



Aug. 6, 2017

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Liturgical Schedule

- Aug. 5 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
 Blessing of Fruits & Vegetables
 +Douglas Liebel req by Janet & David Yarosik
- Aug. 6 (Sun) TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
 Divine Liturgy 10:30am
 Blessing of Fruits & Vegetables
 +Bryan Mihalick (41st Birthday) req by George & Diane Mihalick
- Aug. 7 (Mon) Divine Liturgy 8:30am
- Aug. 8 (Tue) Parish Advisory Council Meeting 7:00pm
- Aug. 9 (Wed) Divine Liturgy 8:30am
- Aug. 11 (Fri) Divine Liturgy 8:30am
- Aug. 12 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
- Aug. 13(Sun) Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
 Divine Liturgy 10:30am
 +Rosalind Bache req by William Bache & Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

Through your Transfiguration
 You returned Adam's nature to its original splendor,
 restoring its very elements
 to the glory and brilliance of your divinity.
 Therefore, we cry out to You:
 O Creator of all, glory to You!



The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of Aug. 6 thru Aug. 12 for +Fr. Gregory Michalisin.

Our Tithe to our Parish

July 30, 2017 — \$1,380.00

Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.



James Abraham, Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Rosella Busko, Marian Campbell, Ted Druga, John Fekete, Fr. Edward Lucas, Carl Magdic, Fran Mogush, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko, Maria Rusinko, Ed Suzina, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Margaret Weber, John Voron Sr.

IMPORTANT SURVEY

There is an important meeting coming up next year called the **Synod of Bishops**. This meeting takes place in Rome and involves select bishops from around the world who meet with Pope Francis to discuss matters of great importance for the Church.



This meeting will focus on youth and young people in the Church. In preparation for this meeting, bishops are asked to survey the people in their diocese/eparchy to obtain their input.

In our Archeparchy, parishioners are invited to participate in a survey so that Archbishop William may speak clearly on behalf of the people of our Archeparchy.

To participate in this survey, please go to the Archieparchial website: **archpitt.org** and click on the tab for "**Survey**." This survey is open to all, and the younger members of our parish are strongly encouraged to participate. This is your chance to clearly offer your thoughts and opinions and hopefully help the Archbishop to represent the views of all.

BLESSING OF FRUIT & VEGETABLES



On the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, it is traditional to bless fruits and vegetables in our churches. In this way we offer the first fruits and vegetables of the earth to the Lord to be blessed ... so that they may also share in the transforming effects of this feast.

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY

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Today’s Gospel reading recounts the awesome events of the day’s feast, the Transfiguration. Peter, James and John are witness to one of the most significant miracles of the New Testament prior to the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Feast of the Transfiguration signifies the moment when Christ is revealed in the radiance of his glory, demonstrating his divinity. It is interesting to note just how these three disciples, chosen to be a witness to such a momentous occasion, react as the events of this miracle unfold.



Imagine yourself in the role of Peter, James or John. Here you are, walking and talking with Jesus and suddenly His face begins to shine “like the sun, and His clothes became dazzling white” (Mt 17:2). As if this were not significant enough, the Old Testament Prophets, Moses and Elijah, appear and begin to converse with the radiant Christ. At this moment, the disciples still have their composure, realizing the significance of the events unfolding before their eyes. Then, from a cloud formed above them, the voice of God speaks to them. This is it, the moment at which this all becomes too much for the disciples and they fall to the ground in utter fear. It is also at this moment that these three disciples, worthy to be present at such a significant moment, represent each and every one of us.

How often are we completely overwhelmed with events in our lives. At times, life might prove to be “too much” for us to handle. At these moments when the burdens of this world seem insurmountable and fill us with fear, it is perfectly natural to feel as if falling to the ground and burying our face in the dirt seems like the best option. The attitude may often be: if I ignore this problem or look the other way, it will simply go away and everything will be fine. When the disciples find themselves in this exact situation, Christ simply says to them, “Get up and do not be afraid” (Mt 17:7). Perhaps easier said than done? No.

Looking down, turning inward to ourselves only places our problems on hold for a brief moment. More so, turning inward forces us to remain alone; however if we get up, look to Christ and are not afraid, we will never be alone. Christ exhorts his disciples to not be afraid because, in the presence of the glorified Christ, there is nothing to fear. The Transfiguration is a moment for all of us to pause and reflect on the fact that the glory of Christ shines in each of our lives and we need not be afraid. Let us all keep our heads high as we celebrate the glory of Christ as we live each and every day.

[Seminarian Paul West]