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“And the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch”. Acts 11:26
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August 5th, 2018

TRANSFER OF THE GREAT & HOLY FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00 P.M.

Sunday Service: Orthros (Matins) 9:15 AM, **Followed by the Divine Liturgy**

Epistle: Jamie Isaac

Altar Boys: All are welcome to serve.

*(**Do not sing the Apolytikion of the Resurrection **)*

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

*(**Do not sing the Troparion of St. George**)*

KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

“And they were called Christians first in Antioch” (Acts 11:26)

THE EPISTLE

(For the Feast of the Transfiguration)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Peter. (1:10-19)

Brethren, be the more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore, I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made surer. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Feast of the Transfiguration)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:1-9)

At that time, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if Thou wilt, I will make three booths here, one for Thee and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; hear Him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is risen from the dead."

THE SYNAXARION

On August 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the divine Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Verses

Tabor was glorified above earth's every region
When it looked upon God's nature shining in glory.
On the sixth Christ transformed His form as a man.

This glorious event is recorded in the Gospels of Mark (9:2-13), Luke (9:28-36 in Orthros) and Matthew (17:1-9 in Liturgy). In the third year of His preaching, the Lord Jesus often spoke to His disciples of His approaching passion and His glorious Resurrection. So that His impending passion would not totally weaken His disciples, the All-wise Savior wanted to show them His divine glory before His passion on the Holy Cross. (This is why we sing the Katavasia of the Holy Cross on this day.) For that reason, He took Peter, James and John with Him and went out at night to Mount Tabor. The Lord took only three disciples on Tabor because the Lord did not want to leave the unworthy Judas alone at the foot of the mountain so that the betrayer would not, by that, justify his betrayal. Our Lord was transfigured on a mountain and not in a valley to teach us two virtues: love of labor and godly-thoughts. For, climbing to the heights required labor and height represents the heights of our thoughts, i.e., godly-thoughts. Moses and Elijah appeared in order to destroy the erroneous thought of the Jews that the Christ is one of the prophets; that is why He appears as a King above the prophets and that is why Moses and Elijah appear as His servants. Until then, our Lord manifested His divine power many times to the disciples but, on Mount Tabor, He manifested His divine nature. This vision of His Divinity and the hearing of the heavenly witness about Him as the Son of God would serve the disciples in the days of the Lord's passion, in strengthening of an unwavering faith in Him and His final victory. Unto Christ God be glory and dominion unto the ages. Amen.

Thought of the Day

Our stay on earth is not for sojourning, but for a personal choice for good or for evil, for truth or for falsehood.—St Nicholai of Zica

Holy Bread is offered by:



Jamie Isaac celebrating Rylee Isaac's 15th birthday.
God's Blessings for the family and great success in
Virginia. May God grant all vacationers safe travel home.
Vanessa Salloum for the health of all the Salloum
families.

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DONATIONS

Jean-Marc Salloum: For the health of all the Salloum families and all of St. George Church Parishioners.

Alex & Madelyn Shaheen: In loving memory of Sally Malooly

Salma Isaac: Axios Deacon Michael; Happy Birthday Eva Mowad; Congratulations Johnny Odeh

Ward & Susan Esper: Archdiocese dues

Thank you

Thank you to all the ladies who donated supplies for the luncheon, and the ladies who prepared the food and to the people who came and supported us. We had a delicious food and successful event.

Your sister in Christ, Sylvana Aldouri

Congratulations

The Barakat family is proud to congratulate Dr. Dwayne About to be inducted in the Baseball Hall of Fame and he also received the Lucy Acosta Humanitarian Award

LADIES SOCIETY

Calling for Donations! The Ladies Society is requesting new/gently used clothing items for all ages to donate to the Center Against Sexual and Family Violence in El Paso. School supplies (crayons, notebooks, pens and pencils, glue, erasers, markers, pencil bag, etc.) for children are also being collected prior to the start of the new school year and will be distributed to children in need throughout the community. Donations can be brought to the Mini Hall no later than August 12th. Thank you.

FESTIVAL PRE SALE TICKETS

There are 400 pre-sale tickets, \$8000, that are outstanding. If you have not paid for tickets you received, *PLEASE* do so by this coming Sunday.

Jamie Isaac – Treasurer

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“A Taste of Orthodoxy” Study Group

**Come and join us every Saturday from
4:00 – 5:00 PM!**

Interesting discussions about our Faith, Worship, and Spiritual Life. The classes are led by Dr. Sandra Edwards and Fr. Joseph Abouid. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to strengthen your knowledge and faith!



THE DORMITION FAST began on Wednesday, August 1st and ends on Wednesday, August 15th after the Divine Liturgy for the **Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos**. During the Dormition Fast we encourage all faithful to observe the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, and olive oil) Monday through Friday, yet wine and olive oil are allowed on Saturdays and Sundays (also for fish on Monday, August 6th, the feast of the Transfiguration).

**The Paraklesis to the Most Holy Theotokos will be served on:
Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays @ 6:30 p.m.**



**An Evening Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the
Theotokos will be celebrated on Tuesday August 14th, @ 6:30 p.m.**

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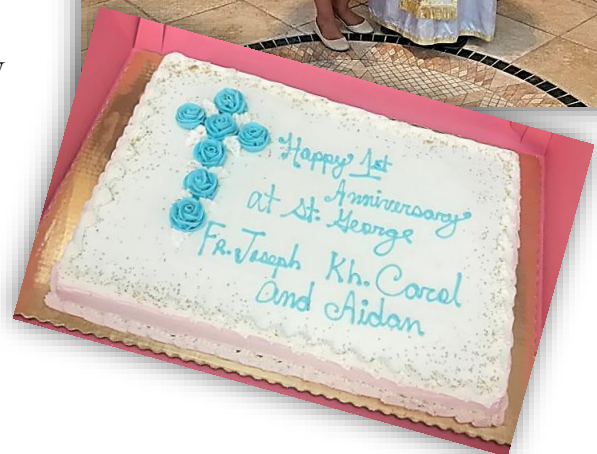


The Feast of the Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ will be transferred from Monday August 6th to Sunday 5th, therefore being celebrated on instead of the ordinary Sunday Liturgy. The blessing of the grapes will take place immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Any donations for grapes are welcomed (any color grapes)!

One of many more, God willing!

One year has passed! As I reflect upon this milestone, I can only say that it has been a year filled with many blessings. I want to thank all of the St. George Community, and the borderland community as well, for receiving us with arms wide open! Thank you, St. George, for making us feel at home; thank you, for your patience regarding my shortfalls; thank you for your fervent prayers; thank you for your constant thoughtfulness; thank you St. George for all your love towards my family and me. I pray that this love may continually grow, and that this God-given community of St. George become not only a home for a few, but for many more seeking the love of Christ. From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU!

Fr. Joseph, Kh. Carol, and baby Aidan!



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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday – Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hospital & Pastoral Visits (During the morning or evenings – Please contact Fr. Joseph to schedule the visits or in case of any emergency at any time).

Confessions: Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. (or during the week by appointment).

Deadline for Holy Bread Offering and any Bulletin Announcement is Thursday.

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