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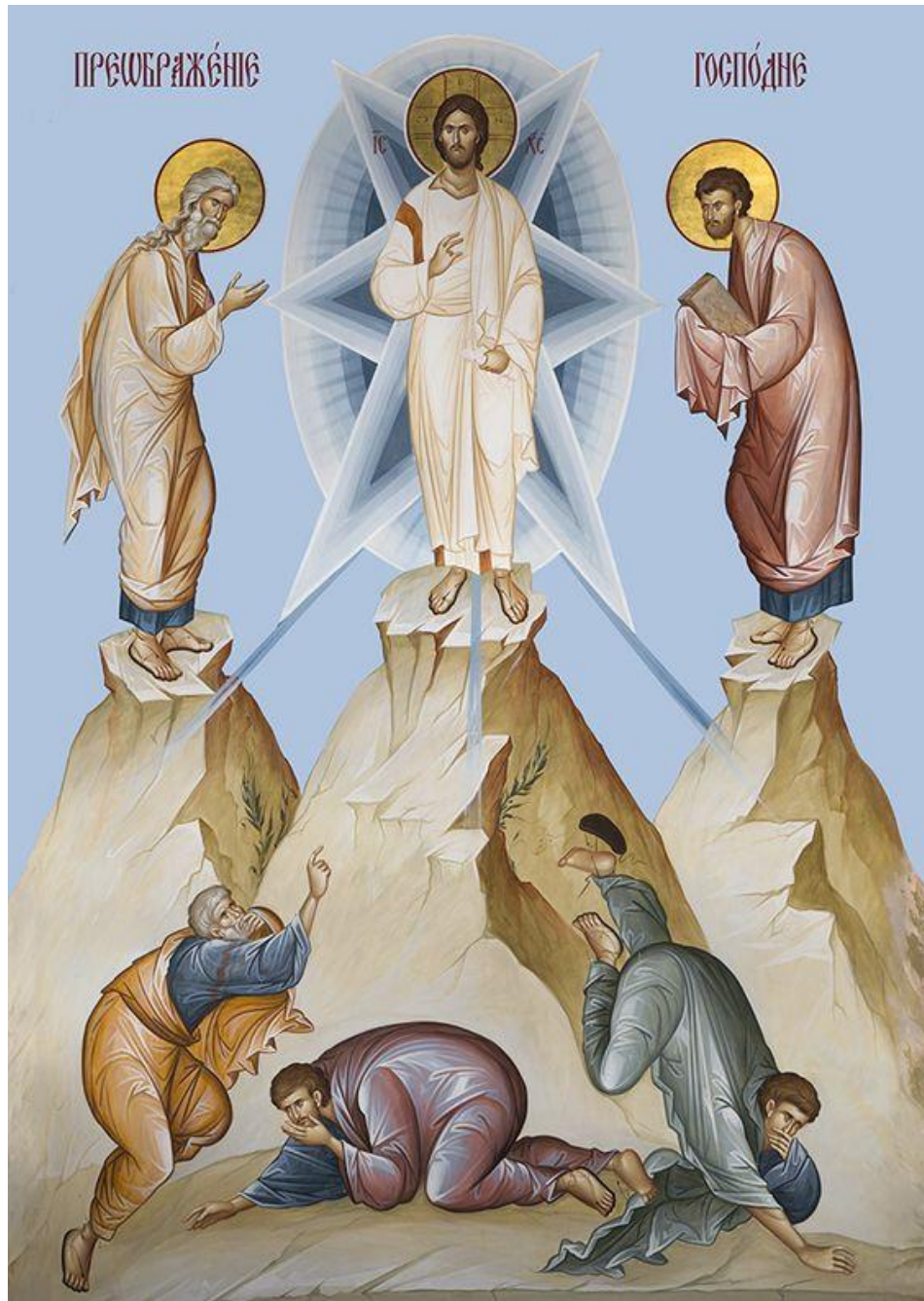
Carol Wetmore, Choir Director

Mitred Archpriest George Hasenecz, Attached

SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 4.....9:00am Third Hour
9:15am Prayer Service to St.
Herman
9:30am Divine Liturgy

Monday, August 5.....6:00pm Vespers with Litiya
Eve of Transfiguration Blessing of Fruit



Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ
(Commemorated August 6)

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Troparion — Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting Light shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos. O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

Kontakion — Tone 7

On the Mountain was Thou Transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father!

