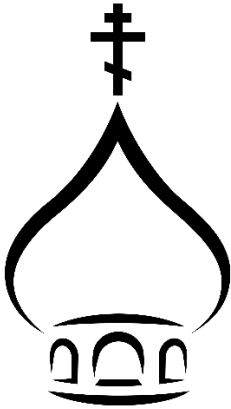


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 6, 2023

9th Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Transfiguration of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ



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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to St. Nicholas Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves to receive the Holy Sacrament.

(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)

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Schedule for the Week of August 6, 2023

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. The Holy Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ (Second “Feast of the Savior” in August).

Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Monday, August 2nd – Fr. Nikolai’s day off
Wednesday, August 9th – 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Friday, August 11th – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Victoria Lustig
In Memory of Victoria’s father, Viktor, on the 1st anniversary of his repose

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

****Live Stream will also be available for all services.****

Saturday, August 12	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, August 13	10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia
Monday, August 14	
Tuesday, August 15	Dormition 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, August 19	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, August 20	11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, August 26	5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, August 27	12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, August 29	Beheading of St. John 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

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The First Antiphon

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name, give glory to His praise! (Ps. 65:1)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

The voice of Thy thunder was in the whirlwind; Thy lightning lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook. (Ps. 76:17b-18) (*Refrain*)

Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. (Ps. 103:2) (*Refrain*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. (*Refrain*)

The Second Antiphon

Mount Zion in the far north is the city of the great King. (Ps. 47:2)

Refrain: O Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

And He brought them to the mountain of His sanctuary, this mountain which His right hand had won. (Ps. 77:58) (*Refrain*)

The Mount Zion which He loved, He built as His sanctuary with mighty strength. (Ps. 77:73b-74a) (*Refrain*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

("Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God...")

The Third Antiphon

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (*Ps. 124:1*)

Tone 7 Troparion

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos! O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

As the mountains are round about it, so the Lord is round about His people, from this time and forevermore. (*Ps. 124:2*)

Troparion of the Feast

O Lord, who shall sojourn in Thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell on Thy holy mountain? (*Ps. 14:1*)

Troparion of the Feast

Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? (*Ps. 23:3*)

Troparion of the Feast

Entrance Verse

Send out Thy light and Thy truth; they have led me and brought me to Thy holy mountain. (*Ps. 42:3*)

Tone 7 Troparion

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Tone 7 Kontakion

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.
(Ps. 103:26)

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)

Epistle

Read by Reader Matthew Lezinsky

((2 Peter 1:10-19) Transfiguration) Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease. For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine! (Ps. 88:11a)

Blessed are the people who know the festal shout! (Ps. 88:14b)

Gospel

((Matthew 17:1-9) Transfiguration) Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)

Tone 4

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!

Thy childbearing was without corruption; God came forth from thy body clothed in flesh, and appeared on earth and dwelt among men. Therefore we all magnify thee, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn

O Lord, we will walk in the light of Thy countenance, and will exult in Thy Name forever. *(Ps. 88:15)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Memory Of Viktor on the first anniversary of his repose
Offered by Victoria Lustig

Votives in Altar

In Honor Of Greg & Rosalie Radio's Anniversary
Offered by Radio & Tomsic Families

Votives in Iconostas

In Memory Of Thomas Leroy Hefflinger Sr., Offered by Patricia Ann Owens

Crosses

In Memory Of Anna Hutz, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry Bretz

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

In Memory Of Peter Kohudic

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

In Memory Of Michael & Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Joan

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

For Health Of Greg & Rosalie Radio on their Anniversary
Offered by Ethan, Owen, Talia & Jones

Vigils - Icon of St. John the Baptist (2)

For Health Of Yuri Guanowsky, Offered by Greg & Rosalie

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

Happy Birthday Yuri Guanowsky, Offered by Glenn, Carol & Taras

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of The Transfiguration of Our Lord

In Memory Of Departed Family & Friends, Offered by Peter & Sarah Jubinski

The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

Concerning the Dormition of the Theotokos, this is what the Church has received from ancient times from the tradition of the Fathers. When the time drew nigh that our Savior was well-pleased to take His Mother to Himself, He declared unto her through an Angel that three days hence, He would translate her from this temporal life to eternity and bliss. On hearing this, she went up with haste to the Mount of Olives, where she prayed continuously. Giving thanks to God, she returned to her house and prepared whatever was necessary for her burial. While these things were taking place, clouds caught up the Apostles from the ends of the earth, where each one happened to be preaching, and brought them at once to the house of the Mother of God, who informed them of the cause of their sudden gathering. As a mother, she consoled them in their affliction as was meet, and then raised her hands to Heaven and prayed for the peace of the world. She blessed the Apostles, and, reclining upon her bed with seemliness, gave up her all-holy spirit into the hands of her Son and God.

