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9th Sunday After Pentecost - Tone 8
Afterfeast of the Transfiguration
Apostle Matthias
Glorification of Ven. Herman of Alaska,
Wonderworker of All America



From the Fathers...

“When you are about to pray to our Lady the Holy Virgin, be firmly assured, before praying, that you will not depart from her without having received mercy. To think thus and to have confidence in her is meet and right.”

- St. John of Kronstadt



Welcome Visitors!

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed through your participation with us. In the Orthodox Church, the reception of Holy Communion is a mark of membership in the Church. Only those who have been united to the Orthodox Church through Baptism or Chrismation, and have prepared themselves through regular Confession, prayer and fasting are permitted to partake of Holy Communion. We encourage visitors to participate in our prayers and hymns and to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Literature about the Orthodox faith and this parish can be found in the vestibule. Please feel free to ask questions before or after the service, as well as join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship after the Liturgy.



O Apostle Matthias,/ thou didst complete the divine choir/
from whence Judas had fallen,/ and with the divine
brilliance of thy wise discourses/ thou hast driven away
the gloom of the madness of idolatry/ by the grace of
God./ Make thou supplication now,/ that He grant unto our
souls// peace and great mercy.

O divinely inspired Matthias,/ with the lightning-flashes
of thy teachings/ thou didst hallow all the world,/
illuminating all,/ guiding all to the knowledge of God,/
making those who slept before/ in the darkness of vanity /
and the gloom of all ungodliness// to be receptacles of the
light. *(Stichera of Lord, I Call)*

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TODAY'S WORSHIP - HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

Resurrection Troparion in Tone 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!// Thou didst accept the three day burial/ to free us from our sufferings!// O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Transfiguration Troparion in Tone 7

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!

St. Herman Troparion in Tone 7

O joyful North Star of the Church of Christ,/ guiding all men to the Heavenly Kingdom,/ teacher and apostle of the True Faith,/ intercessor and defender of the oppressed,/ adornment of the Orthodox Church in America:/ Blessed Father Herman of Alaska,/ pray to our Lord Jesus Christ// for the salvation of our souls!

Resurrection Kontakion in Tone 8

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam./ Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,// and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

St. Herman Kontakion in Tone 3

The eternal light of Christ our Savior/ guided thee, O blessed father Herman,/ on thine evangelical journey to America/ to proclaim the Gospel of peace./ Now thou standest before the throne of glory:/ intercede for thy land and its people,// asking peace for the world and salvation for our souls.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Transfiguration Kontakion in Tone 3

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 would 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.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.

According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.



Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come."

And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

THIS WEEK AND LIFE IN CHRIST

Sunday, August 9th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Livestream and In Person)

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Apostle Matthias

Glorification of Ven. Herman of Alaska

1 Corinthians 3:9-17, Galatians 5:22-6:2

Matthew 14:22-34, Luke 6:17-23

Monday, August 10th

7:30 PM Adult Education (Online)

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence of Rome

1 Corinthians 15:12-19, Matthew 21:18-22

Tuesday, August 11th

6:30 PM Parish Council (Online)

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus of Catania

Virgin-Martyr Susanna and those with her

1 Corinthians 15:29-38, Matthew 21:23-27

Wednesday, August 12th

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Martyrs Anicletus and Photius of Nicomedia

1 Corinthians 16:4-12, 2 Corinthians 1:1-7

Matthew 21:28-32, Matthew 21:43-46

Thursday, August 13th

Leavetaking of the Transfiguration

Translation of the Relics of St. Maximus the Confessor

St. Tikhon, Wonderworker of Zadonsk and All Russia

Hebrews 7:26-8:2, Matthew 5:14-19

Friday, August 14th

Forefeast of the Dormition

Prophet Micah

2 Corinthians 1:12-20, Romans 15:30-33

Matthew 22:23-33, Matthew 17:24-18:4

Saturday, August 15th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Livestream and In Person)

5:00 PM Great Vespers (Livestream and In Person)

The Dormition of the Theotokos

Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Sunday, August 16th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Livestream and In Person)

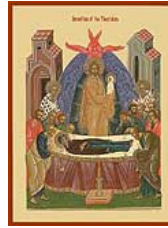
Afterfeast of the Dormition

Translation of the Image "Not-made-by-hands"

1 Corinthians 4:9-16, Colossians 1:12-18

Matthew 17:14-23, Luke 9:51-56, 10:22-24

Two Icons Full of Love



The icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos shows the Mother of God lying on her deathbed. Jesus Christ, surrounded by angels, tenderly holds her luminous soul which in His glory He has taken to Himself. Her face is serene, and she is surrounded by the apostles.

"Dormition" means "falling asleep." Saint Paul writes in I Thessalonians 4:13: "I do not want you to be ignorant concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others do who have no hope."

