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On the Transfiguration of Our Lord

“What does it mean to say: He was transfigured?” asks the Golden-Mouthed Theologian (Chrysostomos). He answers this by saying: “It revealed something of His Divinity to them, as much and insofar as they were able to apprehend it, and it showed the indwelling of God within Him.”

The Evangelist Luke says: “And as He prayed, His countenance was altered” (Lk 9:29); and from the Evangelist Matthew we read: “And His face shone as the sun” (Mt 17:2). But the Evangelist said this, not in the context that this Light be thought of as subsistent for the senses (let us put aside the blindness of mind of those who can conceive of nothing higher than what is known through the senses). Rather, it is to show that Christ God, for those living and contemplating by the Spirit, is the same as the sun is for those living in the flesh and contemplating by the senses. Therefore, some other Light for the knowing the Divinity is not necessary for those who are enriched by Divine gifts.



August 7, 2016

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

- 8:50am – Hours
- 9:00am – Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Rom. 15:1-7
Gospel: Mt. 9:27-35
- Coffee Hour – everyone is invited for a fellowship following the service.

Schedule of Services

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

- 5:00pm - Parish Confessions
- 6:00pm - Great Vespers (followed by confessions)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

- 9:00am - Divine Liturgy
- 12:30pm - Great Vespers with Litya for the Feast of Dormition

Intercessory Prayers

We pray for all our fellow parishioners, and we pray especially for those who are incapable of being with us in church. Please keep in your prayers our Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Genevieve Bobenko, Mary Fechisin, Andrew Fabian, Edward Fedush, Mary Hadginske, Helen Kurnewitz, Margaret Lawler, Kathleen Lazorczyk, Marian Nagel, MaryAnn Rabakozi, Helen Rahnefeld, Anna Rozanovich, Nadia Sojka, Maryann Stagen, Eva Stashitsky, Ann Velebir.

That same Inscrutable Light shone and was mysteriously manifest to the Apostles and the foremost of the Prophets at that moment, when (the Lord) was praying. This shows that what brought forth this blessed sight was prayer, and that the radiance occurred and was manifest by uniting the mind with God, and that it is granted to all who, with constant exercise in efforts of virtue and prayer, strive with their mind towards God.

True beauty, essentially, can be contemplated only with a purified mind. To gaze upon its luminance assumes a sort of participation in it, as though some bright ray etches itself upon the face.

St. Gregory Palamas

Birthday Greetings

Happy birthday to **Kathy Lazorczyk**, who celebrates her birthday this Wednesday, and **Gregory Kary**, this Friday. May God grant both of you good health and happiness for Many Years! Mnohaja Lita!



Announcements

◆ **Dormition Fast** started on August 1, and will last until August 15. For two weeks we keep fasting in honor of the Falling Asleep of the Most Holy Theotokos. **Parish Confessions** for this fast are scheduled for Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 5pm.

◆ Save the date: **2016 Annual Dept. of Christian Education Conference** will be held in our Deanery on Saturday, August 20 at Mother of God Mission in Princeton, NJ. All interested are welcome. For more information please see a flyer at the bulletin board.

◆ Save the date: **Annual Diocesan Youth Day** at Six Flags Great Adventure is scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 2016. For more information and how to register (**by August 15**) please see a flyer at the bulletin board.

◆ **Enjoy your vacation** but remember to visit the Orthodox Church at your destination. To search for a local parish go to www.orthodoxinamerica.org and enter your location in the search panel. If you plan to receive Holy Communion, be sure that the priest knows who you are *before* the Divine Liturgy. It is always good form to approach the Chalice knowing that the priest is informed about you. Have a wonderful and safe summer!

◆ The Diocesan Department of Youth Ministry has several events planned for the upcoming months: **SAINT ANDREW'S CAMP BIKE RIDE** (August 27th); **GIRLS RETREAT** (November 11th); **ALTAR SERVERS RETREAT** (February 10-12, 2017), and more! Additional information and registration will be available and listed in the "upcoming events" section of the diocesan website www.nynjoca.org.