

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church
Celebrating 125 years witnessing to the Apostolic Faith

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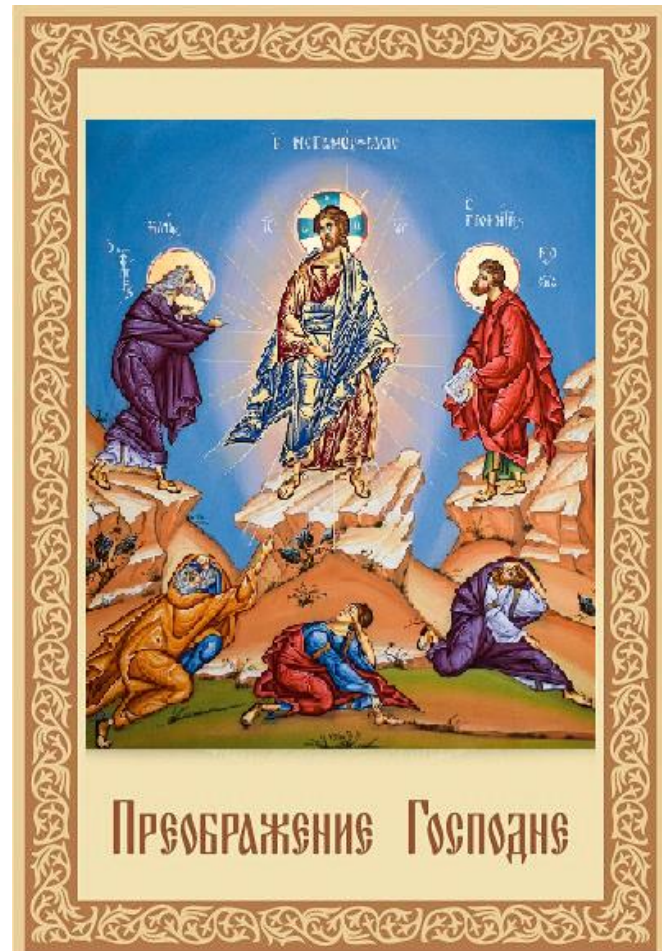
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Diocese of the Midwest***

AUGUST 3, 2025

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EPISTLE: 1 Cor 1:10-18

Brethren: Now I plead with you, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.



**Transfiguration of Our Lord
August 6th**

GOSPEL: Mt 14:14-22

At that time, Jesus saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So, they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MON. Aug 4	7 Holy Youths "Seven Sleepers" of Ephesus; 1 Cor 11:3-12:6, Mt 18:1-11
TUE. Aug 5	Martyr Eusignius of Antioch; 1 Cor 12:12-26, Mt 18:18-22, 19:1-2, 13-15
6:00 PM	VESPERS
WED. Aug 6	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD ; 2 Peter 1:10-19, Mt 17:1-9
9:10 AM	HOURS
9:30 AM	DIVINE LITURGY
THU. Aug 7	Martyr Dometius of Persia and his two disciples; 1 Cor 14:16-9, Mt 20:17-28
FRI. Aug 8	Holy Confessor Emilian; 1 Cor 14:26-40, Mt 21:12-14, 17-20
6:00 PM	AKATIST to Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos
SAT. Aug 9	Venerable Herman of Alaska; Rom 14:6-9, Mt 15:32-39
4:00 PM	VESPERS
SUN. Aug 10	9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, <i>Tone 8</i>
9:10 AM	HOURS
9:30 AM	DIVINE LITURGY Followed by Coffee Hour

FOR YOUR PRAYERS



Bobbie Royhab, 148 Cottage Cove Drive, Marblehead, OH 43440; **Patti Owens**, 311 Woodbridge Road Vermilion, OH 44089; **Basil Glovinsky**, 1007 Glendale Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452; **Irene Vangeloff**, 3580 Shaw Ave., Apt. 305, Cincinnati, OH 45208

