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Sunday, August 15th, 2021

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Translation of the Relics of Saint Stephen

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Panachida for ***+Protopresbyter John Yurcisin (Birthday Remembrance)*** offered by Ann Melanie Yurcisin; ***+Kathryn Chupka and Nicholas Don Chupka*** offered by Kathryn Oravec; ***+Komisar Family – Parents, Helen and Nicholas, Brothers - John and Michael, Sisters and Husbands - Mary and Stephen Chizmar, Helen and Samuel Smith, Olga Weismuller, Grandson Frank Rolley, Niece Gwendolyn Dutton; and Andrew and Theresa Kerestesy; +Evelyn Kozar offered by Michael and Diana Pirich; +Mary Muchesko*** offered by the Muchesko family; ***+Michael and Mary Pavlik (Birthday Remembrance)*** offered by Roger Pavlik; ***+Mary Horner, Michael and Mary Morochko, Ann Kmec and Mary Ruth Horner*** offered by Ruth Horner; +***Mary and Edward Tavalsky*** offered by her children; and +***Shirley Koval*** offered by Susan Koval and family

Resurrection Tone 7 - Tropar & Kondak: Pages 99-101

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

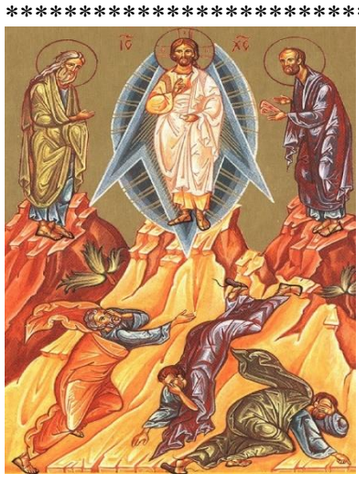
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Services for the week of August 15th

Wed. 8/18 … +Michael and Mary Jagar; +Pani Mary Dutko offered by Msgr. Stephen Dutko; +James Buchkoski; + Catherine Dedianko offered by Patricia Dedianko……8:00 am

Vespers for the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord – 6:00 pm

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Thursday, August 19th, 2021

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

Blessing of Grapes & Fruit

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Tropar & Kondak: Pages 166-169

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:10-19 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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Thur. 8/20 … + Daniel Korinko; +Nicholas Mosorjak offered by Julia Mosorjak; and +Julie Masorjak (Perpetual)….....8:00 am

Sat. 8/22… Great Vespers..……6:00 pm

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Sunday, August 22nd, 2021

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy/ Choir Sunday -9:00 am

Panachida for ***Michael Pirich Sr.*** offered by Julie Messner; ***+Tommy Lee Knipple (40th Day); +Rt. Rev Peter E. Molchany*** offered by Dr. Ernest Molchany; ***+John Homyak, Jr.*** offered by Carol Devine; ***+Olga Dzura*** offered by Pani Kathy Buczak; ***+Robert Matchik*** offered by Mary Jane Matolyak and family; ***+Andrew and Katherine Kesselak*** (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance), and the departed members of the Kesselak Family: +***Mary John, Veronica, Andrew, Mary, Mark, Nicholas and Elizabeth, Pauline and Ruby*** offered by Kay and Nick Timko and the Kesselak Family; ***+Mary Muchesko*** offered by the Muchesko family; ***+ Helen and Andrew Lazor;*** and ***+Busony Family: John and Anna, Michael, Alexander, Adam, George, Nicholas, John, and Joseph*** offered by Anna Furman

Resurrection Tone 8 - Tropar & Kondak: pages 102-104

Epistles: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Gospels: Matthew 14:22-34

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Services for the week of August 22nd

Fri. 8/27 … Vespers for the Feast of the Dormition of the Birth-giver of God – 6:00 pm

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Saturday, August 28, 2021

The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos (The Birthgiver of God)

Blessing of Flowers

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Panachida for ***+John and Mary Kohan and departed family members of Dolores Mirilovich; Joseph and Elizabeth Mirilovich and departed family of Alex Mirilovich*** offered by Dolores Mirilovich (Perpetual)