With reverence and many lights, and chanting burial hymns, the Apostles took up that God-receiving body and brought it to the sepulchre, while the Angels from Heaven chanted with them, and sent forth her who is higher than the Cherubim. But one Jew, moved by malice, audaciously stretched forth his hand upon the bed and immediately received from divine judgment the wages of his audacity. Those daring hands were severed by an invisible blow. But when he repented and asked forgiveness, his hands were restored. When they had reached the place called Gethsemane, they buried there with honor the all-immaculate body of the Theotokos, which was the source of Life. But on the third day after the burial, when they were eating together, and raised up the artos (bread) in Jesus' Name, as was their custom, the Theotokos appeared in the air, saying "Rejoice" to them. From this they learned concerning the bodily translation of the Theotokos into the Heavens.

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Some may not know, but Council Meetings are open to all Parishioners to observe. If you wish to attend, please let Fr. Nikolai or Jen know, so we know to expect you.

Pierogi Making Schedule

We will be making pierogi:

Monday, August 7, Tuesday, August 8, Wednesday, August 9

Monday, August 14, Tuesday, August 15, Wednesday August 16

NO Pierogi Making:

Monday, August 21, Tuesday, August 22, Wednesday, August 23

Please plan on coming to make our superb Halupki!

BACK TO MAKING

Monday, August 28, Tuesday, August 29, Wednesday, August 30

Welcome Back Children!

Sunday School Begins:

September 10 with a Moleben prayer immediately following Divine Liturgy

September 17 Sunday classes begin just before dismissal

Please see Karen Gowarty if you wish your child/grandchild to be enrolled in our Sunday School program if he/she has not been enrolled before this year.

Parents - Please also note that we have created an emergency contact form for our students. Please stop by the candle desk and fill out a form for each child enrolled in the Sunday School program. Thank you!

Church School Background Checks

In accordance with Diocesan policies and OCA statutes, all adults over the age of 18 who have regular contact with the Church School students must pass a background check.

This includes all parents who join their children in Church School regularly and all Church School teachers.

To get background check started, see Carmen Hodson.

HALUPKI 2022 - AUGUST 20th -23th (and maybe 24th)

Dear Parish Family,

We are getting ready for the tremendous task of making around 4,000 halupki. This is a big job, with many steps, requiring a lot of help. Please see the schedule and tasks below. Any and all help will be appreciated. Lunches will be provided each day. Please contact Val Roberts (610-264-7518) if you can help.

Sunday, August 20th after coffee hour:

Steam and devein cabbage, cook and mix 8-10 batches of rice/onions/seasoning, pick up meat for Monday, chop and cook cabbage for halushki, make sauce, rip foil for wrapping halupki and cabbage for halushki, count out trays for packs of 4 halupki, clean up and dishes

Monday, August 21st:

7:00: mix meat and make balls, steam cabbage, core rest of cabbage

8:00: roll halupki, cook and mix 6-8 batches of rice/onions/seasoning, make sauce

After rolling: devein cabbage, chop and cook cabbage for halushki, clean up and dishes

Late afternoon/evening: Repack trays into 4 packs with sauce, steam more cabbage and Wrap/freeze remaining large trays of halupki

Tuesday, August 22nd:

7:00: mix meat and make balls, steam cabbage if needed

8:00: roll halupki, cook and mix 4-6 batches of rice/onions/seasoning, make sauce

After rolling: devein if needed, chop and cook cabbage for halushki if needed, clean up and dishes

Late afternoon/evening: Repack trays into 4 packs with sauce, steam more cabbage and Wrap/freeze remaining large trays of halupki

Wednesday, August 23rd:

7:00: mix meat and make balls

8:00: roll halupki, make sauce

After rolling: Clean up and dishes

After halupki are all cooked: Wipe down roasters, break down halupki room, scrub floors - kitchen, hall by roasters and rolling tables, halupki room

Late afternoon/evening: Repack trays into 4 packs with sauce, steam more cabbage and Wrap/freeze remaining large trays of halupki

Thursday, August 24th:

If not done Wednesday - Scrub floors - kitchen, hall by roasters and rolling tables, halupki room

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1:00 – 5:00

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If you are interested in purchasing a shopping pass for \$5.00, please contact Jennifer Bzik. Passes will also be available for sale at the candle desk, during weekly Pierogi sales, and at the Texas Barbecue on September 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to get an early start on your holiday shopping. All proceeds go directly to St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church. Thank you for your support!

Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Prayers for the Health of the Servants of God:**

**Archbishop Melchisedek Pleska**

**Igumen: Patric Carpenter, David Lewis**

**Archpriests:** Thomas Edwards, John Perich, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Ian Shipley, Dennis Swenki, James Weremedic, John Onofrey

**Priests:** Nikolai Breckenridge, John Nightingale

**Deacons:** Geoffrey LoBalbo

**Matushki:** Liudmyla Breckenridge, Marie Mason, Johanna Bohush, Evelyn Edwards, Paraskeva Vansuch, Myra Kovalak, Gloria Martin, Priscilla Shipley, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic, Stephanie Onofrey, Julia Romanchak

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**Handmaidens of God:** Krista Irwin, Julianna Kahl, Tasha Roberts and their unborn children, Lydia Hashinger, Amanda Riley, Kaylee Riley, and their newborn children.

**Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.**