AUGUST REPOSED



Michael Onyock (1931) No date provided; Michael Hritsko (1934) No date provided; 7- Dorothy Romig (2017); 12- Jim Mazur (2021); 13- Andrew Millie (1958); 21- Sophia Monak (2004); 23- Martha Brooks (2010); 24- Damien (cousin of Valerie S (2019)); 28- Rev. Dr. William Walter Worstall (2011); 31- Larry Noon (2014)

PRAYER LIST

Parishioners & Family: Rachel and her unborn baby / Alex and her unborn baby / Kristen Cassell / Laura DeKemper / Tom Hileman / Cliff & Kathy Ruggles / Sandra / Renee Haynal / Sharon Shaheen (Patti Owen's sister) / Norb / Heidi Golob / Ron & Bobbie Royhab / Rodney Clevenger / Jennifer Heffernan / Tom Hileman / Pam / Jim Twarek / Ed Garrity / Patti Owens / Barbara Wroblewski / Michal Tomáš / Helena Tomášová / Ruth Sheller / Basil Glovinsky / Dale / Sophie / Carol / David Martin / Fred Soski / Irene Vangeloff / Sonja Rose / James Bargdill / Carole Conaway / Gary Conaway / Sharon Dietrich / Michael Glovinsky / Shirley Gresh / Joseph Habegger / Betty Kovach / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Earl Rindfleisch / Helen Jean Rofkar / George Royhab / Marianne Royhab / Kathy Jacob / the child Bodhi Cassell / Gleice, Sophie & Chloe / Carol / Nora.

Other Requests: Catechumen Sessely / Catechumen Daniel / Catechumen Adam / Ron Ossivicki / Kristy Ackley / Steve Rohweder / Nicole Williams / John Couture / Don / Ann Turinsky / Marcia / Sarah King / Catechumen Blake Shoemaker / Catechumen Nickolas Dawenport / Catechumen Joshua Paull / Catechumen Danielle Paull / Catechumen Wrenley Paull / Arimus Paull / Linkoln Paull / Catechumen Ryan Stamp / Matushka Melania / Sharyn Osborne / Christine Zahm / Amy / Bill Byrnes / Susanne / Charles Schlett / Kathy Debevits / Maxwell Chaney / Anthony / Archpriest Ján Čizmár / Archpriest David Lis / Archpriest Emilian & Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Robert Piznar / Mark Masica / Valerie Ritzenthaler / William / Rick Rowe / Chris.

Military: Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military



VIGILS FOR JULY 27

Susan Guzy 1 Happy heavenly birthday to brother Bill(7/27/43), safe travels to brother Gary

Jean Hileman 1 Special Intentions

Laura Kovach 3 For health and/or healing of Joe H., Bobbie R., Kristi A., Peggy S., Ann T., Alex M., Nick S., Mike T., Matushka Melania, Ron R., Betty K., Margaret M., Hannah S., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Irene V, and Heidi & Wayne G.

Memory eternal to Jim Magers

Special Intentions

Sandy Martin 1 Special Intentions

Ron & Bobbie Royhab 1 In honor of our son David's 55th birthday

Natalie Twarek 9 In thanksgiving, For the health Ron & Bobbie, For the health & recovery of Matushka Melania, For the health and recovery of Marilyn, Tom, Kathy & Cliff, Basil, Irene, Rodney, Betty, Carol, Kayla, Pam, Jim, Heidi, Wayne, Nicole, Peggy, Ann, Laura, Mike, Marcia, Health and healing for Father's parents Michal & Helena and Matushka's mom Barbara, and Walter, For the health of Nick, Jen, Tony, Father David, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Tina's dad, Earl, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat, Special Intentions



