

SAINT MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

The Weekend of August 8/9, 2020

Saturday, August 8, 2020

Commemoration: Emilian the Confessor and Bishop of Cyzikos; Our Holy Father Myronus the Wonderworker, Bishop of Crete; Holy New Martyrs Triantaphillus of Zagoras and Anastasius of Thessalonica; Gregory of Sinai and Mount Athos; Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; Anastatios the Martyr from Bulgaria.

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, transfigured on Mount Tabor. Save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of the Transfiguration of Christ, Grave Tone

When you were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, you showed your disciples your glory as far as they could bear. So now, for us sinners also, let this same eternal light shine forth through the prayers of the Theotokos. O Giver of light, glory to you!

Hymn of Entrance

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, transfigured on Mount Tabor. Save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Repeat the Hymn of Transfiguration (above).

Hymn of the Dormition of the Theotokos, First Tone

In giving birth, you preserved your virginity, O Theotokos; in falling asleep you did not forsake the world. You passed over into life, O Mother of Life; and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death!

Kontakion of the Transfiguration of Christ, Grave Tone

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, showing your disciples as much of your glory as they could bear, so that when they see you crucified they will know that you suffer freely, and they will tell all the world that you are truly the radiance of the Father.

Epistle.....Romans 14:6-9

Brethren, he who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. He also who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God; while he who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord, and gives thanks to God. None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel.....Matthew 15:32-39

At that time, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days, and have nothing to eat; and I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way." And the disciples said to him, "Where are we to get bread enough in the desert to feed so great a crowd?" And Jesus said to them, "How many loaves have you?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish." And commanding the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied; and they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over. Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. And sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

Communion Hymn

Blessed are they whom You have chosen and received, O Lord. Their memorial abides from generation to generation. Alleluia.

Stewardship Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, our God, accept our offerings as You have accepted the gifts of Your people throughout the ages. We offer these gifts to Your glory, for the support of the ministries of Your holy Church, for the alleviation of suffering and hunger, and for the proclamation of Your Gospel to the whole world.

Grant us Your blessing, Lord our Savior, that we may always be faithful stewards, continuing to share the gifts you have given us, by the power of Your grace, mercy, and love. May Your name be glorified forever. Amen.

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Commemoration: Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; The Holy Apostle Matthias; Anthony the Martyr of Alexandria; Constantine, Patriarch of Constantinople; Euthymios the Hieromartyr, Metropolitan of Rhodes.

Morning Gospel: Ninth

Tone: Plagal Fourth

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Second Antiphon

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At the Small Entrance

Hymn of the Transfiguration of Christ, Grave Tone

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Hymn of Entrance

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Resurrection Hymn, Plagal Fourth Tone

From on high you descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to you, O Lord.

Repeat the Hymn of Transfiguration (above).

Hymn of the Dormition of the Theotokos, First Tone

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Kontakion of the Transfiguration of Christ, Grave Tone

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, showing your disciples as much of your glory as they could bear, so that when they see you crucified they will know that you suffer freely, and they will tell all the world that you are truly the radiance of the Father.

Epistle..... *I Corinthians 3:9-17*

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.

Gospel..... *Matthew 14:22-34*

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.

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Memorial Prayers this weekend are offered for:

Saturday: **Chris Muzetras** (1 year); **Spiro Sperides** (9 years)

Sunday: **Andreas Viktoros**

Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially:

