

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Jesus called Himself “The Light of the World.” The main hymn of this feastday calls Christ “The Giver of Light.” Ever since the time of our Lord, this mysterious substance of light has been associated with divinity. While man’s pollution has profoundly affected the air, sea and soil, light remains that pristine life-giving substance that reflects the glory of Christ.

The Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration in eloquent detail. Jesus one day took three of His apostles, Peter, James and John, up Mount Tabor and there He was profoundly transfigured before them. The Greek word for this is “METAMORPHOSIS.” Matthew says “His face shone as the sun, and His clothing was white as light.” Standing beside Him were Moses the great law-giver, and the Prophet Elijah, who was taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire.

As the Apostles fell to the ground in awe, a great cloud encompassed the transfigured Lord, and a Voice was heard proclaiming: “This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased. Hear Him.” Peter said “Lord, it is good for us to be here,” and suggested the building of tabernacles. Then the Lord touched His Apostles, taking away their fear and bid them return from the mount.

The Transfiguration of our Lord is a great feastday from antiquity in the Eastern Church. May we strive to see the light of our Master’s everlasting presence.

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

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6TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Orthros 9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy immediately following the Orthros.

AUGUST SCHEDULE:

SUN Aug 1	6th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
FRI Aug 6	Holy Transfiguration	9:00 a.m.
SUN Aug 8	7th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
SUN Aug 15	Dormition of the Theotokos	9:00 a.m.
SUN Aug 22	9th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
SUN Aug 29	Beheading of St. John the Baptist	9:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE:

WED Sept 1	Ecclesiastical Year	9:00 a.m.
SUN Sept 5	11th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
WED Sept 8	Nativity of the Theotokos	9:00 a.m.
SUN Sept 12	Sunday Before Holy Cross	9:00 a.m.
TUE Sept 14	Holy Cross	9:00 a.m.
SUN Sept 19	Sunday After Holy Cross	9:00 a.m.
SUN Sept 26	Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian	9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER SCHEDULE:

SUN Oct 3	2nd Sunday of Luke	9:00 a.m.
SUN Oct 10	3rd Sunday of Luke	9:00 a.m.
MON Oct 11	Memorial Day. Office Closed	
SUN Oct 17	7th Ecumenical Council	9:00 a.m.
SUN Oct 24	6th Sunday of Luke	9:00 a.m.
SUN Oct 31	5th Sunday of Luke	9:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

SUN Nov 7	7th Sunday of Luke	9:00 a.m.
SUN Nov 14	8th Sunday of Luke	9:00 a.m.
SUN Nov 21	Entrance of The Theotokos	9:00 a.m.
TH Nov 25	Thanksgiving. Office Closed.	
Sun Nov 28	13th Sunday of Luke	9:00 a.m.

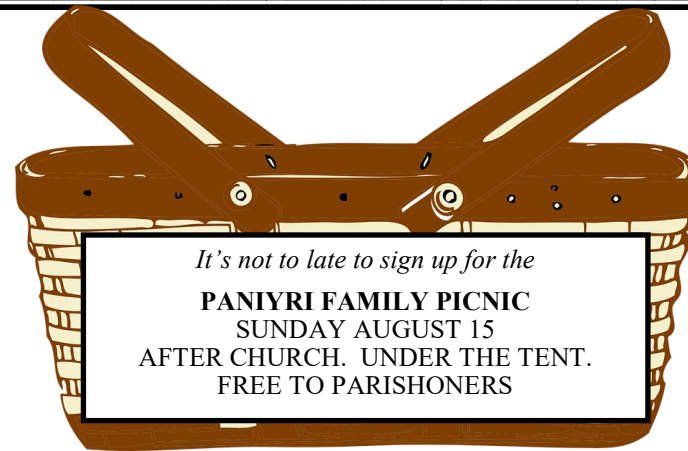
Dormition of the Theotokos and
Transfiguration Services

Mon Aug 2	6:30 pm Paraklesis
Wed Aug 4	6:30 pm Paraklesis
Th Aug 5	7:00 pm Vespers for the Transfiguration
Fri Aug 6	9:00 am Holy Transfiguration
Fri Aug 6	6:30 pm Paraklesis
Mon Aug 9	6:30 pm Paraklesis
Wed Aug 11	6:30 pm Paraklesis
Fri Aug 13	6:30 pm Paraklesis
Sat Aug 14	6:30 pm Great Vespers Dormition of the Theotokos

The Service of the Small Paraklesis
(Intercessory Prayer to the Most
Holy Theotokos)

The service of the Small Paraklesis
is conducted in alternation with the
Great Paraklesis during the
Dormition Fast (August 1-14). It is
chanted in times of distress and
sorrow of soul and is one of the most
popular services of the Orthodox
Church.