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Tropar & Kondak: Pages 169-172

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Sunday, August 29th, 2021

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Translation of the Image Not-Made-By-Hands of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Resurrection Tone 1

Epistles: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Tropar & Kondak: pages 81-83 Gospels: Matthew 17:14-22

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THE ALTAR CANDLES – are offered this week in honor of the birthday of ***+Aunt Donna Zizan by Roger Pavlik.***

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THE ETERNAL LAMP – is offered this week as a birthday remembrance ***+Stephen Herko by Kris Bunda.***

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS –***Stephanie Miloro-Kobal (8/17), Nicholas Laichak (8/19), Susan Deitle (8/19), Mary Jane Matolyak (8/21), Stacie Deitle (8/21), and Evelyn Rolley (8/22).***

You were remembered in Proskomedia!

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THE DORMITION FAST

We are in the final season of fasting for the liturgical year, the Dormition Fast. We honor the Virgin Mary by preparing for 14 days where we will refrain from some foods and increase our prayers and intention of following her humble example. Consider the humility of the Theotokos. She responded to Archangel Gabriel with the desire to serve the Lord accepting to become the Mother of God, and consider her strength in witnessing the crucifixion and death of her Son yet not showing hatred or the sin of anger upon those who killed Him, rather she increased her prayer and shows us a passionless quality of life that leads to Life.

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THE BLESSING OF FRUIT ON THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

The blessing of fruits i.e., grapes, apples, etc., as well as vegetables on this day, is one very beautiful custom of our Holy Church. The practice signifies the final transfiguration of all things in Christ our Savior. "It signifies the ultimate flowering and fruitfulness of all creation in the Paradise of God's Kingdom of Life where all will be transformed by the Glory of the Lord".

This is an early Christian tradition. The first week of August, on the sixth of August, the farmers used to gather the first fruits of their summer harvest (grapes, figs, etc.) and to offer thanks to God and offer them to the Church to be blessed and then to give them to the faithful present at the Divine Liturgy as a blessing to them. These fruits are called the "beginnings".

In a text from the 7th century ("the laws of the kingdom") by Emperor Constantine Porfirogenitos this tradition is described clearly: "The Emperor of Constantinople gathers the "beginnings" ("aparches") in Chalcedon, where there are many vines, and then he waits for the Patriarch of Constantinople to come on the Holy Day of the Transfiguration of Christ, to bless the fruits and to personally hand out the grapes to the faithful.

This tradition is adhered to in various parts of Greece where they grow grapes.

Saint John Chrysostom wrote: "Plowman receives fruit from the earth not so much for his labor and diligence, as out of the goodness of God Who grows this fruit, because neither is he that plants anything, neither he that waters, but God that gives the increase".
Grapes are brought to church because they are directly connected to the Holy Eucharistic Mystery (Sacraments); that is why in the prayer for the blessing of grapes the priest says, "Bless, Lord, this new fruit of the vine which reached ripeness because Thou kindly provided good weather, drops of rain and stillness. Let eating this fruit of vine makes us joyful. And give us the honor of offering this fruit to Thee, as the gift of purging of sins, altogether with the Holy Body of Thy Christ.

In the first centuries of Christianity, the faithful brought forth to the church the fruit and crops of the new harvest: bread, wine, olive oil, incense, wax, honey, etc. Of all these offerings, only bread, wine, incense, olive oil, and wax were taken to the altar, while the rest was used for the needs of the clergy and the poor whom the church was caring for. These offerings were to express gratitude to God for all goods, but at the same time help servants of God and people in need. Until today, the consecration of bread and wine, eggs and milk and other food has been kept in the consecration of artos (bread) in the church and meals at home on Pascha. Consecration of flowers and tree branches is performed now on Palm Sunday, the days of the Holy Trinity and Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and on Sunday of the week of the Veneration of the Cross. Rice with raisins and honey are used as offering in services for the dead and remembrance repast. Prosphora is brought forth to church for proskomide (Credence) in order for the priest to perform the Offertory Service.
Source: PROTOPRESBYTER GEORGE D. KONSTANTOPOULOS |

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