READERS LIST

Sunday Aug 3 – Joe

Sunday Aug 10 – Tim

Sunday Aug 17 – Jake



AUGUST CANDLE SPONSORS

Altar Candles: Joe & Valerie Schutt, In memory of LaVerne Schutt & Violet Bargdill (**\$50**);
Chandelier: Joe & Valerie Schutt, In memory of Dorothy Czuha (August 23, 2009); Natalie Twarek, In loving memory of mom and in thanksgiving (**\$50**); **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Joe & Valerie Schutt, In memory of Howard Bailey, Damian Bailey, Sophia Grgich (**\$25**);
Candles at the Cross: Laura Kovach, Birthday blessings to Matt and birthday memory of my dad Steven (**\$20**); **Candles at St. Tikhon Icon:** Fr. Peter and Mat. Michelle, For Health and God's Blessings for Barbara Wroblewski, and Michal & Helena Tomáš (**\$20**)



ATTENDANCE

07/26 Vespers, **10** attending; **07/27** Divine Liturgy, **51** attending (20 guests)



68th ANNUAL HALUPKI FESTIVAL

Festival raffle tickets are available. We are asking each parish household to sell at least 20 raffle tickets at \$5 each. Please ask your friends and family 'how many tickets they would like to purchase,' not **if** they want any... approach is everything! Thank you in advance for your help!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

10 – Irene Vangeloff; **14** – Nick Mazurik *; **28** – Arimus Paull *; **31** – Danielle Paull



SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, July 27, 2025

Tithe	\$1,122.00
Donations	\$ 364.00
Candles	\$ 63.00
Vigils	\$ 80.00
Cemetery Donation	\$ 145.00
Chandelier	\$ 100.00
Altar Candles	\$ 50.00
Eternal Light & Icon Screen	\$ 25.00
Zoe for Life	\$ 15.00
Total:	\$1,964.00

May the Lord reward you for your financial and spiritual support!

UP-COMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH – MARK YOUR CALENDAR



- Aug 4th** – Baking Day 8:00 am (*Monday*)
Aug 15th – Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos – Parish Feast Day 7:30 am (*Friday*)
Aug 17th – 68th Halupki Festival –11:30 am - 7:00 pm (*Sunday*)
Aug 30th – Market Day 8:00 am (*Saturday*)



BLESSING OF FRUIT

We would like to remind everyone to bring some fruit for blessing for the Feast of Transfiguration this Wednesday, August 6th. The usual blessing of fruit will take place after the Divine Liturgy.



CHARITY OF THE MONTH

“St. Herman's Seminary” is the charity we donate to for the month of August.



COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR LIST

July 27 -	Donna
Aug 3 -	Available
Aug 10 -	Sessely & Dan Maciejewski

Please sign up to host coffee hour. Signup sheet is located in the Social Hall



ANNUAL PEACH FESTIVAL

The Annual Peach Festival, sponsored by Women of St. John and St. Paul Lutheran Church will take place on Saturday, August 9th from 4:00 – 6:30 pm, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Marblehead, in fellowship hall. The menu will include mouth-watering peaches, ice cream, brats, hot dogs, sloppy joes, beans, soup, chips, pies, and other desserts. This year's event will also include live music, a craft table, a bake sale, car show and flea market. *See the flyer on the bulletin board!*



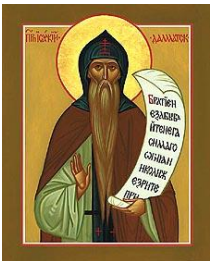
CLEANING SCHEDULE

Aug 4, Susan
 Aug 11, Laura
 Aug 18, Laura
 Aug 25, Laura



MARKET DAY

Our next Market Day will take place on Saturday, **Aug 30th** starting with set up at **8:00 AM**. We will have perohi, kielbasa and kraut, spanakopita, and a large variety of baked goods. Your help is greatly appreciated!



Venerable Isaac the Ascetic of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople Commemorated on August 3

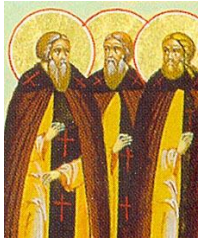
Saint Isaac (May 30) was a soldier before he became a monk. After he was tonsured, he attained such a degree of spiritual perfection that he was accounted worthy of beholding divine visions.

