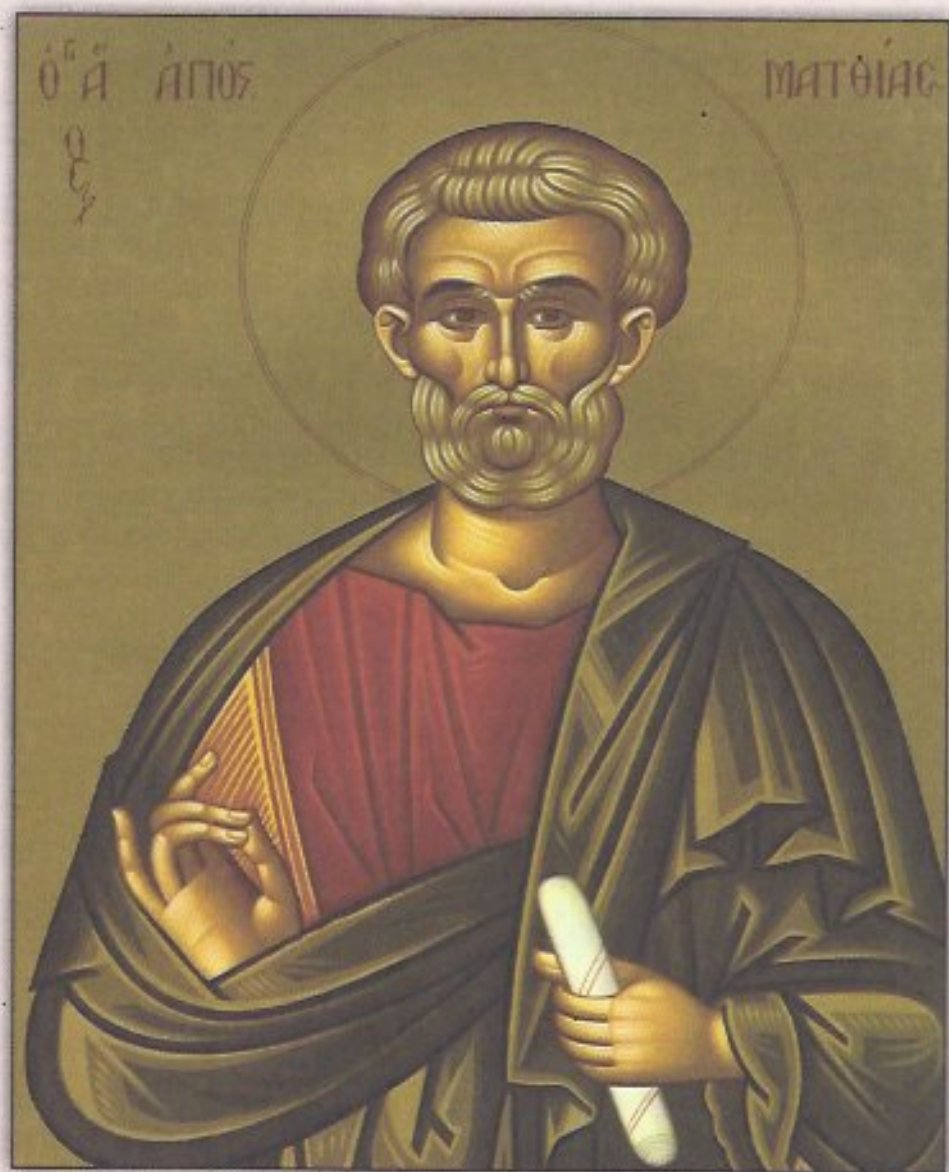


TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Saint Matthias -- August 9th*

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August 7-14, 2016 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: Transfiguration  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Gospel: Matthew 19: 16-26

SATURDAY August 6, 2016

### FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

6:00PM + William Hutnik – Margaret Hutnik

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost: August 7, 2016

9:00AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM (English) +Petro and Maria Pliszka- Yaroslawa Zuk

Fr. Dan will be away from August 7-11, 2016. During that time Fr. George Worschak will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy for you on the weekend. In the event of an emergency please contact Ted Veresink at 610-573-3055.

