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Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. – Weekdays Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

General Confession 1st Sunday of month

Private Confession every Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or upon request

Sunday, August 2, 2020 Epistle 1 Cor 1: 10-18

Gospel: Matt 14: 14-22

PRAYERS FOR THE HEALTH: Please pray for the following: Stephanie Kennedy, Drake Kennedy, Wellington Kennedy, Conrad Kennedy, Pat Federonko, Gloria Wheeler, Doris Sprague, Gregory Harvilla, Judy Wadysz, Barbara Sapick, Paul Sapick, Mildred Cislo, Anna Hagopian, Reader Gary (Paul) Repella, Michael Gaujanian, Marion Kurtyka, Alice Caddy, William Harvey, Daniel Moran, Brian Kurtyka, Ryan Kerrigan, Frances Munaco, Sonia Kurtyka, Nancy Hawkins, Jim Fisher, and Mark Sudia.

MARRIAGE BANS: This is the first announcement of the marriage of: *Anna Justine Munaco and Max Benjamin Rujan* who will be married here at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, on Saturday, August 22, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Anna is the daughter of Drs. Anthony and Nancy Munaco, and Max is the son of Adam and Toni Rujan.

Please continue to pray for those who are afflicted with the Covid 19 virus, as well as those who put their lives on the line administering to the sick, and also for those who serve our communities – police, emergency personnel, fireman, government officials, and those working to provide necessities for us.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR MASK CORRECTLY WHILE ATTENDING CHURCH, as mandated by the governor. Also, follow safe distancing practices and sanitize your hands.

SPECIAL THANKS: To members and friends for your continuing support of St. Michael's Church through your generous offerings sent in during this difficult time of the Covid 19 virus. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

DORMITION FASTING: A two week fast begins Saturday, August 1st to Friday, August 14th - Feast of Dormition (Falling Asleep of the Holy Virgin Mary)

SCHEDULED SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, August 5th – Vespers – Holy Feast of Transfiguration 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 6th – Divine Liturgy - Holy Feast of Transfiguration 10:00 a.m.
Blessing of Fruit during Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 9th – Sunday Divine Liturgy after Holy Feast of Transfiguration 9:30 a.m.
DON'T FORGET TO BRING IN YOUR BASKETS OF FRUIT TO BE BLESSED!

Friday, August 14th – Vespers – Dormition/Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 15th - Divine Liturgy Dormition/falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary 10:00 a.m.
Blessing of Flowers during Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 16th – Divine Liturgy after Dormition 9:30 a.m.
FLOWERS WILL BE BLESSED FOR THE DORMITION

CHURCH MEMORIAL DONATION:

Zorica & Stefan Petroski (in memory of *Yelena Kaloperovich*) Memory Eternal! \$100.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

FROM THE ORTHODOX WEEKLY BULLETIN . . . Vestal, Cliffwood, New Jersey

THE GLORY OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

A moment of eternity in our world of time. A glimpse of the light of God's glory in our land of sinful darkness. A vision of the Kingdom to come in our blindness of the present. All this might be said of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, the great feastday which illuminates the month of August in our church calendar.

Our icon, faithful to the traditional iconographic rendition, vividly depicts the scene as recorded in the Gospel. Christ appears on the summit of Mount Tabor in garment "white as the light," flanked by Moses on the right, and Elijah (Elias) on the left, representing the Law and the Prophets, or as some say, representing the living and the dead. Christ is enveloped in geometric forms, representing the "bright cloud" that covered Him.

Beneath are the three Apostles whom the Lord took with Him up the mountain. They are overwhelmed by the vision of the Lord's Divinity, the Voice of the Father and the bright cloud as they fall to the ground. Peter, kneeling, is at the right; John, falling to earth, in the center; and James is on the left.

What we have in this feast is the revelation of the glory of God the Son and the manifestation of His majesty. We have an appearance of Christ's divine nature, and we have the mystery and splendor of the glory of light.

Why was Christ transfigured? A hymn tells us: "So that when Christ's apostles should see You crucified, they might understand Your suffering to be Your own will and might proclaim to the world that You are truly the glorious light of the father."