

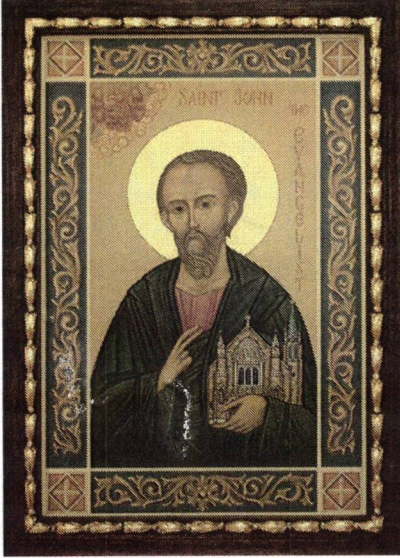


“Suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying  
'This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased,  
Listen to Him!' ”

(Matthew 17:5)

**AUGUST 03, 2025**





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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 .***

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***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, AUGUST 03, 2025**

### **TONE 7 / EOTHINON 8; EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & EIGHTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

Our Righteous Fathers Isaacius, Dalmatus, and Faustus; Salome the myrrh-bearer;  
Venerable Anthony the Roman, wonderworker of Novgorod

#### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN**

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

#### **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.

#### **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.

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#### **FUTURE OF PARISH LIFE CONFERENCES SURVEY**

**MESSAGE FROM MARY BONNICI**—Chair of the Eastern Dioceses Ministry Council.: IT is my firm belief that all activities we undertake (from hosting coffee hour to Parish Life Conferences) should be to the Glory of God, the building up of Christ's Church and the spread of Holy Orthodoxy. For many years, there has been an ongoing discussion regarding whether changes could be made to enhance the experience of Parish Life Conferences (or whether they are outdated endeavour of current time and should be retired). We are seeking your input and views on this matter through a 5 minute survey. A flyer has been provided in your bulletin for your responses. Please respond by Sunday September 7TH.

**Direct Survey Link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WZQC2GC>

**What's a PLC?** Watch this 2 min.YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/ooqNMZS6kJE>



## THE EPISTLE

(For the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost)

***The Lord will give strength to His people.***

***Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God,  
ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.***

**The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:10-17)**

Brethren, I appeal to you, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to 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 Crispos and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Eighth Sunday of Matthew)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:14-22)**

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

## THE SYNAXARION

On **August 3** in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the venerable and God-bearing fathers Isaacius, Dalmatus and Faustus of the Dalmaton monastery.

### *Verses*

*By three men, O Most High, is Thy throne surrounded:*

*One, Faustus; two, Isaacius; three, Dalmatus.*

*On the third, Dalmatus, Faustus and Isaac died.*

At first, Dalmatus was an officer during the reign of Emperor Theodosius the Great whom the emperor held in great esteem. When the spirit awakened in him, Dalmatus despised all earthly things, resigned his rank and took his only son Faustus and, with him, went to the community of Isaacius in the outskirts of Constantinople where they both were tonsured as monks. Dalmatus was completely devoted to a God-pleasing life for which the elder Isaacius rejoiced. When Isaacius approached the hour of death, he appointed Dalmatus as abbot in his place. Later, this community was named after him—the so-called Dalmaton. Dalmatus devoted himself to fasting, at times for forty days. By fasting he conquered the invisible demonic power. He participated in the Third Ecumenical Council in Ephesus in 431 and fought against the Nestorian heresy. Pleasing God, he died peacefully in the fifth century. His son Faustus supported his father in everything and, after a God-pleasing life, died peacefully in the Dalmaton community.

On this day, we also commemorate Salome the myrrh-bearer; and Venerable Anthony the Roman, wonderworker of Novgorod.

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### THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**“The lack of humility can be the source of much suffering. St. Silouan states specifically, ‘We suffer because we lack humility.’ Many times suffering in the spiritual life is self inflicted and most often it is brought on by pride. Pride in oneself or in one’s achievements sets one man against another. This makes it impossible to follow the great commandment of Christ to ‘love one another.’”**

**(from Orthodox Spiritual Life According to  
St. Silouan the Athonite by Harry Boosalis)**



## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 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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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  
**COUNCIL MEETING AT 12 NOON**

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

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

AUGUST 17TH SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

AUGUST 24TH SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

AUGUST 31ST SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

SEPT. 3RD WEDNESDAY — SMALL COMPLINE @ 6PM followed by

Light meal and Study Session 7-8 PM

SEPT. 6TH SATURDAY — GREAT VESPERS—5PM

SEPT. 7TH SUNDAY — SUNDAY BEFORE THE CROSS

MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

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

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Carol, Debbie, Trish, Shannon, Justin,  
Perry Sassic & family, Roddy, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Cindi,  
Harriet, 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 .....

***PATRONAL FEAST (PAGE 7)***

***ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE AT MONASTERY OF THE TRANSFIGURATION***

**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**      Feast of 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



## EYEWITNESS TO HIS GLORY

**A**s our Lord's public ministry was coming to an end, He found Himself making that final journey to Jerusalem to confront His destiny. Before His suffering and ultimate death on the Cross, Jesus wanted to give His Apostles a glimpse of His Divinity, so that they might be able to better endure the dark days that would lie ahead. He ordered Peter, James and John to accompany Him on a rugged climb to the peak of Mt. Tabor. Here He would be "changed" before their very eyes, with "... His face shining as the sun and His garments becoming white as snow." The 3 Apostles would also see a vision of Moses and Elijah of the Old Testament appearing with the transfigured Christ, causing Peter to cry out: "Lord, it is good for us to be here!" (Matthew 17:4) In an instant, however, this miraculous event was over, and Christ and His faithful followers had to leave this radiant setting behind and embark along the rugged road to Golgotha. It would be awhile before Peter and the others would comprehend the magnitude of what they had been privileged to see. Truly, they had been "eyewitnesses" to the glory of God, as Peter would write about later in one of his epistles.

Our Lord's Transfiguration should serve to remind us that we, too, are "eyewitnesses" to God's glory. We repeatedly see how He touches the lives of all of us — how He bestows His many blessings upon us and answers our prayers. We see His love for us constantly. When we are faithful, great things are revealed to us — just as they were to Peter, James and John on Mt. Tabor. Yes, it is good for us to be here in our own Christian communities as we strive to further the growth of the Kingdom of God on earth. If our efforts are sincere, rest assured that we will, one day, bask in the Light of Christ forever in the Kingdom of Heaven.