

Sunday 6th of August 2023

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17; 2 Peter 1:10-19

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-34 and 17:1-9

Troparion – Tone 7

**You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, /
revealing Your glory to Your disciples as far as they could bear
it. / Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, /
through the prayers of the Theotokos. / O Giver of Light, glory
to You!**

We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering and for the health and salvation of others:

The Archpriests Samuel and Joseph, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospyrbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Matushka Svetlana, Karen, Edward, Nadine, Michelle, Alexander, Luis Ramon, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Douglas Dobrzynski, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Helen Schweizer, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia and Adrian. Amen!!!

***** To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski*****

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“What does it mean to say: He was transfigured? It revealed something of His Divinity to them, as much and insofar as they were apprehend it, and it showed the indwelling of God withing Him.”

Saint John Chrysostom

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD - The Lord had begun warning his disciples about the dangers they would face, and also about His Passion and death. He also told them that they would be persecuted by pagans and enemies of the Gospel. He explained that these things pertain to the present life, but what is essential is eternal life. Desiring to give His disciples a foretaste of eternal life, he took three of them, Peter, James and John, and brought them up to Mount Tabor. There He was transfigured before them and His face shone like light. Moses and Elias appeared and spoke with Jesus. The Lord took only those disciples because they were more pre-eminent than the others. Peter was chosen because he loved Christ very much, John because he also loved Christ, and James because he was able to drink the cup that Christ drank (Matthew 20:23). The Lord showed them Moses and Elias in order to correct their erroneous ideas of who He was, as though He were Saint John the Baptist, or some great prophet. That is why He revealed His glory to them ‘as far as they could bear it.’ All this took place during the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ on Mount Tabor.

Service Schedule

Great Vespers: 5pm Saturdays

Hours: 9:45am Sundays

Divine Liturgy: 10:00am Sundays

Confessions: Will be heard every Saturday evening after Vespers or by appointment.

Call, text or email Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com

Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Saturday 5th of August

Great Vespers with blessing of fruit at 5 pm

Sunday 6th of August

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Divine Liturgy with blessing of fruit at 10 am

Friday 4th of August – Saturday 12th of August

NJ STATE FAIR

Saturday 12th August

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 13th of August

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Monday 14th of August

Great Vesper at 6 pm with blessing of flowers and herbs

Tuesday 15th of August

DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

Divine Liturgy at 9 am with blessing of flowers and herbs

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Visitors Welcome

After Sunday's Divine Liturgy, you are invited to join us for light refreshment in the parish hall. You'll find a friendly welcome, good conversation and ask any questions you may have.

Dormition Fast

Dormition fast takes place on August 1st, 2023. Please refrain from meat products, dairy products, fish, and oil. This fast ends on the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos which is celebrated on August 15th, 2023.

NJ State Fair – August 4th – 12th

It's that time of the year! As in the past, HSOC is again participating in this event. Everyone is invited to participate by volunteering to work at the Fair and to invite family and friends to this major fundraiser for our church. Any additional financial assistance you can offer would be appreciated and helpful. Speak with Nadine Olsen and/or Mark Benda to volunteer or for more information. See you at the Fair!

Distinguished Diocesan Benefactor's Appreciation Dinner

You are cordially invited to attend a New Jersey Deanery Appreciation Dinner for the 2022 Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, hosted with gratitude by His Eminence, Archbishop Michael. The event will take place on October 8, 2023, at 5 pm at Saint Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, Manville NJ. For more information, please see attached flyer.

Offerings to HSOC

Although it's summer and many of us are enjoying time away, the expenses of the church continue. Please remember to make regular offerings to the parish. Many blessings to all and have a happy and safe summer and see you at the Fair!

Food Donation Cart

The need to continue to assist those in need continues and we ask that when you are shopping, please remember those who are less fortunate and purchase one or more items for the donation cart. If you would like to know the current needs of the Sussex Help Center, please talk with Dan Taylor. Our thanks to you and God Bless!

Have an item for the bulletin?

Please email Father Michael at holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com or Mary Osinski at mary.osinski@gmail.com.