When Saint Isaac heard about how the Emperor Valens had fallen into the Arian heresy and was persecuting the Orthodox Christians, he left his monastery and traveled to Constantinople to confront the emperor. At that time Valens was planning a campaign against the Goths. Saint Isaac tried to change the emperor's mind several times, but was unable to convince him. He prophesied that Valens would die in flames because of his actions. The emperor ordered that Saint Isaac be thrown into prison, and promised to deal with him when he returned from his expedition. On August 9, 378 Valens was defeated at Adrianople and died in a fire after hiding in a barn, just as the saint had predicted.

Emperor Theodosius the Great, who had a great love for the saint, released him from prison and banned Arianism. Saint Isaac attended the Second Ecumenical Council (381), where he defended the Orthodox Faith against the Arian heresy.

Saint Isaac hoped to return to his monastic life in the wilderness, but a wealthy man built a monastery for him at Constantinople, and he became its first igumen. The monastery was later named for his disciple Dalmatus.

When Saint Isaac was approaching the end of his earthly life, he named Saint Dalmatus to succeed him as igumen. He lived to a ripe old age and reposed in the year 383.



Venerable Dalmatus and Faustus, the Ascetics of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople

Commemorated on August 3

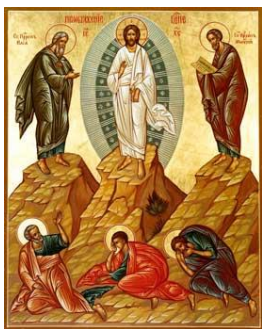
Saint Dalmatus served in the army of the holy emperor Theodosius the Great (379-395) and attracted his notice. The saint was soon filled with the desire to dedicate himself to his Lord and Creator. Therefore, sometime between the years 381-383, he left the service of an earthly ruler in order to serve the King of Heaven. He went with his son Faustus to Saint Isaac's monastery near Constantinople in order to speak with him. Saint Isaac (May 30) tonsured both father and son into monasticism, and they both began to lead a strict ascetic life.

Saint Dalmatus excelled all the other monks in virtue. Once, during Great Lent, Saint Dalmatus did not eat any food for the forty days. Later he regained his strength and was found worthy of a divine vision. The holy ascetic was chosen to be the igumen after the death of the most devout Isaac. In fact, at the Third Ecumenical Council which met in Ephesus in 431 A. D. which condemned the heresy of Nestorius, Saint Dalmatus was honored for his defense of the Orthodox Faith.

After the Council the holy Fathers elevated Saint Dalmatus to be the archimandrite of his monastery, where he died peacefully at the age of ninety (after 446). He was succeeded by his son Faustus, who proved to be a worthy successor of his father.

Saint Faustus and his father Dalmatus received the monastic tonsure from Saint Isaac (May 30) at his monastery near Constantinople.

Saint Faustus, like his father, had attained the heights of monasticism, and excelled at fasting. Following the death of his father, he succeeded him as igumen of the monastery. The details of his ascetical life are not known.



Transfiguration: A Prototype of Universal Glory

by Alexander Moiseenkov

The Transfiguration of the Lord is one of the most important holidays in the Orthodox Church. Three semantic meanings are intertwined in it so much that it is difficult to separate one from another. We will try to do this to be clear what exactly we are celebrating on the day of the Transfiguration of the Lord.

Let us start with the fact that for a long time the Transfiguration of Christ was not attached to any specific day in the church calendar. Oddly enough, the date of August 6 (19) is not the real date of this event. We do not know the day of the Transfiguration of Christ just as we do not know the exact day of His Nativity. The actual date of the Feast stems from a historical fact: in the 4th century, a basilica church was consecrated on Mount Tabor, originating the local tradition of commemorating this event. Over time, the historical content faded and the memory of the Transfiguration replaced it. This tradition was reflected in the Jerusalem Typikon. Over time, when the Typikon supplanted almost all other ecclesiastical rules in the Orthodox Church, the day of the Transfiguration began to be celebrated universally.

