

Announcements

August Charity collection is for the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry in honor of St. Silas.

Retirement dinner for Fr. Vladimir Fetcho is being held after Divine Liturgy at Fiorelli's in Peckville on September 10th. Cost for tickets is \$30 per person.

We are currently looking into dates in late September or early October to do a fried pierogi sale. This would involve a pierogi making session on Saturday and a fresh frying and sales date on a Monday. Please communicate with parish council or Father Nathan regarding your availability for different dates.

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Transfiguration of Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ

August 6th, 2023

Assigned Readings

2 Peter 1:10-19

Matthew 17: 1-9

About the Feast

Why did the Lord not reveal His divine glory on Tabor before all the disciples, but only before the three? First, because He Himself had given the Law through Moses: 'At the mouth of two witnesses or ...of three, shall the matter be established.' Three witnesses were, then, enough. There was, though, a special reason for choosing these three disciples. The three of them represented the three chief virtues: Peter – faith, for he was the first to proclaim his faith in Christ as the Son of God; James – hope, for it was with hope in the promise of Christ that he was the first to lay down his life for the Lord, being the first killed by the Jews; John – love, for he lay on the Lord's breast and stayed beneath the Lord's Cross till the end. God is not the God of the many but the God of the chosen: 'I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and of Jacob.' God has often valued on faithful man more highly than a whole people. On several occasions, He intended to exterminate the Jewish people, but, at the prayers of righteous Moses, He left the people alive. God hearkened to Elias more than to all the royalty of the faithless Ahab. At the prayers of of one man, God often saved both towns and men. Thus the sinful town of Ustiug would have been destroyed by fire and hail of the one righteous man in it, St Procopius the Fool for Christ had not saved it by his prayers.

-excerpted: The Prologue from Ochrid

We must, each and every one of us, seek to have this type of relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord, God, and Savior. Seeking in our spiritual lives to develop the faith, hope, and love that can help our prayers move the Most Merciful God to have pity upon those whom we love, our whole city and country.

Upcoming Services:

August 12th – Great Vespers – 5:00 pm.

August 13th – Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am.

August 14th – 9th Hour, Great Vespers with Litya – 5 pm.

August 15th – Divine Liturgy, Feast of the Dormition of our Lady the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary – 9:30 am.

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Troparion and Kontakion of the Day

Tone 7 Troparion

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!

Tone 7 Kontakion

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.

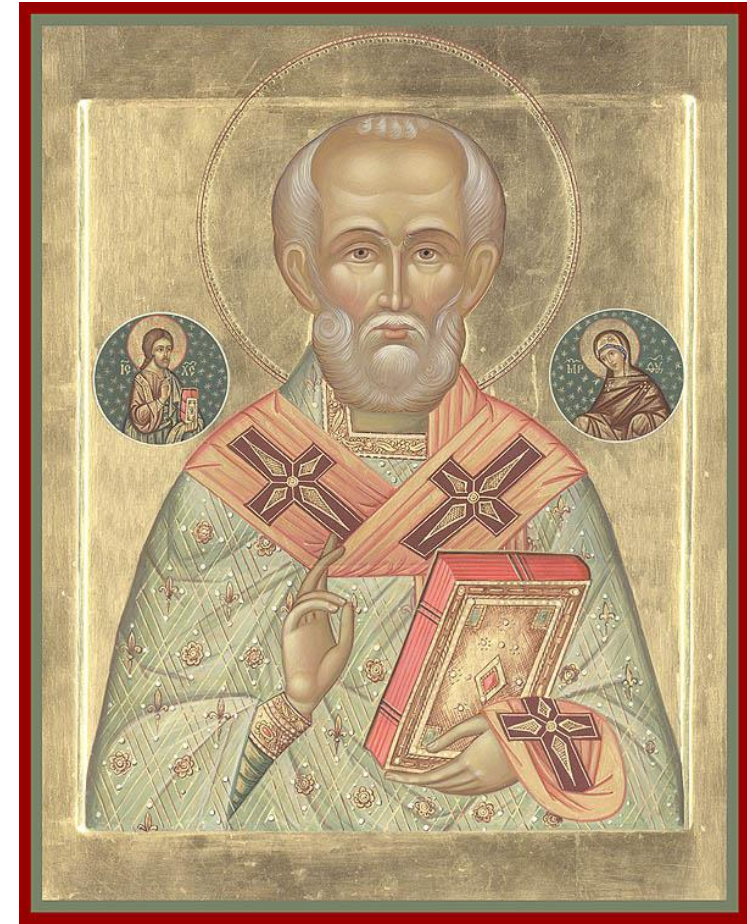
Tone 4

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!
Thy childbearing was without corruption;
God came forth from thy body clothed in flesh,
and appeared on earth and dwelt among men.//
Therefore we all magnify thee, O Theotokos.

Prayers for the Sick:

Archpriest Vladimir
Priest John
Priest James
Matushka Gloria
Matushka Myra
Matushka Nancy

Thom
Julie
Joan
Vera
Marie



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