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AUGUST 5, 2018

**OBSERVANCE OF THE
GREAT FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION**



5th-century mosaic of the Transfiguration from St. Katherine's Monastery on Mt. Sinai.

LITURGY VARIATIONS

1ST ANTIPHON (PSALMS 47.1; 64.7; 103.2; 97.9 LXX)

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Who settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded round about with power.

Refrain

Confession and majesty hast Thou put on, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. *Refrain*

The mountains shall rejoice before the Lord, for He is come to judge the earth. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. *Refrain*

Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

Sundays:	Matins, 8:50 AM	Confession:	After Saturday Vespers
	Divine Liturgy, 10 AM		During Sunday Matins
Wednesdays:	Vespers, 6:30 PM		Or by Appointment
Saturdays:	Great Vespers, 5 PM		

See Calendar for Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled



**Remember to turn
cell phones off!**

Order for Holy Communion

Members of the Orthodox Church age seven and above must prepare for Holy Communion with a recent confession, prayer, fasting from all food and drink from midnight (unless medical condition preclude it), being in church *before* the Epistle and Gospel readings, and being at peace with everyone.

As there are NO CHURCH SCHOOL classes today, children should sit with their parents and come to Communion with them. An usher will dismiss your row from the center aisle. Then return to your place by a side aisle for the prayers of thanksgiving and the final blessing and dismissal. Please let choir members pass when they come up for Communion.

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Please note that participation in **Holy Communion is limited to members of the Orthodox Church** in good standing, who have prepared through prayer, fasting and confession.

For all others: though we cannot share Communion with you—since it is an expression of membership and full unity in faith—you are welcome to come forward after the dismissal, receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread (from the large bowls). Please also sign our guest book, and introduce yourself to Fr. Nabil during the coffee hour. You may inquire with him how you can become a member.

2ND ANTIPHON (PSALM 86.1, 2, 5 LXX)

His foundations are in the holy mountains.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, *Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor*, who sing unto Thee: Alleluia.

The Lord loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. *Refrain*

Glorious things are spoken of Thee, O City of God. *Refrain*

A man will say: Sion is our Mother; and: that man was born in her; and: The Most High Himself hath founded her. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. O only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God....

3RD ANTIPHON (PSALM 88.1, 14, 15 LXX): APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST AS REFRAIN (TONE 7)

Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever.

Refrain: When Thou, O Christ our God, wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy disciples in proportion as they could to bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints. *Refrain*

O Lord, in the light of Thy face shall they walk, and in Thy name shall they rejoice all the day long, and in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted. *Refrain*

ENTRANCE HYMN

Clergy: For in Thee is the fountain of life, O Lord, and in Thy light shall we see light. Save us, O Son of God, *Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor*,
People: who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Transfiguration (Tone 7)

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured....

Kontakion of the Transfiguration (Tone 7)

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, insofar as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God, so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they

would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Tone 4; Psalm 103.24, 1 LXX)

O Lord, how magnificent are Your works.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Reading from St. Peter's Second Universal Epistle (1.10-19; Transfiguration)

BRETHREN, be more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never fall; so, there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Therefore, I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths, when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My Beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him in the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns, and the Morning Star rises in your hearts.

Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (17.1-9; Transfiguration)

AT THAT TIME: Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as

light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if You wish, I will make three booths here, one for You and one for Moses and one

for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they

lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- By George and Sohir McKary, for the health of Mira, Magy, Michael and Monica, and in memory of Shehata, Reda, Emily, Narges, Samir and Fawzy.
- By Riyad and Hala Bannourah, for the health of Aristotle Nicolaidis, and in memory of Elias Issa.
- By Kathryn Sankey, for the health of the new Teen Advisors, Jason and Christy Roberts and Julia Beck.

A sign-up sheet for baking and offering the prosphora (altar bread) is posted on the bulletin board, next to the elevator. You can also contact Thelma Hoover at (317) 782-1633.

MEGALYNARION (TONE 8)

Now hath been heard that which had never been heard before; for the Son, Who is from the Virgin without Father, hath been testified to in glory by the Voice of the Father, for He Himself is God and Man together unto the end of the ages.

REFRAIN OF THE COMMUNION HYMN (PSALM 88.16-17 LXX; TONE 8)

O Lord, in the light of Thy face shall we walk, and in Thy Name shall we rejoice all the day long. Alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: TROPARION OF THE FEAST (TONE 7)

When Thou, O Christ our God, wast transfigured on the mountain....

BLESSING OF GRAPES AND FIRST-FRUITS

Please place the fruit you brought on the table for blessing. We always offer to God the first and best portion of everything. Through this first portion, He blesses everything else.

After "Blessed be the Name of the Lord", the clergy gather in the center of the church, in front of the table where the grapes/fruits are placed for blessing.

*The choir chants the festal apolytikion and kontakion.
Then the deacon lifts his orarion and says:*



Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Bless, O Lord, this new fruit of the vine, which thou hast graciously been pleased to permit to come to maturity, through calm seasons and gentle rains and favorable weather; and let it be unto joy for those of us who shall partake of this offspring of the vine; and may we offer it as a gift to thee unto the purification of our sins, through the sacred and holy Body and Blood of thy Christ, with whom thou art blessed together with thine all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

The priest sprinkles the fruit with holy water, saying thrice:

Priest: These grapes [and first-fruits] are blessed through sprinkling with this holy water, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The choir responds each time:

Choir: Amen.

DORMITION FAST: AUGUST 1-14

Because of our great love for our Lord's Mother, Who has become our mother, and because our goal is to emulate her humility as the "Handmaid of the Lord," the Church observes this fast quite strictly.



