

AUGUST 18, 2019

TRANSFIGURATION



Transfiguration of Christ is one of the central events recorded in the gospels. Immediately after the Lord was recognized by His apostles as “the Christ [Messiah], the Son of the Living God,” He told them that “He must go up to Jerusalem and suffer many things . . . and be killed and on the third day be raised” (Mt 16).

In the Transfiguration, the apostles see the glory of the Kingdom of God present in majesty in the person of Christ they see that “in Him, indeed, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,” that “in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily” (Col 1.19, 2.9). They see this before the crucifixion so that in the resurrection they might know Who it is Who has suffered for them, and what it is that this one, Who is God, has prepared for those who love Him. This is what the Church celebrates in the feast of the Transfiguration.

The blessing of grapes, as well as other fruits and vegetables on this day is the most beautiful and adequate sign of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. It signifies the ultimate flowering and fruitfulness of all creation in the paradise of God’s unending Kingdom of Life where all will be transformed by the glory of the Lord.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Epistle 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 Gospel Matthew 14:22-34

Upcoming Service- Tomorrow, Monday, August 19th - Holy Transfiguration of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy - Blessings of grapes and fruits following the service.

VISITS-Rudy Mamula - West Hills Rehab/MaryAnne Dragoslovich – AGH/Esther Milich - Rochester Manor/Bessie Rocknick - Concordia of Wexford/Patty Shorak - Trinity Oaks

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As mentioned last week, the Cupola Committee is excited to report that the construction of the chapel cupola is scheduled to start shortly at the cemetery! Below is a picture submitted to the committee this week of the inside of the cupola that is progressing beautifully.

We as a parish should be very proud of our chapel and the new cupola, so please consider giving a donation to the cupola fund in memory of a loved one! The fundraising for the cupola has been very successful this year and we thank you for your generosity!

Also as a reminder, please save the date: the cupola dedication and banquet will be held on Sunday, November 17th. His Grace, Bishop IRINEJ will also be here to join us for this special occasion!



PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE IN THE MEN’S CLUB PICNIC!!! The Men’s Club Picnic has been changed to SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 2019 from NOON TO 7:00 pm So please share this information with your family and friends!

On Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> a Fellowship Luncheon /Sunday School Picnic will be held immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please make plans to attend! Sign-up sheet and more information to follow!

PURSE BASH TICKETS: PLEASE SEE SAMANTHA MILOSH-BALDWIN TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS! OR EMAIL HER AT: smilosh14@gmail.com or call her 724-462-1402

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