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TONE 2

AUGUST 12, 2018

EOTHINON 11

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST POSTFEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

MARTYRS PHOTIOS AND ANIKYTOS OF NICOMEDIA

The Emperor Diocletian once came to Nicomedia with the evil intention to completely exterminate the Christians. But Anikytos, one of the high-ranking officials of the city, boldly confessed before the Emperor his faith in Christ the Lord, God incarnate in the flesh for our salvation. The emperor ordered his tongue to be severed, but Anikytos, by the power of God, continued to speak. They then released a lion against him, but the lion cuddled around him. At that moment the temple of Hercules collapsed.

Photios, a kinsman of Anikytos, seeing the miracles and endurance of Anikytos, kissed him, declared himself a Christian and cried out to the Emperor: "O Idolater, be ashamed; your gods are nothingness!" Eventually, Photios and Anikytos went to their glorious deaths, and scores of men, women and children went with them. They all suffered about the year 305.

Anikytos and Photios are invoked in the prayers in the Sacrament of Anointing with Oil (Holy Unction) and in the Blessing of Water.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



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)

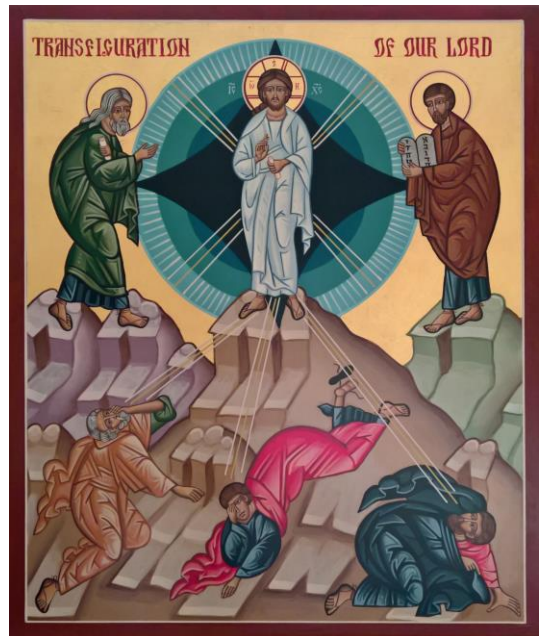
Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever.

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 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

Come, let us worship, and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, *Who art risen from the dead*, save us, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, from beneath the earth, all the powers of
O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ,
Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.
power. And when Thou didst raise the dead

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 would remember that all Thy suffering was
Thy Disciples, insofar as they were able, be- voluntary, and could declare to all the world
held Thy glory, O Christ our God, so that, that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of
when they should see Thee crucified, they the Father.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Psalm 117.14, 18 LXX; Tone 2)

The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

Saint Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians (9.2-12; 11th Sunday after Pentecost)

BRETHREN, you are the seal of my
apostleship in the Lord.

This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without

eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?

Do I say this on human authority? Does not the Law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does He not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown

spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made

use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (18.23-35; 11th Sunday of Matthew)

THE LORD SPOKE THIS PARABLE: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow

servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- By Nahia Mesalam, in memory of Alice Foster.
- By Patrick and Diane Koers, for the health of Trenton Wesley, and in memory of Alice Foster and Shawn Butler.
- By Norma Johns, in memory of Alice Foster and Elias Issa.
- By Salim and Paula Najjar, for the health of Rachel Butler, and in memory of Shawn Butler, Alice Foster and Nicholas Alexander.

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.

Words of Wisdom

If you want to cure your soul, you need four things. The first is to forgive your enemies. The second is to confess thoroughly. The third is to blame yourself. The fourth is to resolve to sin no more. If we wish to be saved, we must always blame ourselves and not attribute our wrong acts to others. And God, Who is most compassionate, will forgive us. St. Cosmas Aitolos

The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

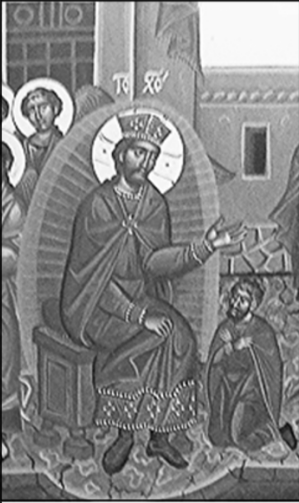
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Forgive, and be forgiven!



Have you ever told on somebody... about something *you've* done too? You might have told your parents or your teacher on a brother or sister or classmate. "He hit me!" "She called me a mean name!" "He wrote on the wall!" "She broke my Lego creation!" But maybe you did that too!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear a story about just that same thing. A king asked his servants to pay him back what they owed him. Well, sadly, it was a lot of money, and one servant couldn't pay it all. He begged the king, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything!" The king felt sorry for him, and he said the servant didn't have to pay it. The king forgave him.