MONDAY - FRIDAY No Daily Divine Liturgies

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) +Karen Bakros- Pyrohy Workers

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: August 14, 2016

9:00AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM (English) +John Vedomsky- Robert & Roberta

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*Please remember to pray for the sick and all those who have requested our prayers*

Helen Terleski	Teodozia Sroka	Catherine Kutzler	Olga Turczyn
Mae Kulczykcki	Sophie Troyan	Jean Lakomski	Michael Trusz
Michael Horon	Peg Hutnik	Richard Suter	Martha Charon
Olga Bryksa	Julian Trusz	Michael Sidlar	Walter Kiniuk
Joseph Bodnar	Lillian Opp	Frank & Betty Maitiski	Sarah Shanks
Kim Lightcap	Gregory Neff	Stephen Terleski	Sr Judith OSBM
Margaret Dashe	Helen Potak	Anna Drozd	Olga Trusz
Mary Heverling	Frieda Lubosky	Robin Mease	Sr Marina OSBM

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
FEAST OF THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

Troparion and Kontakion:

Troparion (3):

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death; He became the firstborn of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

Troparion (7):

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, revealing as much of Your glory to Your disciples as they could behold. Through the prayers of the Mother of God, let Your everlasting light also shine upon us sinners. O Giver of Light, glory be to You.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

Kontakion (3):

You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord, and led us out from the gates of death. Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices, and the prophets together with the patriarchs unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

**Now and for ever and ever: Amen.**

Kontakion (7):

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, and Your disciples beheld as much as they could of Your glory, so that when they would see You crucified, they would understand that You suffered willingly; and they would preach to the world that You are truly the reflection of the Father.

**Prokimenon (3):**

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

**Epistle: Reading : First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1Cor 15,1-11)**

Brethren: I am reminding you of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand. Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me. For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I

persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God [that is] with me. Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**Alleluia Verses:**

Verse (3): In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Gospel: (Mt 19, 16-26)**

At that time, someone approached Jesus and said, "Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?" He answered him, "Why do you ask me about the good? There is only One who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." He asked him, "Which ones?" And Jesus replied, "You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; honor your father and your mother"; and 'you shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" The young man said to him, "All these I have observed. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to [the] poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." When the young man heard this statement, he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Amen, I say to you, it will be hard for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and said, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings this is impossible, but for God all things are possible."

**It is truly right... (Or the Hirmos of the Feast):**

O my soul, extol the Lord transfigured on Mount Tabor.

Hirmos: You gave birth without blemish; for it was God Who came forth from your womb, appearing in the flesh upon the earth and dwelling among us. Therefore, O Mother of God, we all extol you.

**Communion Verse:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest

O Lord we shall walk in the light of your countenance and rejoice forever in your name . Alleluia



## Fruit of the Transfiguration

"Lord, it is good for us to be here" (Matthew 17:4)

The feast of Holy Transfiguration falls near the end of the liturgical year. Only the Dormition of the Theotokos follows, to complete and close the cycle. Why now? The time of the event comes six days following the confession of St. Peter [Matthew 17:1, Mark 9:2], or "about eight days" [Luke 9:28], although that doesn't fix the date precisely. Nothing is arbitrary. It comes in the season of fruit harvest. The Church greets the feast with the tradition of the blessing of fruit. Here is a natural expression of sacrifice to the Lord of His blessings of rain and sunshine which make it possible to reap a bountiful harvest. We who bring our fruit in plastic bags from the supermarket must use our imagination in order to be truly grateful for the harvest blessings. We have not the same appreciation as if we had brought our grapes and apples from our own vines and trees. It takes a farmer's daily prayers to feel the reward of his petitions.

At another level, we all can comprehend spiritual fruit brought to fruition through the liturgical year now consummated at the completion. The year begins with the birth of the Holy Mother of God, the young virgin herself the glorious fruit of the promise to Abraham and his children to erase Adam's rebellion and restore the glory of the people of Israel. Mary is the "beginning of our salvation" - the anticipation of a new covenant relationship and the anticipation of the Messiah, the Son of God who would be the fruit of her virgin womb.

The time is ripe to receive the divine light in Christ through the Holy Spirit for those in some ways capable of receiving it. Consider the filtration process: From the 5,000 who heard Him offer them the credentials of the blessed from the Sermon on the Mount; to the seventy selected to visit the villages of the Jews and announce His ministry among them [Luke 10:1]; further choosing twelve apostles; and from them but three blessed to experience His Transfiguration atop the mountain, that eternal moment beyond normal time when Moses and Elijah would be brought from the past to appear with the Son of God in a blinding illumination of the Kingdom of God, displaying eternity in a fraction of time. It was a joy that the three disciples did not want to end.

*One thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal... Christ " [Philippians 3:13].*

On the feast of the Transfiguration the Church blesses the first-fruits of the harvest both as a giving back to the Lord what is His and has come from Him (1 Chronicles 29:14) and as a celebration of the promise of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. The Divine Light glimpsed by the Apostles on Mount Tabor will transform all creation to its most perfect flowering and fruitfulness.

