

10th Sunday after Pentecost

**Leaving Taking of the Transfiguration;
St. Tikhon, Wonderworker of Zadonsk**

August 13th, 2023

Assigned Readings

1 Corinthians 4: 9-16, Hebrews 7: 26-8:2

Matthew 17: 14-23, 5: 14-19

Saint of the Day

Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk, was born in the year 1724 in the village of Korotsk. His father died when he was a young child, leaving the family in poverty. As a thirteen-year-old boy, he was sent to a clergy school near the Archbishop of Novgorod's residence and was accepted under a state grant. Excelling at his studies, he finished seminary in 1754, and began teaching. In the year 1758, he was tonsured with the name Tikhon. In 1761 he was among 8 nominated for an open episcopal see. Metropolitan Demetrius thought he was too young for that position, but agreed to submit his name. The lot fell on Archimandrite Tikhon three times. On the same day, during the Cherubic Hymn, Bishop Athanasios of Tver, without realizing it, commemorated him as a bishop. while cutting particles from the prosphora at the Table of Oblation. On May 13, 1761 he was consecrated as Bishop. In 1763, Saint Tikhon was transferred to the See of Voronezh. For the four and a half years that he administered the diocese of Voronezh. In 1767, poor health compelled him to give up running the diocese and withdraw for rest to a Monastery, in 1769, Bishop Tikhon was transferred to the Monastery of the Theotokos in the city of Zadonsk. Vladyka reposed, as was revealed to him, on Sunday August 13, 1783, at the age of fifty-nine. He was glorified on Sunday August 13, 1861.

Bishop Tikhon lived in very simple circumstances. Strict with himself, Vladyka was lenient toward others. He especially loved the common folk, and comforted them in their grievous lot, interceding with the landowners, and moving them to compassion. He gave away his pension, as well as gifts from his admirers, to the poor. The Saint advanced in contemplation of Heaven and foresaw the future, prophesying many future events in the Russian lands. He also foresaw his own death, and set out vestments and procured a coffin. The fruition of all his spiritual life were the books that the Saint wrote while in retirement: *A Spiritual Treasury, Gathered from the World* (1770), and *On True Christianity* (1776).

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.

All Saints Orthodox Church in Olyphant is accepting donations towards their dome repair project. They will be repainting the domes in blue and regilding the crosses on top. They will be holding a food festival fundraiser on Friday August the 25th.

Our fall pierogi making and sale is planned for October 5th, 7th and 9th. With the plan to make pierogi on Thursday evening and Saturday morning. Then sell them deep fried on Monday.

Upcoming Services:

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 – 930 am.

August 19th – Great Vespers – 5pm

August 20th – Divine Liturgy – 930 am.

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Troparion and Kontakion of the Day

Tone 7 Troparion (Feast)

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 8 Troparion (St. Tikhon)

From thy youth thou didst love Christ, O blessed one. Thou hast been an example for all by word, life, love, faith, purity, and humility. Therefore, thou dost now abide in the heavenly mansions, where thou standest before the throne of the All-holy Trinity.// Holy Hierarch Tikhon, pray for the salvation of our souls!

Tone 8 Kontakion (St. Tikhon)

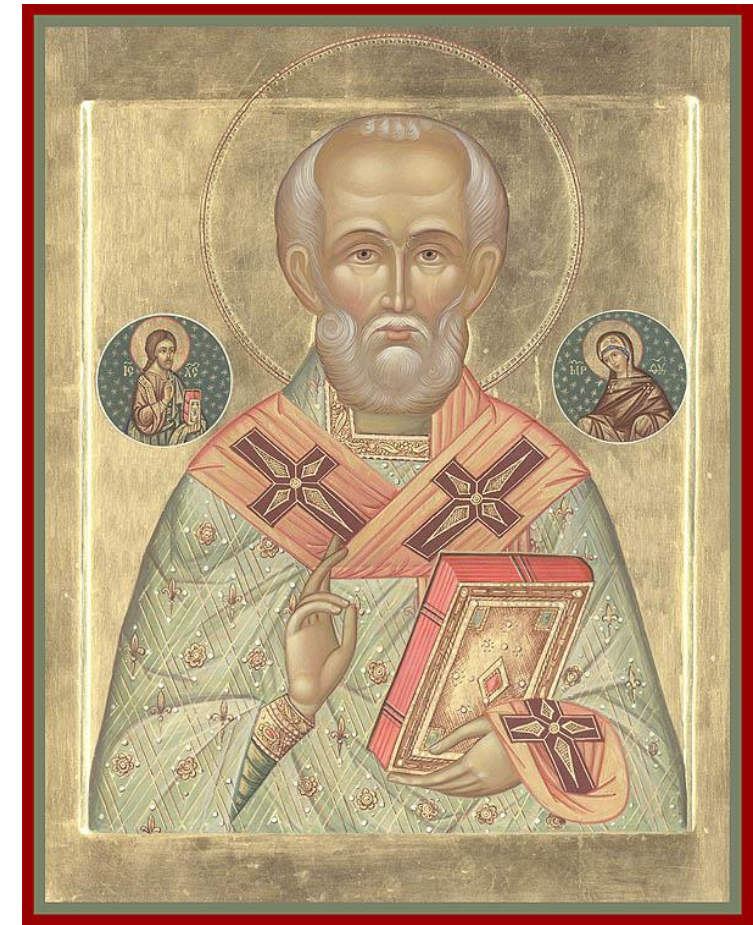
Successor to the Apostles, adornment of hierarchs, teacher of the Orthodox Faith,// beseech the Master of all to grant peace to the world and to our souls great mercy.

Tone 7 Kontakion (Feast)

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.

Prayers for the Sick:

Archpriest Vladimir	Thom
Priest John	Julie
Priest James	Joan
Matushka Gloria	Vera
Matushka Myra	Marie
Matushka Nancy	



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