

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For the health and prosperity of:**

Jaelyn Dantine on her birthday, offered by her family.

Readings:

- **1 Corinthians 3:9-17**
- **Matthew 14:22-34**

BRETHREN, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder. I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

Saturday service: Vespers – 6:PM

Sunday service:

Hours - 9:40 AM **Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**
 (Private Confession – Half hour before any service. Please don't delay the service.)
 (General Confession – 9 50 AM on the first Sunday of each month)
 (Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)
Church School – (has ended for the school year)

Coffee hour - after Liturgy

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Our parish welcomes Fr. Daniel and Matushka Evelyn to our church. We would like to thank them for making the journey to southern New Jersey to serve in our parish.

Announcements:

- **Starting today, the Very Reverend Daniel Hubiak will serve our parish until a permanent rector is assigned.** Fr. Daniel will serve Sunday Liturgies with Vespers the evening before.
- The feast day **“Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ”** is Monday, August 6th. **We plan to have Divine Liturgy for this feast tomorrow morning.** (Time to be announced.)
- **The next meeting of the Parish Council** was postponed to Sunday, August 12th, after coffee hour.
- **Today's meeting of the Sisterhood** of the Protection of the Theotokos will be postponed to September 9th.

Reminder:

- **Volunteers are needed to clean the church.** Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, downstairs, to indicate when you can help.
- **Dormition fast began** Wednesday and lasts until the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary on August 15th.
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the sign-up sheet at the candle stand.

Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to:
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The Transfiguration of Christ:

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, 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". 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."

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. 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.

The presence of **Moses and Elijah** is also of great significance for the understanding and celebration of the feast. Many of the hymns refer to these two leading figures of the Old Covenant as do the three scripture readings of Vespers which tell of the manifestation of the glory of God to these holy men of old. Moses and Elijah, according to the liturgical verses, are not only the greatest figures of the Old Testament who now come to worship the Son of God in glory, they also are not merely two of the holy men to whom God has revealed himself in the prefigurative theophanies of the Old Covenant of Israel. These two figures actually stand for the Old Testament itself: **Moses for the Law and Elijah for the Prophets.** And Christ is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.

They also stand for the living and dead, for Moses died and his burial place is known, while Elijah was taken alive into heaven in order to appear again to announce the time of God's salvation in Christ the Messiah. Thus, in appearing with Jesus on the mount of Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah show that the Messiah Saviour is here, and that he is the Son of God to whom the Father himself bears witness, the Lord of all creation, of the Old and New Testaments, of the living and the dead. The Transfiguration of Christ in itself is the fulfillment of all of the theophanies and manifestations of God, a fulfillment made perfect and complete in the person of Christ. **The Transfiguration of Christ reveals to us our ultimate destiny as Christians, the ultimate destiny of all men and all creation to be transformed and glorified by the majestic splendor of God himself.**

There is little doubt that the feast of the Transfiguration of Christ belonged first to the pre-Easter season of the Church. It was perhaps celebrated on one of the Sundays of Lent, for besides certain historical evidence and the fact that today Saint **Gregory Palamas, the great teacher of the Transfiguration of Christ,** is commemorated during Lent, the event itself is one which is definitely connected with the approaching death and resurrection of the Saviour.

The **feast of the Transfiguration** is presently celebrated on **August 6**, probably for some historical reason. The summer celebration of the feast, however, has lent itself very well to the theme of transfiguration. The blessing of grapes, as well as other fruits and vegetables on this day is the most beautiful and adequate sign of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. It signifies the ultimate flowering and fruitfulness of all creation in the paradise of God's unending Kingdom of Life where all will be transformed by the glory of the Lord.

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**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

Transfiguration of Our Lord

**Forefeast of the
Transfiguration of our Lord**

*Come, you faithful, let us welcome the Transfiguration of Christ,
and let us joyfully cry as we celebrate the prefeast:*

*"The day of holy gladness has come;
the Lord has ascended Mount Tabor
to radiate the beauty of His divinity."*

Troparion - Forefeast of the Transfiguration

On this day the Church remembers:

- Forefeast of the Transfiguration** • Martyr Eusignius of Antioch (362)
- Ven. Job of Ushchelsk (1628) • Hieromartyr Antherus (Antheros—236) and Fabian (250) • Popes of Rome. Martyr Pontious at Cimella in France (ca. 257) • Martyrs Cantidius, Cantidian, and Sibelius (Sobel) of Egypt • Righteous Nonna, mother of St. Gregory the Theologian (374)

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Tone 8 of the Octoechos
9th Sunday After Pentecost

Dormition Fast