The icon of the Dormition shows the reason for hope. Death cannot have the final word, because Christ is taking His mother to heaven. The apostles are sad, but not prostrate with grief, because they know the fulfilled promise of the Lord. The angels in the icon show that those heavenly beings will be there for us, too.

The hymns for the feast of the icon are also encouraging. The troparion and kontakion say that in her falling asleep, the Theotokos does not forsake the world but continues to pray for us. Just as Christ continues in His love for His mother, she is consistent in her loving concern for the world.

Mark 14:58 reads: "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands." This is the source of the title of the icon "Not Made by Hands." John's Gospel records that "the temple He was speaking of was His body. After His resurrection His disciples recalled what He had said, and they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken" (John 2:20-1).

There are a few stories of how the icon's image came to be. The one traditionally accepted by many sources is related in the "Prologue from Ochrid." We read that Prince Abgar of Edessa in Syria heard of Christ's miracles and healings. He sent a messenger to Palestine imploring Christ to come and heal his leprosy.

Rather than leave Palestine, Christ gave Ananias a cloth on which He had wiped His face, leaving a perfect impression. When Abgar kissed it, most of the leprosy fell away, and later when he received baptism from the apostle Thaddeus he was completely healed.

Abgar put the cloth in a gold frame and placed it at the entrance of the city of Edessa for people to venerate. Above it he wrote, "O Christ our God, everyone trusting in You shall not be put to shame."

When a grandson of Abgar fell into idolatry, believers hid the image to keep it from destruction. Centuries later, with the city under Persian attack, the Theotokos told the Bishop of Edessa where to find the long-forgotten icon.

He found it and processed around the city with it. The Persian army miraculously retreated.

Once again, the Theotokos did not forsake the world. Once again, the world was given a healing, loving image of Christ, Who is "the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15), the One who heals and loves us all.



HAVE A QUESTION OR NEED TO CHAT? CALL OR EMAIL FR. GREGORY.

Updated Guidance for COVID-19

Reopening Guidelines

The Cathedral remains in Stage 4 of the reopening process for the time being.

Per the order of the Ohio Department of Health, due to Wood County being placed under a Level 3 Public Health Advisory, **face masks are now required to be worn during all services.** This will continue until the county has moved back to at least Level 2.

Exceptions to the face mask requirement set forth in the Public Health Order pertinent to St. George are as follows:

- individuals are under 10 years of age (and cannot reasonably keep from handling the mask),
- those with respiratory conditions that restrict breathing, mental health conditions, or disability that contraindicates the wearing of a facial covering,
- officiants of religious services (altar servers will wear face masks).

Those who fall in the vulnerable populations should remain at home.

Online Adult Education

Please join us for an Adult Education series “Mothers and Martyrs: An Examination of Women Saints in the Orthodox Church” on **Monday evenings starting at 7:30pm.** Online classes will be held via Zoom. The Zoom link is sent through our email list.

Fellowship for Young Adults (Pan-Orthodox Toledo)

We are looking forward to a Socially Distant Teen/Young Adult Bonfire on **August 30th at 7:00pm** at St George Woodley. Please wear a mask and bring your own lawn chair and snacks/drinks.! Please pray for good weather on the 30th!!!!

12th Annual St. George Golf Tournament

The 12th Annual St. George Golf Tournament will take place on **Saturday, September 12, 2020.** Save the date!

How Can I Help? I Don't Golf

The Golf Committee is requesting your help in making our Golf Tournament a great success. Due to the current pandemic, as well as a decrease in hall rentals, your help is needed in this annual fundraiser. Here are some ways you can help:

1. Sponsor a sign
2. Donate a gift card for prizes (gas card, favorite restaurant, or grocery card)
3. A money donation for expenses
4. Donate golf related prizes (golf balls, hats, gloves, T-shirt)

See Stan Pentsos with any questions!

We are praying for...

Health and Well-Being:

Soteria, Maria, Tanya, Lawrence, Kathleen, Karen, Panka, Barb, and the kidnapped hierarchs Metropolitan Boulos and Archbishop Yohanna of Aleppo; and those being persecuted for their faith in the Middle East.

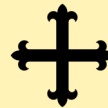
Catechumens:

Tim, Laura, Ethan, Naomi, Olivia, Daniel, Phoebe, Ezekiel, and Jachin.



Sanctuary Lamp

Sanctuary Lamp sponsorships are available.



Celebrations

Birthdays:

Viviane Kazan (8/9)
Maria Snodgrass (8/15)

Name's Days:

Jim Allen (8/9)
Matthias Bruner (8/9)
Mary Cohen (8/15)
Mary Corey (8/15)
Maria Snodgrass (8/15)

Anniversaries:

Dan & Carey Ostas (8/11)

