

The Weekly Messenger –August 3, 2014
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Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-17 Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

Message from Father Brooks: As we begin the Dormition Fast, we look toward two of the great Feast Days in the Orthodox Church calendar. The Feast of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor on 6 August (celebrated here on Sunday the 10th) and the Feast of the Dormition of Mary on 15 August (celebrated here on Sunday the 17th). In the future, we will be transitioning to celebrate a vesperal liturgy the evening before the actual Feast Day. For Transfiguration, it is customary in the Orthodox Church to bring grapes (or other fruit) to be blessed at the end of the liturgy. A good Fast and peace to all!

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newly Illuminated Emma, Betty Subashi, Philip Kosta, Luke Jablonski, Janice Leyden, Katherine Halkedis, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Larry Kosta, Leslie Sochka, Andigoni Steffa, Mary Croke, Paula Kosta, Candace Pepenelli, Kristin Snow, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Francesca Giansante, Flossie Vissar, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Commemorations for the Departed: Qiriako (Charlie) Adams, George Touros, John Croke, Catherine Bishop, Father Spero Page, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much!

August 3rd Rose Adams & Family (in memory of Charlie)

August 10th Kosta Family (in memory of Maria)

August 17th Rubis Family (in memory of Marguerita)

August 24th Bortner/Zoidis Families (in memory of Eva & Katherine)

August 31st Davit & Mirna

September 7th Marinela Prifti

September 14th Sunday School

Parishioner News:

On Saturday, 27 September we will be baptizing Aden Zebib, son of Sonja and Neil.

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

Upcoming Events:

August 3rd 3 year memorial - Qiriako (Charlie) Adams

August 5th Parish Council meeting 7:00 pm

August 10th 20 year memorial - Maria Kosta

August 17th 1 year memorial - Margaret Rubis, 40 days George Touros

August 24th 8 year memorial for Eva Bortner, William's grandmother

1 year memorial for Katherine Zoidis

40 day Memorial for Father Spero Page

Sept 6th (Saturday) Teacher workshop 9am – 12pm, appreciation luncheon will follow

Sept 9th (Tuesday) Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept 11th (Thursday) Young Adults Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept 16th (Tuesday) Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept. 21st Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic & Dinner Contact Donna Dimitri-Linda Biando

Sept 23rd Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept 26 & 27 Albanian Archdiocese Assembly Ss Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church

Nov. 29th Albanian Flag Day Dance 7pm – 11pm Contact Nilda Brahollari or Fiori Papa