Teaching: Today on Mount Tabor Christ changed the nature of Adam, which had grown dark, made it radiant and divinized it. (Little Vespers for the Feast)

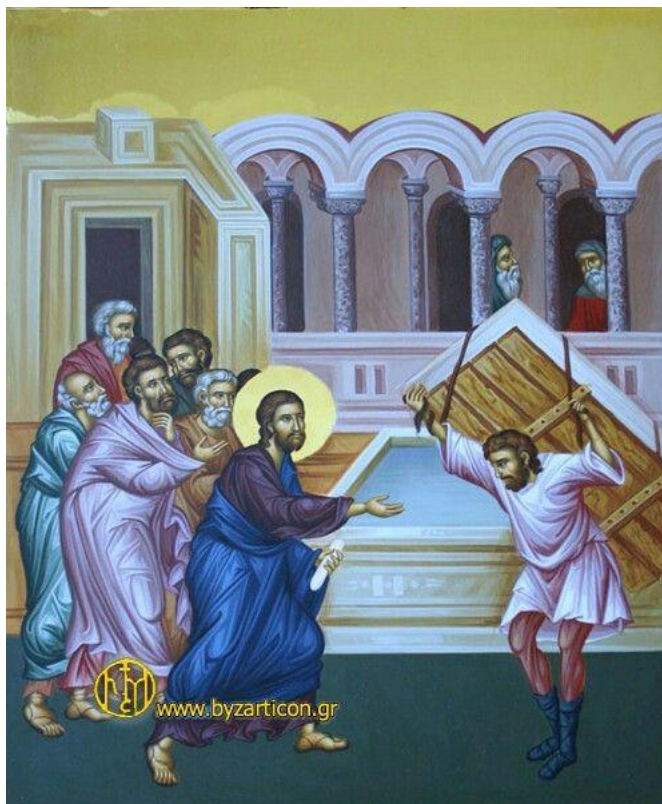
"Yet there is something more to be said. 'By Thy light Thou hast sanctified the whole world' (Great Vespers, Litya): The Transfiguration of Christ on the Mountain implies the transfiguration, not only of human nature as a whole, but also of the whole of material creation. Its dimensions are cosmic. Humanity is saved not from but with the whole of material creation. The universe in its entirety waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God (Romans 8:19). In this sense Tabor is the prelude to the 'new earth' (Revelation 21:1), which is to be proclaimed throughout the world in the last times. For on the Mountain we do not see only a human face transfigured 'in glory'. The light equally radiates through the clothing of Christ (Matthew 17:2). The light of Tabor transfigures, not the Saviour's body exclusively, but together with it the other material elements around Him, the clothes He is wearing, which have been made by human hands; and thus by extension the light potentially embraces all material things. Not only every human person, but every physical object can be transfigured. In the light of this one

person who has been transformed, these particular clothes, which have become white and shining, all human persons have received a new radiance, all ordinary things have been given a new depth.

"For those who believe in the transfigured Christ no object, whatever it may be, is base or contemptible; all created things are capable of being filled with the uncreated light. The glory of the Burning Bush is all around us, waiting to reveal itself."

-- Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware) of Diokleia, "The Glory of the Transfiguration":
Themes from the Liturgical Texts

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6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Holy Seven Youths ("Seven Sleepers") of Ephesus: Maximilian, Jamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodian (Constantine), and Antoninus (250). Martyr Eudoxia of Persia (362-364). Martyr Eleutherius of Constantinople (4th c.).

Epistle: [Romans 12:6-14](#)

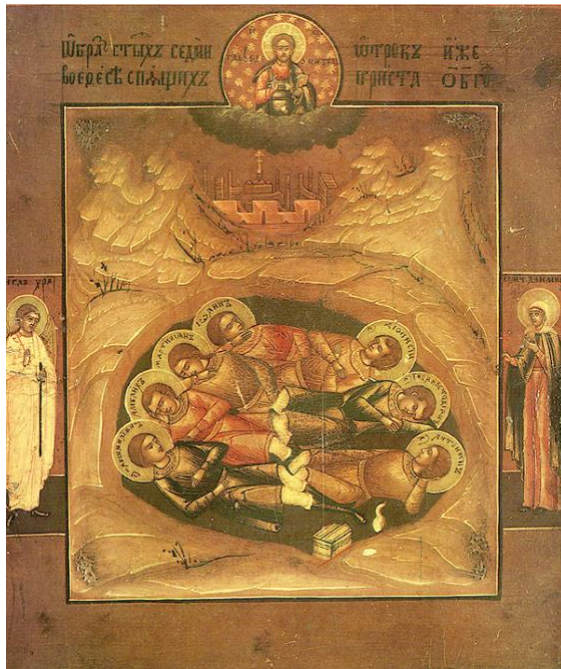
Gospel: [Matthew 9:1-8](#)

