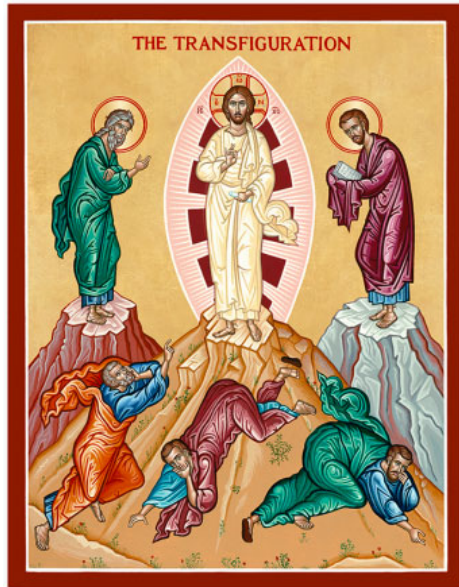


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Sunday, August 6, 2023

The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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LITTLE ENTRANCE WEEKLY VARIABLES

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN): For in Thee is the fountain of life, and in Thy light shall we see light. Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN: 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 IN TONE SEVEN: 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.

TRISAGION PRAYER

English Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have Mercy on us

Arabic Qudoos El Laah, Qudoos El Qawi, Qudoos El Lathi La Yamoot, Urhamnah

Greek Agios O Theos, Agios Ischiros, Agios Athanatos, Eyleison Imas

Slavonic Svyatij Bozhe, Svyatij Krepkij, Svatij Bessmertnij pomiluj nas

MEGALYNARION FOR THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT

Now the unheard-of is heard; for the Son, Who without father came forth from the Virgin, is gloriously testified by the Father's voice to be God and man, the same unto the ages.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE EIGHT

O Lord, in the light of the glory of Thy face shall we walk, and in Thy Name shall we rejoice forever. Alleluia.

The Mission of St Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church is to love and worship God, to grow closer to Him, and to proclaim and to spread the Good News of the salvation of Jesus Christ to our parishioners, our neighbors and people everywhere.

We worship and pray in English. We experience the beauty and joy of living the Holy Orthodox Christian faith – sharing love and fellowship, teaching and leading by example, growing together through service, education, stewardship and forgiveness.

A NOTE REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION: *Since we understand Communion to mean we have all things in common, sharing an identical Faith, only those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession may participate in Holy Communion. We invite all present to partake of the blessed bread distributed at the end of the service.*

UNLESS YOU ARE INJURED OR UNABLE, PLEASE REMAIN STANDING DURING COMMUNION

SCHEDULE:

- **Saturday, August 5**
 - 7:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, August 6**
 - 8:30 AM Orthros
 - 9:30 Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Transfiguration
- **Monday, August 7**
 - 7:00 PM Paraklesis
- **Tuesday, August 8**
 - 7:00 PM Paraklesis
- **Wednesday, August 9**
 - 7:00 PM Paraklesis
- **Thursday, August 10**
 - 7:00 PM Paraklesis
- **Friday, August 11**
 - 7:00 PM Paraklesis
- **Saturday, August 12**
 - 7:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, August 13**
 - 8:30 AM Orthros
 - 9:30 Divine Liturgy

*****In case of emergency, there are emergency numbers posted next to the telephones in the coat room and in the kitchen*****

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR

Our People are our Choir! We love to hear you sing with us! WELCOME!

We are glad to have you worship with us today!

Father Ben Kjendal is available to visit with you in your home for pastoral care, counseling and inquiries regarding Orthodoxy by appointment. His cell number is (978) 397-3285.

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 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 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."



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

**WEEKLY BULLETIN CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE
ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND HIS CHURCH**

NATIONAL BIBLE BOWL

Erika, Mary, and Nicholas Kjendal traveled to the national convention in Phoenix, AZ this past week to compete in the national Bible Bowl against the teams from the seven other dioceses. It was a tough, tight competition. At the end of the second round, two teams were tied for first, and our team was tied with another team for second. After staging a comeback in the second half of the five round competition, our team was tied for first going into the last question! The final scores for the top three teams were Diocese of Toledo with 96, Diocese of Worcester (that's us!) 94, and Diocese of the East 89. Great job Erika, Mary, and Nicholas for placing **SECOND** in the **NATION!!!**

NATIONAL ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

Anders Kjendal also traveled to the national convention in Phoenix, AZ this past week to compete in the national Oratorical Festival against teens from the other seven dioceses and placed **SECOND!** Great job, Anders!!!