We abstain from meat, fish and dairy products during this time. (Traditionally, we also abstain from oil and wine, except on the weekends.) The fasting is relaxed to allow for fish, wine and oil on the Feast of the Transfiguration, August 6, and on the feast of St. Herman of Alaska, August 9. *As always, if you can't keep the fast to this level, do the most your health allows, and you are invited to contact Fr. Nabil for guidance.*

We serve the **Paraklesis at 6:30 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday** during the fast. Please bring a list of the names of the sick or of any other living persons in need of prayer, to be remembered at the Supplication. *We will also anoint those present with the myrrh that streamed from this icon in 2007.*



Because of work to install baseboard in the church this week, Paraklesis will take place in a chapel to be set up in the lower level.

LITURGY IN ARABIC: SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 10 AM

السبت، 11 أغسطس \ أب - القداس باللغة العربية: 10 صباحاً

We will resume offering the Liturgy in Arabic one Saturday each month as a ministry to some of our recent immigrants. *Please show us you want it by coming!*

READING FROM THE SYNAXARION

On August 6 in the Holy Church, we commemorate the divine Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. *(Note: we are observing the Feast as if August 6 were today.)*

This glorious event is recorded in the Gospels of Mark (9:2-13), Luke (9:28-36, read at Matins) and Matthew (17:1-9, read at Liturgy). In His preaching, the Lord Jesus often spoke to His disciples of His approaching passion and His glorious Resurrection. So that His impending passion would not totally weaken His disciples, the All-wise Savior wanted to show them His divine glory before His passion on the Holy Cross. For that reason, He took Peter, James and John with Him and went out at night to Mount Tabor. The Lord took only three disciples on Tabor because He did not want to leave the unworthy Judas alone at the foot of the mountain, so that the betrayer would not, by that, justify his betrayal. Our Lord was transfigured on a mountain and not in a valley to teach us two virtues: love of labor and godly-thoughts, for climbing to the heights required labor, and height represents the heights of our thoughts, i.e., godly-thoughts. Moses and Elijah appeared in order to destroy the erroneous thought of the Jews that the Christ is one of the prophets; that is why He appears as a King above the prophets and that is why Moses and Elijah appear as His servants. Until then, our Lord manifested His divine power many times to the disciples but, on Mount Tabor, He manifested His divine nature. This vision of His Divinity and the hearing of the heavenly witness about Him as the Son of God would serve the disciples in the days of the Lord's passion, in strengthening of an unwavering faith in Him and His final victory. *Unto Christ God be glory and dominion unto the ages. Amen.*

Please Join Us for Fellowship after the Liturgy

The ushers will hand you the announcements bulletin as you exit via the north (side) doors of the nave, following the dismissal and verbal announcements.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please include in your daily prayers the following—those struggling with acute illness and those newly departed this life—from our parishioners and those for whom they have requested our prayers. (Names are kept for 40 days, the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request.)

LIVING

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John Bishop Alexander of Ottawa
Kh. Ann Patricia Beauchamp, 9/10
Sharon Mustaklem, 9/3
John Ward, 8/31
Kh. Kristina Gillquist, All Saints, Bloomington, 8/23
Kh. Charlotte Smith, 8/23
Robert Abraham, 8/22
Fouad Musleh, Copper Trace Rehab., 8/17
Aristotle Nicolaides, 8/15
Beth Flaris, 8/8
Sarah, David Egly's sister, 9/9
Dakota Miller, child of Michael Albert's friend, 9/2
Michelle Yeager, Paula Najjar's daughter, 8/22
Emil Bannourah, brother-in-law of Riyad et al., 8/17
Megan Draghiciu, friend of Kathleen Everhart, 8/12
Scott Bastin, friend of Claire Dickinson, 8/6
Trenton Wesley, to be deployed in Iraq
The survivors and bereaved from the fires in Greece and California and of the boating incident in Missouri
All those suffering from illness, violence or want throughout the world

DEPARTED

Michael Boulegeris, friend of the Sleders', 9/11
Shawn Butler, Rachel Egly Butler's husband, 9/11
Alice Foster, Beth Flaris' mother, 9/10
Don Liem, cousin of John Nasser, 9/9
John Kennedy, friend of the Koerses, 9/9
Mark Galliher, friend of Kathleen Everhart, 9/5
Sylvia Gamble, Patrick's mother, 8/29
Michael Mucci, friend of Iman Kiritsis, 8/15
Nicholas Alexander, cousin of George Allemenos, 8/10

The victims of the fires, of the boating incident and of violence throughout the world

ST. GEORGE PARISH CALENDAR

August 2018

	Observance of the Great Feast of the Transfiguration
Sun. 5	Matins , 8:50 am Choir practice , 9 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am • Ladies of St. George meeting Teen SOYO meeting, 5 pm at the Roberts' home (3254 Smokey Ridge Way, Carmel)
Mon. 6	Paraklesis to the Theotokos , 6:30 pm
Wed. 8	Paraklesis to the Theotokos , 6:30 pm
Thu. 9	Choir practice , 7 pm Festival Committee meeting , 7 pm
Fri. 10	Paraklesis to the Theotokos , 6:30 pm
Sat. 11	Divine Liturgy in Arabic , 10 am القداس الإلهي بالعربي، 10 صباحا Great Vespers , 5 pm • Confessions heard afterwards
Sun. 12	Matins , 8:50 am Choir practice , 9 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am
Mon. 13	Paraklesis to the Theotokos , 6:30 pm Church School Staff meeting , 7:30 pm
Tue. 14	Eve of the Great Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos
	Divine Liturgy , 6 pm
Wed. 15	Vespers , 6:30 pm

Future Dates to Remember

- **Holy Trinity Festival**: August 24-26
- **St. George Festival**: September 21-23

See the full calendar and the latest additions and updates at www.stgindy.org/calendar