The family of Christina Houck; Those suffering from COVID-19 and those who care for them; Our brothers and sisters living through the aftermath of disaster; For the victims of violence; Families Moving Forward; Metro Hope Ministries; Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry; FOCUS Minnesota; Our brothers and sisters serving in the Armed Forces throughout the world especially John Ellis; San Miguel Del Lago Orphanage; Deb, Peter, Sarah, Maia, Judith, Jeanette, Travis, Kristina, Kassie, Tahnlee, Lois, Kalli, Alex, Presvytera Pat Tsagalakis, Quinn, Annie, Sue & Jim, Steve, Sue, Jane, Carole, Rifka, Pat, Nancy, Mary Muzetras, Dave, Pam Katie, Bri, Gilbert, George P., Barbara, Thespina, Danielle, Jenny, John L., Steven E., Samir and Samira, Julia, Presvytera Janis, Sandra, Sophia, George, Rick, Bryn, Phil, Karen, Kristina, Phil, Marnie and family; Joyce, Dorla, Linda, Fr. Elias, Vicki, Bill, Diana, Elpis Fotini, Dina, Landon, Luke, Aemiliane, Doria, Mike, Stephanie, Tyler, Ben, Brittany, Amy, Shinia, Chelsea, Christy, Karen, Anastasia, Jamie, Alex and Alexander, Zoe Kakos, Slibe, Saleh & Deanna, Kristine, Henry, Toni, Gina, Julie, R.J., Allie, Elena, Speranta, Alexander, Stephanie, John, Vickie, Petra, Bob, Joseph, Avgi, Christopher, Alki, Elizabeth, Jaxon, Olle, Judi, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.

Calendar of the Week

Monday, August 10

6:00 p.m. – Paraklesis *

Tuesday, August 11

6:00 p.m. – Paraklesis *

7:15 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 12

6:00 p.m. – Holy Unction

Registration requested.

Thursday, August 13

6:00 p.m. – Paraklesis *

Friday, August 14: Eve of Dormition

5:00 p.m. – Dormition Retreat for Church School Students

Registration requested for retreat.

6:00 p.m. – Great Vespers *

Saturday, August 15: The Dormition of the Theotokos

9:00 a.m. – Orthros; 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Registration requested.

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers *

Sunday, August 16: Tenth Sunday of Matthew

8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Registration requested.

11:45 a.m. – Missions and Outreach Meeting

* = services when advance registration is not asked.

The Dormition of the Theotokos ~ Our Parish Feast Day

Dormition Retreat

Kids in kindergarten through grade 12 are invited to attend our annual Dormition Retreat on Friday, August 14, 5:00-6:00 p.m. We plan to decorate the Kouvouklion for the Theotokos and have a lesson about the Theotokos and other fun events leading up to Great Vespers. Space is very limited this year due to the health crisis. A notice with a sign up link was sent via e-mail on Friday afternoon.

Feast Day Worship

Friday, August 14

6:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Saturday, August 15

9:00 a.m. – Orthros; 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

(Registration required for August 15)

In observance of the Feast, the Church and Office will be closed on Monday, August 17.

In the Bookstore...

- Father George's new book *Made for Union: The Sacramental Spirituality of St. Nikodemos of the Holy Mountain* has arrived! Because the bookstore is closed indefinitely due to the pandemic, copies are available in the church office.
- The next book for the Philoptochos Book Club, *Grand Duchess Elizabeth of Russia, New Martyr of the Communist Yoke*, is now available in the church office. The cost is \$30.00.

Charge card payments are accepted.

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

August's recipient is Community Emergency Service.

Current highly sought after items:

#1 - sugar; #2 - laundry detergent

Also needed are: dish soap, grape or strawberry jelly, pork and beans, chicken stock/broth, cornmeal, juice, garlic and garlic powder, tea, tortillas

Volunteer opportunities are available. Please visit the CES website:

<https://www.cesmn.org/help/volunteer>

From the Fathers...on Christ

The person who listens to Christ fills himself with light;
and if he imitates Christ, he reclaims himself.

—*Saint Thalassios the Libyan*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, August 10

Corinthians 15:12-19 • Matthew 21:18-22

Tuesday, August 11

I Corinthians 15:29-38 • Matthew 21:23-27

Wednesday, August 12

I Corinthians 16:4-12 • Matthew 21:28-32

Thursday, August 13

II Corinthians 1:1-7 • Matthew 21:43-46

Friday, August 14: Eve of Dormition

II Corinthians 1:12-20 • Matthew 22:23-33

Saturday, August 15: Dormition of the Theotokos

Philippians 2:5-11 • Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Sunday, August 16: Tenth Sunday of Matthew

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • Matthew 17:14-23

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