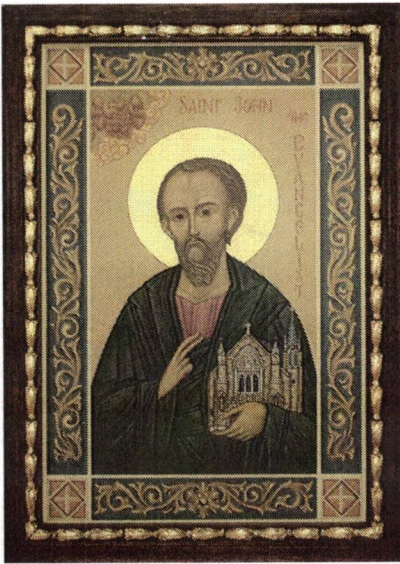




JULY 13, 2025



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REVEREND FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER

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***Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23)
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where each person voluntarily belongs as one who believes in and belongs to Christ .***

We take this opportunity to welcome those guests worshiping with us.

Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer, please contact Fr. Seraphim

The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshiping community that shares in "one body...one faith". (Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and then to take a piece of the blessed bread.

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DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

TONE 4 / EOTHINON 5

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**Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel;
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APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

O beloved Apostle of Christ God, Come quick and save a people with no recourse. He who let you rest your head on his breast. Will not reject your pleas on our behalf. Beseech Him then, O wise and holy Theologian, Dispel from us the dark and ominous clouds of disbelief. Grant us his peace and great mercy.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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A special charitable account has been set up at the Archdiocese Headquarters. The proceeds will be forwarded to His Beatitude Patriarch John X for distribution to the survivors and families of those who were killed at Prophet Elias Church near Damascus, Syria on 6-22-25.

DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JULY.

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Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration
Ellwood City, Pennsylvania

PATRONAL FEAST
Annual Pilgrimage

Presiding Hierarch
His Grace the **Right Reverend Benedict**
Bishop of Hartford and New England
The Orthodox Church in America

Tuesday, August 5
Eve of Transfiguration

6:00 Festal Vigil Service

Wednesday, August 6
Feast of Transfiguration

9:00 Akathist

9:30 Procession and Hierarchical Liturgy

12:00 Catered Luncheon

2:30 Holy Unction with Paraklesis

THE SYNAXARION

On July 13 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel; and Venerable Stephen of Mar Sabbas monastery.

On this Sunday, we commemorate the 630 holy and God-bearing Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, which convened in Chalcedon in 451 against the Monophysites.

Verses

Shunning opposite errors like the sea monsters Scylla and Charybdis,
The Fathers steer the Church on a straight course to safety.

The Holy Fathers were, once again, concerned with the nature of Jesus Christ. The false teaching arose that Christ's human nature (considered by heretics as less perfect) dissolved itself in His divine nature (considered by heretics as more perfect): like a cube of sugar in a parcel of water. Thus, in that scenario, Christ had only one nature, the Divine. These false preachers were called Monophysites ("mono", meaning "one" and "physis", meaning "nature"), and they were led by Eutyches and Dioscorus. Monophysitism overemphasized the divine nature of Christ, at the expense of the human. The Fourth Ecumenical Council condemned Monophysitism and proclaimed that Christ has two complete natures: the divine and the human, as defined by previous Councils. These two natures function as equally perfect, without confusion, and are neither divided nor separate. The Fathers declared that at no time did they undergo any change.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**"THE LORD WILL HELP YOU WITH HIS GRACE.
TEMPTATIONS ARE NEVER STRONGER THAN GRACE.**

"(Elder Joseph the Hesychast).

JULY SERVICES

ANNOUNCEMENT: FROM MAY 1ST THROUGH AUGUST 30TH
WE WILL NOT BE HAVING SATURDAY GREAT VESPERS

(Fr. Seraphim has too many Saturday's away)

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JULY 13TH SUNDAY — SUNDAY OF HOLY FATHERS/ 4TH COUNCIL
MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

JULY 19TH SATURDAY — COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 8:30-10:30AM

JULY 20TH SUNDAY — THE PROPHET ST. ELIAS
MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

COUNCIL MEETING AT 12 NOON

JULY 27TH SUNDAY — ST. PANTELEIMON GREAT MARTYR & HEALER
MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

AUGUST 1ST FRIDAY — DORMITION FAST BEGINS
AUGUST 1ST THRU TO AUGUST 15TH

AUGUST 3RD SUNDAY —MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

AUGUST 6TH WEDNESDAY— TRANSFIGURATION SERVICE WILL
BE CELEBRATED AT THE MONASTARY OF THE
TRANSFIGURATION IN ELLWOOD CITY.

REFER TO ***PATRONAL FEAST*** ON PAGE 7 FOR SERVICE TIMES

AUGUST 10TH SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

AUGUST 14TH THURSDAY — DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS
SERVICE WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 6PM.

AUGUST 16 SATURDAY—COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 8:30-10:30AM

PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF:

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Carol, Debbie, Trish, Shannon, Justin, Harriet, Perry Sassic & family, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Cindi, Joann, Cindy, Ray, Marlene, Julianna, Elias, Margaret, Carrie, Lori, Oliver, Pauline, Despina, Julius, John, and Bonnie.

Welcome to our newest members: Connor, Mira, Asher, Benjamin

FOR THOU ARE THE RESSURECTION, THE LIFE, AND THE REPOSE OF THY SERVANTS WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP ESPECIALLY:

Prayers are offered in memory of

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"GLORY TO THEE, WHO HAS SHOWN US THE LIGHT"

A large advertising billboard once had this message: "The darkness can kill you." It was an ad for electric light bulbs, but what it said is profoundly true: **DARKNESS BRINGS DEATH.** People like the light and fear the darkness. The first thing you do when you come into a dark house is turn on the lights. Even plants seek the brightness of the sun.

One of the most profound statements that Jesus made during His years among us was this: "I am the light of the world. Whosoever comes after Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

What a name this is for our Lord! The Light of the World. Everything outside of Christ is darkness. But with Christ, there is light. It is no accident that burning lamps and candles are closely associated with the Christian faith. When a baby is brought for Baptism, the sponsors hold lighted candles to symbolize that this is now a child of the light, a child of Christ. Candles are lit for every service. And when a person dies and is brought to the church for burial, again lighted candles are placed about the body, to show that even in death there is a lighted way to go to Christ.

Jesus also referred to His followers as light . . . "You are the light of the world . . . So let your light shine, that men might see your good work and glory your Father who is in heaven . . ." Just as, for example, the moon reflects the light of the sun, so we are to reflect the light of Christ.

We are the ones who can now dispel the darkness of fear, despair, evil and sin in the world. There is an old saying that Christ now has no hands but our hands to do His work on earth, no feet but ours to carry Him to the sick, needy, poor and outcast; no tongue but our tongues to teach and comfort and do His bidding in the world. Surely there is much truth to this concept.