When and where did the Transfiguration of Christ actually take place? It is difficult to answer this question. There are several versions. According to Church tradition, the Lord was transfigured on Mount Tabor 40 days before his death. However, the Gospel has no specific indications of either geographic points or chronology. Christ ascended the mountain and showed the disciples His glory – that is all that the evangelists say.

According to one version, the event of the Transfiguration took place not on Tabor, but on Hermon—also a Galilean Mountain, much larger than Tabor. This hypothesis is supported by the fact that at the time of Christ there was a fortress on Tabor, where He would hardly have been able to retire with his disciples. At the same time, Hermon was a very high hill, covered with dense greenery, making it an excellent place for solitude and prayer. This said, any significant hill, of which there are plenty in Palestine, could fit under the gospel concept of a mountain. Largely, it is not that significant where and when exactly the Transfiguration took place. After all, the gospel events are beyond space and time. Each episode from the earthly life of Christ took place “for us men and for our salvation”, regardless of time, place or any other material categories. The most important thing here is the fact that the Transfiguration actually took place.

Speaking of the Feast, we need to answer another, much more significant question: why was Christ transfigured? At first glance, this seems like an unusual event in the life of the Savior. He healed crowds of people and performed unprecedented miracles, asking those he healed not to speak of Him. Christ avoided fame and rumors in every possible way. He categorically refused to accept the image of the King and the Wonderworker, which the crowd imposed on Him. Why should Christ be transfigured?

This question is answered in a short episode preceding the gospel story of the Transfiguration. In it, Christ asks the disciples who they consider Him to be.

On behalf of all the apostles, Peter firmly says, “You are the Son of God!” These were not just words of a disciple flattering his Master. These were words of confession, coming from the heart.

Then, in response to the apostles’ faith, the Lord showed them His glory. If the Transfiguration had happened at the beginning of the Savior’s ministry, it would not have had the same meaning. The disciples would then immediately recognize Christ as God, simply out of fear.

The confession of Peter would then have been made under constraint. However, the Savior did not want to force anyone, and therefore He did not reveal His divinity up to a certain time, so that the disciples would freely understand in their hearts without any coercion that He is not just a Teacher, but also the Son of God.

When the disciples finally professed their faith, the Lord appeared before them in a transfigured divine form. He did this for a specific purpose. First, He was about to face a terrible and painful death, and He knew that it was going to be a very serious test for the disciples. Most of the apostles abandoned Christ at Golgotha, but still the memory of the Transfiguration and the thought that He is God, did not allow them to leave Him completely. In the terrible days of the Crucifixion and death of Christ, the Transfiguration, once witnessed by the disciples, served for them as a kind of a guarantee of His future Resurrection. Secondly, the Transfiguration indicates that Christ goes to Golgotha completely freely and consciously. The same is reflected in the hymn of the Feast: “...so that when they would behold You crucified, they would understand that Your suffering was voluntary.” Christ figuratively says, “Behold, I can call on millions of angels, but I will not do this. I am the King of the world; I am the Creator of the universe. However, I am also a loving God who gives Himself for the salvation of the whole world. And I do this completely voluntarily.”

The transfiguration makes another very important theological point. The fact is that everything that happened to Christ in His earthly life will happen to us. We will be resurrected and transformed in the same way. The state of the resurrected Savior is the deified state of human nature, which all people will acquire in eternity. The Transfiguration points towards that which awaits us all after the second coming. The glory of the Transfiguration is the destiny of all people who will enter eternity with the Savior and share with Him the joy of the Kingdom of God. This is why the Church cherishes this holiday so much: from year to year, it reminds us of the good and worthy goal to which we are called by God himself. Transfiguration is the brilliance of the Fatherland, where we are remembered, loved and welcomed.