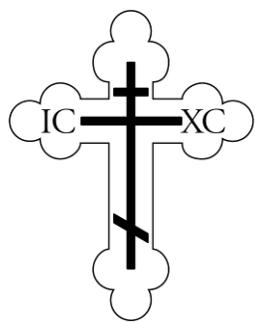
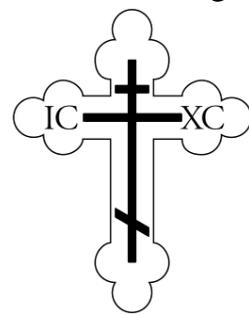


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**Welcome visitors!
Please join us in
the parish hall after
Divine Liturgy for
coffee hour.**

August 11, 2019

Afterfeast of Transfiguration

Holy Martyr Euplus of Catania († c. 304 A.D.)

The transfiguration of Christ is one of the central events recorded in the gospels. Immediately after the Lord was recognized by His apostles as “the Christ [Messiah], the Son of the Living God,” He told them that “He must go up to Jerusalem and suffer many things... and be killed and on the third day be raised” (Mt 16). The announcement of Christ’s approaching passion and death was met with indignation by the disciples. And then, after rebuking them, the Lord took

Peter, James, and John “up to a high mountain”—by tradition Mount Tabor—and was “transfigured before them.”

... and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as snow 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 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 raised from the dead” (Mt 17.1–92).

The Jewish Festival of Booths was a feast of the dwelling of God with men, and the transfiguration of Christ reveals how this dwelling takes place in and through the Messiah, the Son of God in human flesh. There is little doubt that Christ’s transfiguration took place at the time of the Festival of Booths, and that the celebration of the event in the Christian Church became the New Testamental fulfillment of the Old Testamental feast in a way similar to the feasts of Passover and Pentecost.

In the Transfiguration, the apostles see the glory of the Kingdom of God present in majesty in the person of Christ; they see that “in Him, indeed, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,” that “in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily” (Col 1.19, 2.9). They see this before the crucifixion so that in the resurrection they might know who it is who has suffered for them, and what it is that this One, who is God, has prepared for those who love Him. This is what the Church celebrates in the feast of the Transfiguration.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Tone 7 – Resurrectional Troparion

By Your Cross You destroyed death.

To the thief You opened Paradise.

For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.

And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,

to proclaim that You are risen,//

granting the world great mercy.

Tone 7 – Troparion of Transfiguration

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!

Tone 4 – Patronal Troparion

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy,

illumined by your coming, O Mother of God.

Beholding your pure image we fervently cry to you:

Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection.

Deliver us from every form of evil

by entreating Christ, your Son and our God//

that He may save our souls.

Tone 7 – Resurrectional Kontakion

The dominion of death

can no longer hold men captive,

for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.

Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:

“The Savior has come to those in faith;//

enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Tone 1 – Kontakion for the Martyr Euplus

With the love of Christ as your only defense,

you stood in the midst of your fight and said:

“I endure this struggle willingly and with confidence!”

You rejoiced, O Euplus, to offer your head to the sword

and so you completed your course.

Tone 7 – Kontakion of Transfiguration

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Tone 7 – Resurrectional Prokeimenon (Psalm 27)

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

∩ Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

Tone 4 – Prokeimenon for Transfiguration (Psalm 103)

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

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1.10-18

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been reported to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you.

What I mean is that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Alleluia verses (Psalm 91)

- ∇ It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High!
- ∇ To declare Your mercy in the morning and Your truth by night!

For Transfiguration: (Psalm 88)

- ∇ The heavens are Yours; the earth also is Yours!

Gospel: Matthew 14.14-22

At that time, when Jesus went out, He saw a great multitude, and He was moved with compassion for them and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him saying, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the multitudes.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

N.Dep. Pr. George Havrila

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Mary Ann Wysoki

Alice Radivan

John Bogdalik

Ev.Mem. Sergei Olfyuk ('33)

Fred Strok ('40)

Haretina Melnick ('82)

Michael Brischuk (2010)

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Andrew	Kenneth	Tom
Gideon	Anna	Nicholas
Kevin	Justin	Natalie
Jon	Nika	Barbara
Tanya	Leo	Kristin
Jovan	Melissa	Linda
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Warren	Matthew	Kay
Carol	Benjamin	Fred
Tom	Shaun	Larry
Elizabeth	Gail	Rollie

*If you know someone who needs prayer, please give their name to Fr Jacob

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to everyone who donated and worked at the women's sodality **rummage sale** this week. Rejects are still available in the hall through coffee hour today. Afterwards, we could use your help boxing it up. The Salvation Army will collect everything tomorrow.

For **Bible Study** this Wednesday please read Genesis 36-39. There will be a light supper served at Bible Study this week, following the **Lamentations to the Theotokos**.

The women's Sodality is **canning peppers** again this year. Reserve yours on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

The **women's book group** is holding a one-day potluck lunch discussion this **Saturday, August 17** beginning at 10am. The book is *Every Day Wonders: Stories of God's Providence* by Fr. Michael Oleksa, and it is available in the bookstore.

Following coffee hour on **Sunday, August 18**, the O-Club will host an **end-of-summer parish picnic** at the home of John and Mira Lukas. There will be swimming and games for the kids. The main course will be provided. Please bring a side dish.

Mark your calendars:

Aug 13: Women's Sodality meeting @ 10am

Aug 14: **Lamentations for the Theotokos @ 6pm**
Bible Study @ 7pm

Aug 15: Divine Liturgy for the **Dormition @ 10am**

Aug 18: **End-of-summer picnic** after coffee hour

Aug 28: Vespers for the **Beheading of John the Baptist @ 6pm**

Aug 29: Divine Liturgy for the **Beheading of John the Baptist**
at Descent of the Holy Ghost @ 10am

Sept 8: First day of **Sunday School**

Last week's offerings to the Lord: \$2,562

Let's Get Down to Basics, part 3

A reflection by His Grace, our Bishop Paul

Here are ten more things to add to the list of concrete things families can do to make the invisible God visible in family home life.

21. Read the daily life of a saint. One source for this can be found on the OCA web page. In most cases it doesn't take too long to read.
22. Go out for a family lunch/dinner with a family neighbor every three months.
23. Kids do the chores that you are given to do by your parents.
24. Have a family meal at least three times a week without tv or social media apps.

25. Parents let your kids have fun when you watch them at a soccer, football, or whatever game. Don't take it so seriously.
26. Parents and kids, make a list of people who don't like you and pray for them when you light a candle at church.
27. Parents, when talking about hot button items in the home (i.e. sex, violence, drugs etc.) listen and ask your kids for examples when they speak to you. Don't assume you are on the same page with the words you use.
28. Pick one topic every two months you can discuss with your kids where they can learn how to show love and acceptance towards people who have different values without compromising the Orthodox Faith. This is a toughie.
29. Have the family meet to discuss some conflicts when they arise that can involve the whole family in resolving the concerns (i.e. when rules seem unfairly applied).
30. Parents help your children to say a short prayer throughout the day to help them stay focused. (i.e. it can be the Jesus prayer, or a short line from the Psalms).

I think there are more things that can be added to this list. But these 30 items are more than enough to show how parents can make the invisible God visible to their kids in daily family life.

The Blessing of the Lord be upon you.

The unworthy +Paul

Glory to God for all things!