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“We must enter into this work of prayerful dialogue again and again, day by day, moment by moment, during every part of our life, always striving to make a new beginning.”

~ Archimandrite Sergius, Foreword from *Orthodox Christian Prayers*

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Seven Holy Youths (The Seven Sleepers of Ephesus)

(Commemorated August 4)

Troparion — Tone 4

Your holy martyrs, O Lord, through their sufferings have received their incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Kontakion — Tone 4

Those who renounced the perishing comforts of this world, preferring the eternal things of Heaven, were incorrupt after death and rose from the dead and buried the snares of the devils! O Faithful, let us then honor them, singing a hymn of praise to Christ!

Read their story:

<https://www.o.ca.org/saints/lives/2024/08/04/102195-7-holy-youths-seven-sleepers-of-ephesus>

MANY YEARS - to those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and name days during the month of August.

Birthdays: Maria Alexianu, Martin Burne, Kim Constantine, Amanda Farbanish, Hurley Fox, Ed Kirchdoerffer, Dean Lysak, James Moore, Daniel Nosal, Jonathan Olszowy, Brenda Prymak, Dawn Smith, Barbara Timpani, William Tutko, Daniel Walsh, Robert Weger, Nicole Wydner, Melissa Zlatanovic.

Anniversaries: Jerry & Galina Adair, Janice & Robert Kern, Deanne & Thomas Kietrys, Lisa (Farbanish) & Michael Perricane, Irene & Robert Weger, Lisa & Mark Wydner.

Name days: Peter Dardaganis – 15th , Ruby Lawrie – 22nd, Alex Bohensky – 30th.

THANK YOU to all those who contributed dishes to last Sunday's Pot Luck Coffee Hour. Thank you, as well, to those who cleaned up afterward.

HOSTING COFFEE HOUR - Signing up to host a Coffee Hour is a good way to honor a departed loved one or a special event. In the meantime, don't forget to consider bringing a dish to our Potlucks. There's always need for help with setup and cleanup as well. Many thanks to those who've been contributing!



CONGRATULATIONS to **Kristen Connerat and William ("Ty") Hayes** who were joined in Holy Matrimony last Sunday, to their parents George and Jeanne Connerat and Tory and Brenda Hayes, and to their sponsors Elizabeth Connerat, Spencer Webb, and Harrison D'Amico. God grant them all Many Blessed Years!



SUPPORT OUR SOLDIER - A care package was recently sent out to **Isaiah Allen**, who is deployed overseas, and another package is being prepared to be sent out in August. (Donation deadline **August 4th.**) There will be a collection box in Founders Hall marked with Isaiah's name. Requested items are:

- a pack of markers
- a pack of colored pencils

- a pad of drawing paper
- puzzle pad
- baby wipes
- sunflower seeds
- gummy snacks
- beef jerky
- different flavored oreo cookies
- swedish fish
- starbursts
- protein bars
- mio to add to water
- note cards written to Isaiah wishing him well
- drawings from children



SAVE THE DATE for our Church's **60th Anniversary Celebration**, scheduled for Sunday, October 6th, 2024. There will be a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by a luncheon. Details and the cost of tickets will be forthcoming.

A PARISH COUNCIL CONFERENCE will be held in our deanery at St. Gregory Palamas Church in Glen Gardner, NJ on **Saturday, August 10**. This annual conference is intended for any and all members of our diocesan parishes, especially those who are serving on parish councils.

Flyer:

https://mcusercontent.com/c4f1d2c6e7cdc04fe0540a5ff/files/9cb96872-ae92-009d-7b8f-00213a0ecf6c/Parish_Council_Conference_Flyer_2024.pdf



FUTURE COFFEE HOURS

August 4 - Pot Luck

August 11 - open

August 18 - open

August 25 - open

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