

WELCOME TO  
**SAINT NICHOLAS  
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**The Transfiguration Of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**Today's Hymns and Readings**

**Apolytikion of the Transfiguration Tone 7:** When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

**Kontakion of the Transfiguration Tone 7:** Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

**The Trisagion Hymn:**

**English:** Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

**Arabic:** Qudduson ullah, Qudduson ulqawi, Qudduson ullahdhi, la yamut urhamna.

**Greek:** Agios O Theos, Agios Ischiros, Agios Athanatos, eleison imas.

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

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Dynamis!

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

**The Epistle (For the Transfiguration)**

*O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

*The Reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Peter 1:10-19*

Brethren, be the more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore, I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made surer. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.



**The Holy Gospel (For the Transfiguration)**

*The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 17:1-9*

At that time, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if Thou wilt, I will make three booths here, one for Thee and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; hear Him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is risen from the dead."

## Paraklesis & Dormition Fast


A paraklesis is a service of “supplication” specifically for the living (as opposed to a Memorial Service, which is a supplication for the departed). Paraklesis translated from Greek literally means “a pleading.” This service is most often addressed to the Theotokos, but may be used to seek the intercessions of any saint. The distinguishing feature of a paraklesis is the inclusion of a supplicatory canon to the saint whose intercessions are being sought. A paraklesis can be served as a stand-alone service or, in a slightly abbreviated form, in conjunction with Vespers. It is appropriate to be served at any time of need. In Slavic practice, there is a similar service that is called a “molieben” –served as a stand-alone service or in conjunction with the Divine Liturgy.

During the Dormition Fast (August 1-14), a paraklesis is appointed to be served each evening, except on Saturday evenings and the eves of the feasts of Transfiguration (August 6) and Dormition (August 15). The paraklesis of the Dormition Fast use, on alternate days, Small Supplicatory Canon to the Most Holy Theotokos (composed by Theosterictus the Monk in the 9<sup>th</sup> century) and Great Supplicatory Canon to the Most Holy Theotokos (composed by Emperor Theodore I Ducas Lascaris in the 13<sup>th</sup> century). The cycle of the Dormition paraklesis is determined by two guidelines: (a) the cycle begins with the Small Supplicatory Canon whenever August 1 falls on a Monday through Friday; and (b) on Sunday evenings, the Great Supplicatory Canon is always appointed. *[Pastoral discretion is used for which canon will be served and when during the Dormition Fast for practical usage in a parish community.]*

### Parish Treasury Report

2023	June 30, 2023	YTD
Income:	\$18,912.90	\$128,947.71
Expense:	\$19,987.74	\$128,429.99

7/7/2023 Checkbook: \$57,206.70 Mortgage: \$32,894.71



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Welcome to our church community! We are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. We are the jurisdiction of the Orthodox Christian Church whose roots trace directly back to first century Antioch, the city in which the disciples of Jesus Christ were first called “Christians” (Acts 11:26). The Orthodox Church is the oldest and second largest Christian group in the world. We are called by God our creator to worship and follow Him, and to proclaim to the world His message of love, peace and salvation.