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AUGUST 18, 2024
FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION
EIGHTH 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

When Christ God the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Prokeimenon

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all!

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!

Memory Eternal † Večnaja Pamjat †

We pray for the souls of Mitred Archpriest Michael Koblosh (2021) and Radovan Jovanic, Tatjana's father (2017), on the anniversaries of their falling asleep in the Lord, and for Matushka Alysia 40 days since her repose. Grant rest eternal with the Saints, O Lord, to the souls of the departed.

The Blessing of Grapes and Fruit will take place at the end of Divine Liturgy.

Dormition of the Theotokos – Fast and Feastday

The Dormition Fast began last Wednesday. Fr. John will be available to hear Confessions by appointment. The Feastday Liturgy will be on Wednesday, August 28 at 10:30AM.

Welcome

Welcome to all guests via livestream and those in person today. We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John and Deacon Stefan. Please come again.

"Back to School Summer Initiative" – Thank You from United Community

"Thanks again for your incredibly generous donation of backpacks to our community. Your contribution is making a significant impact on the lives of the children and families we serve. These backpacks will not only help students start the school year prepared, but they also represent a caring community that supports their success. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and the positive difference you are making."

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, August 21 on Zoom at 7PM

Everyone is welcome to join the discussion of Fr. Alexander Schmemmann's "For the Life of the World" now focusing on Baptism. Fr. John will email his notes and the Zoom link.

Beltway Access to Georgetown Pike Closed – Friday-Monday, August 23–26

As part of the 495 Express Lanes Northern Extension (495 NEXT) project, all travel lanes on the Georgetown Pike Bridge over I-495 in McLean are scheduled to be shifted to a new northern portion next weekend. Drivers are advised to avoid the Exit 44 Georgetown Pike and I-495 interchange area from 9PM on Friday the 23rd to 5AM on Monday the 26th as lanes will be reduced and ramps will be closed with detours in place.

OCMC Trek4Missions – Now through September 14 <https://www.ocmc.org/>

The annual Trek4Missions is underway. New participants may still join the fundraising effort to support Orthodox missionaries around the world. Pledge a self-determined goal in miles by walking, running, biking, swimming, etc. and recruit sponsors to donate upon your completion. To register, to join a team (e.g. St. Nicholas Cathedral) or to donate go to https://secure.ocmc.org/site/TR?fr_id=1520&pg=entry.

Archdiocesan Invitation to a Fall Teen Retreat in PA – October 18-20

The OCA Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania is sponsoring a Fall Teen Retreat at Camp Halifax in Hebron, PA in October. Archbishop Mark has invited teens from our area to join them. The cost is \$200 per person - but once again, our Archdiocese of Washington will provide either full or partial scholarships, depending on the number of applicants. Please let Fr. John know if your teen is interested no later than Saturday, August 31.

[St. Luke Coffee Hour Sign-up](#) – September-December

Coffee Hour Volunteers may see Christine Glomazic for scheduling information.

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ijeta!

God bless Adane Kassaye and Tatiana Vitko on their birthdays, and Nadia and Debashis Bhattacharya on their 11th wedding anniversary. "Grant, O Lord, a peaceful life, health, salvation and furtherance in all good things. Keep and preserve them for many years!"