

**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 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**@ 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](http://www.goarch.org/special/listen_learn_share/transfiguration)

**Reader Schedule:** August 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Manosis, August 9<sup>th</sup> Adam Coraluzzi, August 16<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, August 23<sup>rd</sup> Chris Manosis, August 30<sup>th</sup> Michele Dardaris, September 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Memorial Eleanor Zoidis – 1 year

August 4<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>** Feast of the Transfiguration @ 7:00 pm

**Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>** Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos @ 10:00 am

Week of August 17<sup>th</sup> - Fantasy Football Draft

Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> Charity & Benevolence meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> Outreach Committee meeting 7:30 pm

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

Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> Stewardship meeting, 7:00 pm

September 20<sup>th</sup> Memorial Nancy Gregory - 6 month following the Divine Liturgy

September 24 – 26<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan Assembly – Worcester MA.

November 15<sup>th</sup> Parish Nameday Celebration – Archbishop Nikon will celebrate Liturgy

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

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** Thank you very much!

August 2<sup>nd</sup> Erion & Elvira Gusho

August 9<sup>th</sup> Qendro Family

August 16<sup>th</sup> Rubis Family in memory of Margarita (2 years)

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Nilda & Spartak

August 30<sup>th</sup>

September 6<sup>th</sup>

September 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)*