Please join us for these beautiful and
powerful prayer services through
August 15th.



CONGRATULATIONS!

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, announced that as of July 1, 2021, Rhea Ballas (a native of Akron and friend to many in Canton) has joined the Archdiocese Staff as Assistant Director for the Department of Youth Safety Compliance

The Archbishop, Metropolitan, all the clergy and lay leadership of the Archdiocese and Metropolis, and the Parish of St. Haralambos wish her many years of rich and beneficial ministry to the wonderful communities of this sacred Archdiocese. Axia!

Welcome!

The church has hired a new office
secretary! Stop by the office and welcome
Laurie Coy to our church family.

The word Transfiguration according to Webster is
1a) a change in form or appearance:
metamorphosis
1b) an exalting, glorifying, or spiritual change

The word Transfiguration according to the Bible is:
An event where Jesus is transfigured and becomes
radiant in glory upon a mountain.

In Greek Orthodoxy, the event is called the
metamorphosis. What does it mean to you?

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

For Our Armed Forces

Protect, heavenly Father, our brothers and sister engaged in all branches of our Armed Forces. Arm them with faith, courage and loyalty. Defend and deliver them from all danger and harm of body, mind and spirit. Grant victory to them as they struggle for peace. Send to us and to the whole world a just and lasting peace to the glory of your Holy Name, of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

For Peace

Almighty God, you who are the Father of all the people of the earth, we pray that you will keep us from the cruelties of war and civil disorder. Lead us in the way of peace. Teach us to put away all bitterness and misunderstanding, all hatred and prejudice, that we may draw together as one Family of God, and live always in the fellowship of the Prince of Peace, to whom we give glory, honor and thanksgiving, together with you, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

For our President and other Leaders

Holy God, in all humility we pray to you who are the source of wisdom. Bless and grant perfect health of mind and body to our President, our Governors and all the loyal leaders of our country. Direct their thoughts, Lord, in the way of truth, that they may enact, order and enforce those things that are true, those things that are pure, those things that are just, tending toward all excellence and virtue. Enlighten them to govern and to lead our people in the ways of your righteousness for you are Holy, now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen.



Nothing can replace the influence of unconditional love in the life of a child.

Mister Rogers

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.

Ἦχος πλ. α΄. Αὐτόμελον.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠϋδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Τοῦ Σταυροῦ

Τοῦ Μηναίου

Ἦχος α΄

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ὡς στῦλος ἀκλόνητος, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Χριστοῦ, καὶ λύχνος ἀείφωτος, τῆς οἰκουμένης σοφέ, ἐδείχθης **Χαράλαμπες**· ἔλαμψας ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, διὰ τοῦ μαρτυρίου. ἔλυσας καὶ εἰδώλων τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος βαρύς.

Ἐπὶ τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὡς ἐχώρουν οἱ Μαθηταί σου τὴν δόξαν σου, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἐθεάσαντο, ἵνα ὅταν σε ἴδωσι σταυρούμενον, τὸ μὲν πάθος νοήσωσιν ἐκούσιον, τῷ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὅτι σὺ ὑπάρχεις ἀληθῶς, τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ ἀπαύγασμα.

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Ressurrectional Apolytikion

Mode pl. 1. Automelon.

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

FOR THE CROSS

From Menaion

Mode 1

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

Hymn of the Church

As a pillar unshaken of Christ's holy Church, and lamp ever-burning to all the world you emerged, O wise **Haralambos**; in all the world you shined, with the martyrdom you suffered, you dispelled the dark night, of the idols, O blessed; whence, with courage do intercede, to Christ that we may be saved

Kontakion

Grave Mode

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

August 1, 2021 6th Sunday of Matthew

Romans 12: 6-14



Epistle

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

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The Gospel According to Matthew 9: 1-8



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins," he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.