After that, that same servant found somebody who owed *him* money. He told him to pay him the money back. Remember, even though the king forgave him, he wouldn't forgive the other guy!

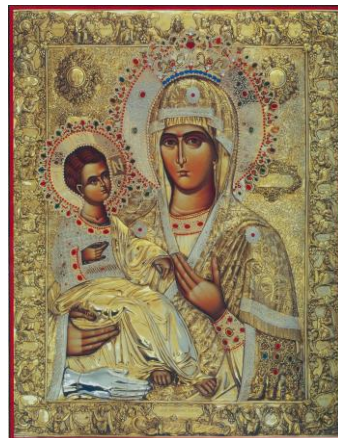
That story in the Bible is about forgiving others. It is about treating others as *you* would want to be treated. It is about not complaining about our friends and our classmates, when we've done the same wrong thing!

Let's remember how much our Lord forgives us every day. When we remember that, we will know we shouldn't talk about other people who do the same wrong things!

FEAST OF THE DORMITION TO BE OBSERVED TUESDAY EVENING: 6:30 PM, AUGUST 14

We serve the last **Paraklesis at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow**, August 13. It includes special supplications for the sick, and *we will also anoint those present with the myrrh that streamed from an icon of the Theotokos in our church in 2007*. 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.

In preparation for Holy Communion on the eve of the Feast, fast from all food and drink from at least noon on (or as your medical conditions allow), on **Tuesday, August 14. Liturgy will start at 6:30 pm**, and *we'll be able to break the fast afterwards*.



PANAGIA TRICHEROUSA: THE THREE-HANDED ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

God often reminds us of His presence, especially in the midst of our difficulties: “And the LORD, he it is that does go before you; **he will be with you, he will not fail you, neither forsake you**: fear not, neither be dismayed” (Deuteronomy 31.8, cf. Hebrews 13.5).

One of the ways he reminds us is through myrrh-streaming icons (weeping icons), and we have had two of them in our own church, and several more in the homes of parishioners. This makes sense, because we stand before these icons, in church or in our prayer corners at home, and the Lord shows us through them that He hears our prayers and the intercessions of our friends, His Mother and the saints. Most often, it is icons of the Theotokos that weep.

In the 8th century, St. John of Damascus was falsely accused of intrigue before the Caliph, Abd al-Malik, who had John's right hand cut off. John prayed all that night before his icon of the Mother of God (above), and his hand was restored by morning. Though the Caliph then understood John's innocence and wanted to restore him to his post as Chief Counselor, John became a monk at the Monastery of St. Sabbas, near Jerusalem, and spent the rest of his days in prayer and composing hymns that we still use. He affixed a silver hand to his icon of the Theotokos, in remembrance of his miraculous healing, and took it to the Monastery.

In the 12th century, Serbian King Stephen Nemanja abdicated and became a monk at St. Sabbas. Later, he and his son Rastko were given this icon and blessed to found the Hilandar monastery on Mt. Athos, where the original remains. A replica is kept at St. Sabbas.

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. Ann Charlotte Smith, 8/23

Robert Abraham, 8/22

Fouad Musleh, Copper Trace Rehab., 8/17

Aristotle Nicolaidis, 8/15

Ihab Saleh, Marcèle's son, 9/18

Neil and **Themia** Sandven, cousins of Kh. Elaine Hanna, 9/18

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

Trenton Wesley, to be deployed in Afghanistan

The survivors and bereaved from the fires in Greece and California

All those suffering from illness, violence or war 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

The victims of the fires and of violence throughout the world

ST. GEORGE PARISH CALENDAR

August 2018

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	<i>Eve of the Great Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos</i> Divine Liturgy , 6:30 pm
Wed. 15	Vespers , 6:30 pm
Thu. 16	Festival Workday , kafta prep, 5 pm
Fri. 17	Festival Workday , kafta prep, 5 pm
Sat. 18	Festival Workday , kafta prep, 9 am Great Vespers , 5 pm • Confessions heard afterwards
Sun. 19	Matins , 8:50 am Choir practice , 9 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am • Church School classes • New Faces Reception • Charity Ministry meeting
Mon. 20	St. George Day at Chick-Fil-A , 6 am – 10 pm, 14647 Thatcher Ln, Carmel Church School Staff meeting , 7 pm
Tue. 21	Parish Council , 7 pm
Wed. 22	Outing to "An Interview with God" movie, 6 pm, 8105 E 96th Street <i>No Vespers</i>
Thu. 23	Choir practice , 7 pm

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