



**Sunday August 6, 2017 9th SUNDAY AFTER  
 PENTECOST — Tone 8.**

THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
 GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

**This Week's Schedule**

*Saturday 8/12 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.*

*Sunday 8/13 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.*

*followed by Coffee Hour*

**Reader Schedule**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>EPISTLE</b>
Aug 06	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	LEWIS
Aug 13	WALES	WALES	WALES
Aug 15	DORMITION		
Aug 20	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	CAREY
Aug 27	LEWIS	PECK	PECK

## Hymns and Prayers

### The First Antiphon

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise! (*Ps.65/66:1*)

**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.76/77:18*)

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

Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. (*Ps.103/104:2*)

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

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

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

### The Second Antiphon

Mount Zion in the far north is the city of the great King. (*Ps.47/48:2*)

**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.77/78:54*)

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

The Mount Zion which He loved, He built as His sanctuary with mighty strength. (*Ps.77/78:68*)

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

## The Third Antiphon

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (*Ps.124/125:1*)

### 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.124/125:2*)

### *Troparion of the Feast*

O Lord, who shall sojourn in Thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell on Thy holy mountain? (*Ps.14/15:1*)

### *Troparion of the Feast*

Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? (*Ps.23/24:3*)

### *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.42/43:3*)

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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 should 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 art Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them  
all! (*Ps 103/104:24*)

*v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!*  
(*Ps 103/104:1*)

#### **Epistle 2 Peter 1:10-19**

*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!

*v: The heavens art Thine; the earth also is Thine. (Ps 88/89:11)*

*v: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout! (Ps 88/89:15a).*

### **Gospel Matthew 17:1-9**

*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 88/89:15b)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## *This Week's Announcement*

**Transfiguration** Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. This feast commemorates our Lord's transfiguration before his disciples on Mt. Tabor. In His Transfiguration He reveals His glory to the disciples. In Him they (and we) now see for themselves the glory of God present in the person of Christ. On Mt. Tabor the cloud signified the Divine Presence and both Moses and Elijah had beheld the presence of God, as the Readings at the Vespers of the Feast point out, and thus were appropriate witnesses on Mt. Tabor to Christ's divinity. In addition, as Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, how appropriate it was for those who par excellence represented the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah) to be present. The Lord took His three closest disciples (Peter, James and John) with Him on the mountain for, although God sometimes reveals Himself to sinners in quite unexpected ways, it is usually those who have followed Him long and faithfully who are privileged to enter into the joy of the Transfiguration of the Master.

**VCS Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>-Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>** 2017 Vacation Church School will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 7, 8 & 9 from 5:30-8:00 PM. All of our Orthodox youth are invited to participate. We will begin each evening with a Family Potluck Dinner 5:30-6:00 PM followed by Activities, Crafts, Skits and more from 6:00-7:40 PM. Each day we will conclude with Evening Prayers at 7:40 p.m. All parents are encouraged to help with meal & snack coordination, skits, songs, crafts, etc. Please sign up in the narthex with child's name (first & last), age, and shirt size.

**Dormition Fast and August Feast Days** The liturgical calendar comes to its close in August with the fourth and final fasting season of the Church year along with two major feasts. Every year the Orthodox Church sets aside the first fourteen days of August in honor of the Virgin Mary. This fast period begins on August 1<sup>st</sup> and peaks on August 15<sup>th</sup>, when the Church gathers to celebrate the great feast of the Dormition (Falling-Asleep) of the Theotokos. Join us on Mon. Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for Vespers and then Tues. Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> for Divine Liturgy and blessing of flowers, herbage, and seeds.

**Parish Pot Luck Today** We invite all to stick around for parish potluck and extended fellowship today.

**Book Review** Attention Parents/Grandparents/Godparents: I wanted to recommend a book in our bookstore called "Parenting Toward the Kingdom" by Dr. Phillip Mamalakis. I put off reading it, (probably because parenting books make me feel guilty, since two of my kids are practically grown...) but I have to admit it really has excellent advice in how to nurture the virtues in your children, and in ourselves. The best part about the book is that it frames children's daily struggles as spiritual struggles, and suggests how parents should respond now, to give their kids the tools to fight spiritual battles long term, in life. Even if your kids are grown, you might want to read it for the grandkids and godchildren .  
--Juliana Bunitsky

**Wisdom from the Holy Fathers**

*A place cannot save you...Because there is no place where you can flee from yourself.*

*St. Nikon of Optina*

*Do not dispute over the truth with someone who does not know the truth; but from the person eager to know the truth, do not withhold words from him.*

*St. Isaac the Syrian*

*'Patiently endure the distressing and painful things that befall you, for through them God in His providence is purifying you.'*

*St. Thalassios the Libyan*

*At least once in our life we must light a candle for those whom we insulted, whom we deceived, whom we stole something from, whom we owed, and we did not pay our debt.*

*Counsels of Saint Seraphim of Viritsa*

**Prayers for the Departed:** *Protodeacon Gregory Hatrack, Anwor Kawaja, William Hulik*

**Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:** *Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, JamesHicks, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Michael Vannello, Catalina (Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Carson, George Coyle, Joanna Carey, Anthony, Nedwin & Pearl Minnich, Patricia, Ketevan, & Claramond Sensor, Elizabeth (Beverly) Hulik*

**Prayers for Women and the Child to be born:** *Elizabeth Clause, Mary (Misty) Robinson, Elizabeth Brasowski*

**Prayers for Catechumens:** *Stephanie Smiertka Riley*

**Prayers Newly Illumined/ Chrismated:** *Josephine Didonatos, Carolyn Peck, Johan Asfeha-Waters*

<b>Date</b>	<b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>	<b><u>Service Duty</u></b>	<b><u>Church Clerk</u></b>	<b><u>Library</u></b>
<b>06-Aug</b>	Pot Luck	Sheeler/Baldychev	Suplizi	Skomorucha
<b>13-Aug</b>	Kraiter /Cretu /Vladirova	Bunitsky/Lewis	Riley	Maloney
<b>20-Aug</b>	Pacienza /Georg	Elia/Morjana	Hines	Lewis
<b>27-Aug</b>	Souder /Riley	Riley	Bunitsky	Gundersen

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Aug-06 TRANSFIGURATION SHARED

Aug-13 Rafael

Aug-20 Roel

Aug-27 Andrew