In Constantinople and the Greek world grapes were placed on a table in the center of the temple and offered and blessed at the end of the Divine Liturgy and then partaken of by the faithful. Over time this blessing was extended as other first-fruits were brought to be offered and blessed. The *Trebnyk* (*Euchologion* or *Book of Needs*) offers several different prayers, one of which is offered here:

### **Prayer for the Blessing of First-Fruits**

*O Lord God Jesus Christ, You said to Your disciples: "Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." We now humbly beseech You, bless + and sanctify these first-fruits which Your faithful servants have brought into Your temple today. Preserve the life and health of all those who partake of them, those who are present here and those who absent. Grant that these blessed first-fruits be an effective medicine for those who are sick and ailing, and a protection against the assaults of the enemy for those who keep them in their homes. May all those who partake of them enjoy the fullness of Your goodness and blessing. For You, O Christ God, are our true nourishment and the Giver of all that is good, and we send up glory to You, together with Your Father, Who is without beginning, and with Your all-holy, good, and live-giving Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

**This fruit is blessed by the sprinkling of this holy water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

### **TOWER REPAIR FUND**

We are happy to have our tower repaired and new louvers installed. We are still asking for donations to complete payment for the project. Please consider supporting our project through your donation. Thank you.

### **HOLY GHOST T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE**

Anyone wishing to purchase a Holy Ghost t-shirt there are still small/ large/ and xtra large available in the dark blue. T-shirts are \$10.00 and support our Tower Repair Fund. Thank you

### **FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

We celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. It honors the revealing of the divinity of Jesus on Mt Tabor. An act of God allowing his disciples to be supported in their faith in seeing Jesus transfigured before their eyes. There will be the blessing of fruit after all the liturgies this weekend.

### **OUR LADY OF LEBANON HERITAGE DAYS**

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church will sponsor their 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Days celebration on Saturday August 6 from 5:00PM- Midnight and Sunday August 7 from 11:00AM-10:00PM. There will be a variety of Middle Eastern Foods, dance troupes and music. Admission is free. All are welcome!

### **UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL: TRYZUB**

The Ukrainian American Sports Center at County Line and Lower State rds in Horsham PA invite you to the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Ukrainian Festival. A vibrant outdoor summer Concert of Ukrainian Dance Music and Song celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ukraine's independence. Performer for the day: "Voloshky" and "Iskra" Dance ensembles, "Vox Ethnika" and "Living in Song" Ensemble and Chamber Choir. A Ukrainian "zabava" dance will follow the show. Food, BBQ, refreshments baked goods will be available. For more info: 267-664-3857 or [www.tryzub.org](http://www.tryzub.org)

### **WELCOME FR GEORGE**

We welcome Fr George Worschak with us this weekend as he celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration with us. May God bless him with health & happiness for many years in the ministry of our Lord and his Church. Mnohaya lita!

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS< SISTERS <AND SEMINARIANS and FOR VOCATIONS TO THE CONSECRATED LIFE>**

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**Sacraments of Initiation:** Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion. Classes are required for parents and godparents prior to sacrament. Please contact the parish office

**Marriages:** Couples wishing to be married must be registered in the parish and attending Pre-Cana classes. One year notification is required.

**Anointing of the Sick/Visitation of the Sick:** Anyone wishing to be visited with Holy Communion and/or anointed for healing, please contact Fr. Dan at the parish office.

**Confession:** Regular confession helps us in our journey of faith.

Confessions will be held

Saturday's from 5:15PM-5:45PM Sunday from 10:15AM-10:45AM

## *Seeing God*

The light of true knowledge makes it possible to discern without error the difference between good and evil. Then the path of justice, which leads to the Sun of Justice, brings the mind into the limitless light of knowledge, since it never fails to seek the love of God with all confidence.

Therefore, we must maintain great stillness of mind, even in the midst of our struggles. We shall then be able to distinguish between the different types of thoughts that come to us: those that are good, those sent by God, we will treasure in our memory; those that are evil and inspired by the devil we will reject. A comparison with the sea may help us. A tranquil sea allows the fisherman to gaze right to its depths. No fish can hide there and escape his sight. The stormy sea, however, becomes murky when it is agitated by the winds. The very depths that

it revealed in its placidness, the sea now hides. The skills of the fisherman are useless.

Only the Holy Spirit can purify the mind: unless the strong man enters and robs the thief, the loot will not be recovered. So by every means, but especially by peace of soul, we must try to provide the Holy Spirit with a resting place. Then we shall have the light of knowledge shining within us at all times, and it will show up for what they are all the dark and hateful temptations that come from demons, and not only will it show them up: exposure to this holy and glorious light will also greatly diminish their power.

*St. Diadochus of Photice*

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