

The Weekly Messenger – August 2, 2015
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Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

We will celebrate a Vespertine Liturgy on Wednesday evening, August 5th
@ 7:00 pm

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on August 6. The feast commemorates the transfiguration or metamorphosis of Christ on Mount Tabor, when our Lord appeared in His divine glory before the Apostles Peter, James, and John. The event of the Transfiguration is recorded in three of the four Gospels: [Matthew 17:1-9](#), [Mark 9:2-8](#), and [Luke 9:28-36](#). Jesus took the Apostles Peter, James, and John with Him up upon a mountain, and while they were on the mountain Jesus was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and His garments became glistening white.

Moses and Elijah appeared with Christ, talking to Him. Peter declared how good it was for them to be there and expressed the desire to build three booths for Moses, Elijah, and Christ. This reference to the booths could imply that this occurred during the time of the Feast of Tabernacles when the Jews would be camping out in the fields for the grape harvest; for this Feast had acquired other associations in the course of its history, including the memory of the wanderings in the wilderness recorded in the Old Testament book of Exodus.

While Peter was speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." When the disciples heard this they fell on their faces filled with awe. Jesus came to them and told them to not be afraid. When the three looked up they saw only Jesus. As Jesus and His disciples came down the mountain, He told them not to speak of what they had seen until He had risen from the dead.

http://www.goarch.org/special/listen_learn_share/transfiguration

Reader Schedule: August 2nd Chris Manosis, August 9th Adam Coraluzzi, August 16th Reader Mark, August 23rd Chris Manosis, August 30th Michele Dardaris, September 6th Adam Coraluzzi

Monthly giving for August: Sunday school snacks, juice boxes, small bottles of water.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Deacon Michael Sochka, Joy, Jorgjia Kashari, Margarita, Tranette Ledford, Peter Melnik, Peter Mallios, Elaine Quirias, George Robos, Sophie, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Leslie Sochka, Andigoni Steffa, Mary Croke, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Commemorations for the Departed: Eleanor Zoidis, Charlie Adams, Michael Shields, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Upcoming Events:

August 2nd Memorial Eleanor Zoidis – 1 year

August 4th Parish Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Wednesday, August 5th Feast of the Transfiguration @ 7:00 pm

Saturday August 15th Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos @ 10:00 am

Week of August 17th - Fantasy Football Draft

Wednesday, August 19th Charity & Benevolence meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 9th Outreach Committee meeting 7:30 pm

September 13th Elevation of the Cross / Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic & Dinner

Wednesday, September 16th Stewardship meeting, 7:00 pm

September 20th Memorial Nancy Gregory - 6 month following the Divine Liturgy

September 24 – 26th Archdiocesan Assembly – Worcester MA.

November 15th Parish Nameday Celebration – Archbishop Nikon will celebrate Liturgy

Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar! To our parishioners and friends who celebrate their Nameday in August: 6th Holy Transfiguration (Sotir), August 15th Dormition of the Theotokos (Mary, Maria, Marie)

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much!

August 2nd Erion & Elvira Gusho

August 9th Qendro Family

August 16th Rubis Family in memory of Margarita (2 years)

August 23rd Nilda & Spartak

August 30th

September 6th

September 13th Sunday school Hot Dog Sale

Parishioner News: Congratulations to Traci Cosmo, who was hired by the Willingboro NJ School District as a kindergarten teacher. Traci begins her new career at the end of August. Many Years! *If you have news about a parishioner you would like to share please email info@stjohnsphila.org*