucharist. ‘The light of Tabor is the Kingdom of God.’ ... So the disciples standing on Mt. Tabor had seen the Light and became celestial beings ... This blinding Light was seen by St. Paul at Damascus, by Elijah when he was lifted up in a chariot of fire, and by Moses when he stood beside the burning bush. And how shall one see this Light? Above all, by repentance, by calling on the Name of Jesus.”
~ *The Holy Fire* by Robert Payne, p 279

Welcome to all guests with us in person and by livestream. Please join us afterwards for Coffee Hour. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John today and come get acquainted with all of us.

Dormition of the Theotokos - Fast and Feastday

The Dormition Fast continues this week; Fr. John will be available to hear Confessions by appointment. The Feastday Liturgy will be celebrated next Sunday, August 28. Bring your favorite aromatic plants for the traditional Blessing of Fragrant Flowers and Herbs.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, August 24 – Schedule Change

Our weekly online class will not meet this week but will resume on August 31.

Archdiocesan Choir of Washington DC – Premier Performance – Sunday, August 28, 6PM

The newly-formed [Archdiocesan Choir of Washington, DC](http://www.stnicholasdc.org) will present its first concert at St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral, 3500 Massachusetts Ave. NW, and by live-stream one week from today featuring music by American Orthodox composers. While there will be some familiar melodies from well-known composers like Fr. Sergei Glagolev, most of the music is new. Visit their website for more information and videos.

Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine

There is an ongoing effort in the local area to help the people of Ukraine during this time of war. Donations of household items, clothing and hygiene products are needed. See the full list at <https://www.stnicholasdc.org/>. Those willing to donate may deliver items to St. Nicholas Cathedral, preferably on Sunday mornings when the church is open. Another option is the [Amazon Wishlist for Ukraine](#).

Orthodox Young Adults Group

A new group is being formed for Orthodox Christians age 18-30 in the VA/DC/MD area. The plan is to meet once a month starting in September featuring guest speakers from the local community and beyond, plus pilgrimages and other spiritually edifying events. Join their [WhatsApp](#) chat and contact Will Baumgardner at 717-824-2249 for information.

Church School Teachers for 2022-23

Church School Director John Minahan is recruiting volunteers to serve as Teachers for the new school year. Two adults are needed for each of the three classes: Pre-School to 2nd Grade, 3rd to 5th Grade, and Middle School. All who are considering this opportunity may see Fr. John and John today, or email john.t.minahan@gmail.com.

God Grant You Many Years!

God bless Fr. John, his granddaughter Tatiana, Hunter Whitestone and Jovan Marjanovich as they celebrate their birthdays. Mnogaja ljeta!