

Extraordinary Parish Assembly

On Friday, August 18th, the eve of the Transfiguration of our Lord, we will have a vespers service at 5 p.m. Following the service, at 6 p.m., there will be a parish assembly with our Dean, Fr. Djuro Krosnjar.

All parishioners in good standing are encouraged to attend this informative meeting.

Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

On Saturday, August 19, we will celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord, one of the 12 Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church. Divine Liturgy will be at **8:30 a.m.**

On the Transfiguration of Our Lord

According to St. Nikolai (Velimirovich) of Zhicha and Ohrid, he writes concerning the Transfiguration in his Prologue of Ohrid, "In the third year of His preaching, the Lord Jesus often spoke to His disciples of His approaching passion but at the same time of His glory following His suffering on the Cross. So that His impending passion would not totally weaken His disciples and that no one would fall away from Him, He, the All-wise, wanted to partially show them His divine glory before His passion. For that reason, He took Peter, James and John with Him and, with them, went out at night to Mt. Tabor and there was transfigured before them: 'And His face shone as the sun and His garments became white as snow' (St. Matthew 17:2).

"There appeared along side Him, Moses and Elijah, the great Old Testament prophets. And, seeing this, His disciples were amazed. Peter said: 'Lord, it is good for us to be here: if You will, let us make here three tabernacles [i.e. tents / booths]; one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah' (St. Matthew 17:4). While Peter still spoke, Moses and Elijah departed and a bright cloud overshadowed the Lord and His disciples and there came a voice from the cloud saying: 'This is my beloved

Transfiguration cont'd.

Son in Whom I am well pleased; hear Him.' (Matthew 17:5).

"Hearing the voice, the disciples fell to the ground on their faces as though dead and remained that way, lying in fear, until the Lord came near to them and said: 'Arise and be not afraid.' (St. Matthew 17:7)

"...Until then, our Lord manifested His divine power many times to the disciples but, on Mt. Tabor, He manifested His divine nature. This vision of His Divinity and the hearing of the heavenly witness about Him as the Son of God, should serve the disciples in the days of the Lord's passion, in strengthening of an unwavering faith in Him and His final victory."

The Mother of God's Summertime Fast

We are currently in the Dormition Fast dedicated to the Mother of God which started on August 14th. The summertime fast of the Dormition is especially beneficial in detoxing us from the greater distractions and temptations associated with the lackadaisicalness of summer. Fasting, in itself, is good, but one must follow up by filling the vessel of the temple of our bodies with the spiritual ambrosia of God, that is, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is encouraged that all parishioners—esp. our adult parishioners—use this opportune time of the Dormition Fast to not only fast but also commune more regularly.

—Fr. Kristijan

Feast of the Dormition [Falling Asleep]- Assumption of the Mother of God

On Monday, August 28, we will celebrate the Dormition of the Mother of God, also one of the 12 Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church. On that day we conclude the Dormition Fast. There will be Great Vespers at 5 p.m. on the eve of the feast, August 27, followed by Divine Liturgy on Monday at 10 a.m.

On the Dormition of the Mother of God

According to St. Nikolai (Velimirovich), he writes concerning the Dormition, "On one occasion, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to the Mother of God and revealed to her that within three days she will find repose. ...She returned to her home with great joy, desiring in her heart once more to see in this life, all of the apostles of Christ. The Lord fulfilled her wish and all of the apostles, borne by angels in the clouds, gathered at the same time at the home of John on Zion. ... Following that, she peacefully gave up her soul to God without any pain or physical illness.

"The apostles took the coffin with her body from which an aromatic fragrance emitted and, in the company of many Christians, bore it to the Garden of Gethsemane to the sepulchre of [her parents], Saints Joachim and Anna. ...

"The Apostle Thomas was absent, again according to God's Providence... . On the third day, Thomas arrived and desired to venerate the body of the Holy All-pure one. But when the apostles opened the sepulchre, they found only the winding sheet and the body was not in the tomb. That evening, the Theotokos appeared to the apostles surrounded by a myriad of angels and said to them: 'Rejoice, I will be with you always.' It is not exactly known how old the Theotokos was at the time of her Falling Asleep but the overwhelming opinion is that she was over sixty years of age."



Kolo Meeting

The Kolo will have its next monthly meeting Tue., Aug 29 at 6 p.m. All members are kindly asked to attend.

Choir News

The Choir is having weekly practices on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in preparation for our fall concert weekend. All members are asked to attend.

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Blessing of the New School Year cont'd.

On Sunday, September 3rd, please bring your children to church for the important reading of the Prayer of the Holy Spirit after the Divine Liturgy to begin the new Orthodox school year. On this day, holy water is sprinkled upon our children's heads as a blessing to enlighten their minds. This is not only to bless them in their Christian studies-*veronauka* but also in their secular studies as well! If you know of any parents with school age children, please remind them that the church school is starting!

Health Donations

For the health of Mary Ann Boyat: Carol Griak, Donna Benson

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For the health of Mary S. Petrich on the occasion of her birthday: Anna Mae Westerlund, Dolly Hoyrup, Sam Misceovich

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Bulletin Donations

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Calendar Reminders

•**Fri. Aug. 18**—Vespers at 5 p.m. and Parish Assembly with Dean Fr. Djuro Krosnjak at 6 p.m.

•**Sat. Aug. 19**—**Transfiguration**—Liturgy at 8:30 a.m.

•**Sun. Aug. 20**—Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.

•**Wed. Aug. 23**—Choir Practice at 6 p.m.

•**Sat. Aug. 26**—Vespers at 5 p.m.

•**Sun. Aug. 27**—Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.; Great Vespers at 5 p.m.

•**Mon. Aug. 28**—**Dormition of the Mother of God**—Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.

•**Sun. Aug. 29**—Kolo Meeting at 6 p.m.

•**Wed. Aug. 30**—Choir Practice at 6 p.m.

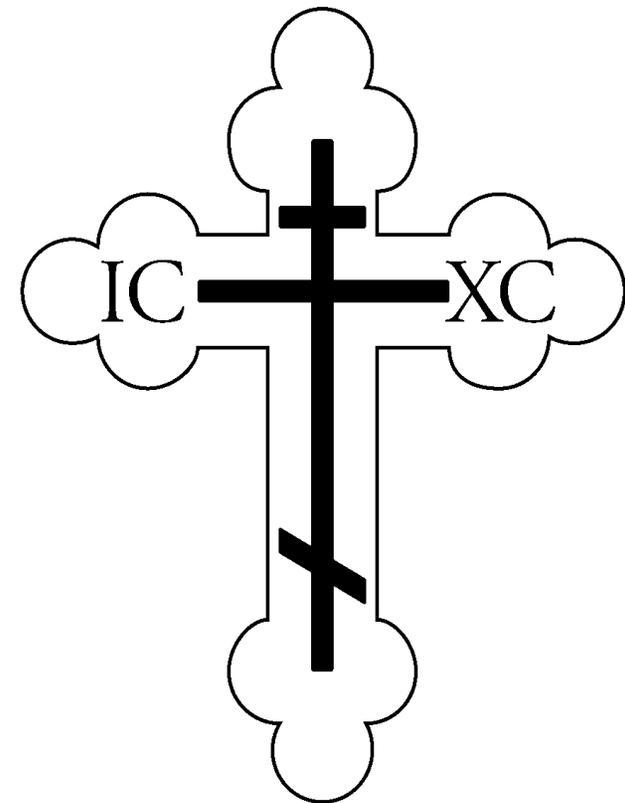
•**Sun. Sept. 3**—**Blessing for the Beginning of the New School Year (please bring your children!)**—Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.

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