

August 6th – Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

The feast of Holy Transfiguration is recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Luke and Mark and commemorates the transfiguration or metamorphosis of Christ on Mount Tabor, when our Lord appeared in His divine glory before the Apostles Peter, James, and John. While they were on the mountain Jesus was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and His garments became glistening white. Moses and Elijah appeared with Christ, talking to Him. Peter declared how good it was for them to be there. While Peter was speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." When the disciples heard this they fell on their faces filled with awe. Jesus came to them and told them to not be afraid. When the three looked up they saw only Jesus.

Parish Council Meeting following coffee hour.

The Great Miracle of St. Spyridon on August 11, 1716

In 1716, the Turks had the island of Corfu under a tight siege, with 50,000 troops and a good number of ships. At daybreak on August 11, St. Spyridon, the patron saint of the island, appeared in front of the enemy lines holding a glistening sword in his right hand. The enemy, panic-stricken by his presence, abandoned weapons, machinery and animals, running for their lives. The Venetian ruler, Andrea Pisani, ordered a Latin altar to be constructed inside the Orthodox Church. Seeing St. Spyridon in a dream, he was told not to proceed, but his arrogance led him to do otherwise. That night, a barrage of thunderbolts caused a terrific explosion, killing Pisani and his soldiers. Not a single Orthodox was harmed. At the same hour, another thunderbolt struck Venice, targeting the compound of Pisani, burning only his portrait and nothing else.



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Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

The Holy Righteous Martyr Dometius

Our Holy Father Nicanorus the Wonderworker

Apolytikion

You were transfigured upon the mountain O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.

Resurrectional Hymn

By means of your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. to the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Hymn of St. Spyridon

Kontakion

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-17

Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into

the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

