

# THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

## St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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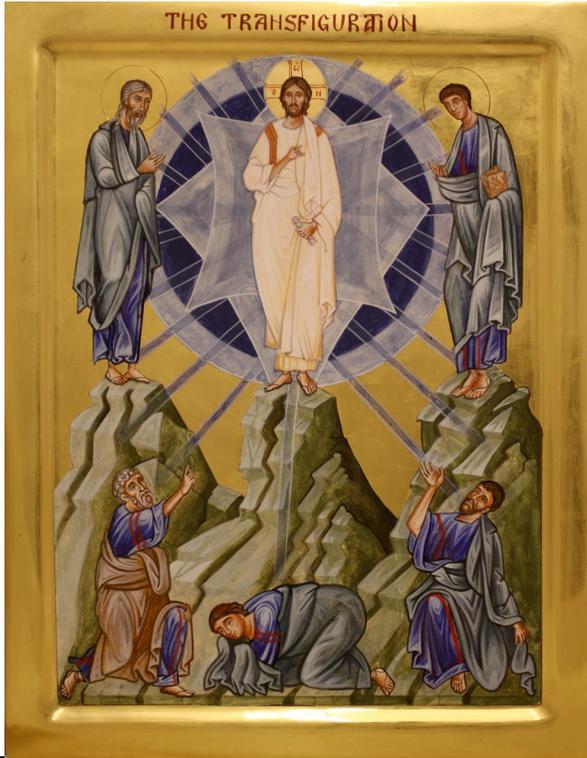
Sunday August 7th 2016

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle:

Gospel:

**Glory be to Jesus Christ!!!**



If you have never been to an Orthodox Church before you are about to participate in the Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy is the work of the people and that means that all of your prayers are necessary! We hope you will stay and join us for coffee hour in the atrium. Please feel free to ask Fr. Matthew any questions you might have! May God's blessings be upon all of you!

*7th Sunday After Pentecost*

Antiphons for Transfiguration— Blue Book pg. 166 Red Book 187

Tropar Tone 6- Blue Book pg. 96 Red Book pg. 111

Tropar and Kondak for Transfiguration— Blue Book pg. 167 red Book pg 189

*Blessing of Fruit and of Students starting the new school year*

### Weekly Schedule of Divine Services:

**Monday 8/8 7PM:** Paraklisis to the Mother of God

**Wednesday 8/10 9AM:** Divine Liturgy

**Saturday 8/13 4PM—** Great Vespers

**Sunday 8/14 10AM—** Divine Liturgy

Following Next Sunday's Divine Liturgy, at 12:45PM we will be Celebrating Great Vespers for the Dormition of the Mother of God.

- Camp Nazareth Slideshow during Coffee Hour!
- ACRY/ JR ACRY formational meeting following Liturgy today in the Library - If you are interested please see Nicole!
- If you have any pictures of events at St. Elizabeth's over the years please bring them in for a picture board!
- Please bring in any new school supplies for local children in need!
- Altar Society Book Sale— will be held on 8/19 and 8/20.
- Next Sunday's Coffee Hour will be provided by Peter Blanar. The Next three Sundays are still open, please consider signing up!

Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleining, Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela, Tyler, Maria, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blanar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae, The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, George, Fred and Helen Milesko, Robin, Michael, Dean, Margaret, Jenny (Blessed Repose) and Keith, Peter (blessed repose), Bishop Gregory and his family Bryan (Blessed Repose), Rick, the James Family, Fr. Scott, Rebecca Cooper (Blessed Repose), Fr. Paul Herbert, Josph, Boris, Maria (Blessed Repose), Maria Starcova, Ernie (Blessed Repose) Through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, St. Elizabeth, The Holy Fathers, and all the Saints, may our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us!



## ST. ELIZABETH ORTHODOX CHURCH

### About Transfiguration...

Transfiguration is one of the major Feasts of our Lord that are celebrated throughout the Church year. As one of the 12 major Feasts, you can find this Icon on the Iconostasis, it is the second to last one on the right hand (Christ) side.

Before the Transfiguration, Christ told his disciples He would suffer many things, die, and on the third day be raised (Matthew 16) He then asked Peter, John, and James to come with Him to the top of Mount Tabor. Christ then revealed the splendor of His Divinity to those chosen few disciples, and commanded them that they tell no one about what they witnessed until after His Resurrection.

Christ did this so that when the apostles beheld Him suffering the crucifixion they would know that He is the Son of God, and that He suffered willingly on the Cross for the sins of the world.

At the Transfiguration we see the fullness of the Kingdom of Heaven present in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Besides Peter, James and John—also present on Mount Tabor that Day were Moses and Elijah. Moses and Elijah represent the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah) and the fact that Christ is the fulfillment of everything promised in the Old Testament.

Christ is the fulfillment of everything contained in the Laws given to Moses; Jesus is the only Perfect One, the only Holy One who could fulfill the Law. Christ is also the one whom the prophets foretold of and so it is fitting to have the presence of these great Old Testament figures present at Christ Transfiguration to show us that Jesus Christ is truly the promised Messiah.

Each of us is called to be transfigured in the exact same way! Christ is our ultimate example. He came to open to us the doors of Paradise and show us how to get there. We are called to be transfigured, both in this life and in the life to come. How can we be transfigured now? We can start with the passions that plague us. We can transfigure pride into humility. We can transfigure greed into cheerful generosity. We can transfigure anger and resentment into forgiveness. We can transfigure our sinfulness into repentance. Ultimately we must all transfigure our hate into love. If we do this than the glory of the Kingdom of Heaven that shone through Christ at His Transfiguration will shine through each of us, just as it shines through the Saints now, in the Kingdom of Heaven!

We bless fruits and vegetables on this day in remembrance of the Transfiguration. As the seedlings are transfigured into fruits and vegetables we eat, so too are we in our sinfulness, because of Christ, able to be transfigured into his likeness!



You may have noticed this shroud representing the falling asleep of the Mother of God hanging in the back of the Church. Traditionally, the Icon of the Dormition, or The Falling Asleep of the Birthgiver of God is found in this very spot, in the back of the Nave of the Church. The reason for this is so that the Icon of the Dormition is the last thing we see as we leave the Church.

The Church teaches us that after three days in the tomb Mary's earthly body ascended into Heaven. The Birthgiver of God's ascension into Heaven shows us what it is to come in the general resurrection of all in the last days.

Mary shows us the potential that all humanity has through the saving actions of her Son and God Jesus Christ. It is because of her purity that she was received into Paradise. Mary shows us our potential if we imitate her holy life of humility, obedience, and love.

Throughout her entire life Mary was obedient to the will of God. She imitated Christ and became like Him. This is way she is called blessed by all generations, and why we look up to her as we leave the Church and re-enter the world. Mary reminds us of that we have been created for the same purpose as her, and with the same potential to be with Christ and His Saints in Paradise.