BACKPACK BLESSINGS

Once again we are collecting **NEW** school supplies for children living at the Village at Cataumet, a transitional housing shelter. Please see the list of suggested items and bring your donations to church by Sunday, August 20. On Sunday, August 27 we will pack and deliver the filled backpacks to be distributed as needed to the children at the Village at Cataumet. Thank you for donating time, supplies, and money to help these kids start the school year off on the right foot!!! Please see Kh. Alyssa for details.

TRASH CANS FOR CATAUMET

We are collecting (new, clean) 13-gallon trash barrels, as well as small bathroom waste baskets to donate to the Village of Cataumet. I'm

sure most of us have several trash baskets in our homes that we only think about when we lament having to empty them. For families living at the Village at Cataumet, having a trash receptacle in their room is a luxury. The trash barrels we donate will be much appreciated by the families and be able to be taken with them when they move into their own homes. The collection will continue through August 27, when they will be delivered with backpacks.

HOMESCHOOL INQUIRERS' MEET-UP & POTLUCK

On Saturday, August 5 at 4:30 PM, we will have an informal get together of both parents who currently homeschool their children and any parents who have even the smallest interest in possibly homeschooling now or in the future. Kh. Alyssa will give a brief overview of the “why” behind homeschooling, as well as a few of the different ways the “how” can work for families of all backgrounds and situations. We will have plenty of time for discussion and questions before we share a potluck meal together before Vespers. Please share this with anyone you think might benefit from attending! See Kh. Alyssa with any questions. Children are welcome to accompany parents, but please note it will be “coffee-hour style” outdoor play during the parents’ talk and discussion.

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL ORTHODOX CHILDREN’S LIBRARY

Please visit the children’s library just outside the front entrance of the nave and help your children, grandchildren, or godchildren check out a book or two! If you are interested in helping our children’s library grow, we have a wish list of books that we would love to add to our library’s shelves. See Kh. Alyssa with any questions or suggestions of books to add to the wish list!

BOOKS FOR A BABY CENTER

We will continue to be collecting NEW or VERY GENTLY USED children’s books (appropriate for newborns through age 4) to donate to A Baby Center in Hyannis. Please consider donating Orthodox Christian children’s books and help plant seeds of faith in our community! Please see Kh. Alyssa with any questions. Thank you!

THE SYNAXARION

On August 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the divine Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Verses

*Tabor was glorified above earth's every region
When it looked upon God's nature shining in glory.
On the sixth Christ transformed His form as a man.*

This glorious event is recorded in the Gospels of Mark (9:2-13), Luke (9:28-36 in Orthros) and Matthew (17:1-9 in Liturgy). In the third year of His preaching, the Lord Jesus often spoke to His disciples of His approaching passion and His glorious Resurrection. So that His impending passion would not totally weaken His disciples, the All-wise Savior wanted to show them His divine glory before His passion on the Holy Cross. (This is why we sing the katavasias of the Holy Cross on this day.) For that reason, He took Peter, James and John with Him and went out at night to Mount Tabor. The Lord took only three disciples on Tabor because the Lord did not want to leave the unworthy Judas alone at the foot of the mountain so that the betrayer would not, by that, justify his betrayal. Our Lord was transfigured on a mountain and not in a valley to teach us two virtues: love of labor and godly-thoughts. For, climbing to the heights required labor and height represents the heights of our thoughts, i.e., godly thoughts. Moses and Elijah appeared in order to destroy the erroneous thought of the Jews that the Christ is one of the prophets; that is why He appears as a King above the prophets and that is why Moses and Elijah appear as His servants. Until then, our Lord manifested His divine power many times to the disciples but, on Mount 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 would serve the disciples in the days of the Lord's passion, in strengthening of an unwavering faith in Him and His final victory.

Unto Christ God be glory and dominion unto the ages. Amen.