



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST is one of the central events recorded in the gospels. Immediately after the Lord was recognized by his apostles as “the Christ [Messiah], the Son of the Living God,” he told them that “he must go up to Jerusalem and suffer many things ... and be killed and on the third day be raised” (Mt 16). The announcement of Christ's approaching passion and death was met with indignation by the disciples. And then, after rebuking them, the Lord took Peter, James, and John “up to a high mountain” -- by tradition

Mount Tabor -- and was “transfigured before them.” ... and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as snow and behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He was still speaking when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces with awe. In the Transfiguration, the apostles see the glory of the Kingdom of God present in majesty in the person of Christ They see that in him, indeed, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,” that “in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily” (Col 1:19, 2:9). They see this before the crucifixion so that in the resurrection they might know who it is who has suffered for them, and what it is that this one, who is God, has prepared for those who love him. This is what the Church celebrates in the feast of the Transfiguration. **The Divine Liturgy for this feast will be on Friday August 5 at 6:00 PM. There will be the blessing of fruit following the weekend liturgies.**



Remember St. Mary's ~ It's not a topic we are very comfortable talking about or even thinking about. Maybe that's why over 60 percent of Americans die without a will. And yet a will is one of the deepest expressions of love and commitment we can leave behind. It is the way we let family and friends know how much we truly treasure them. It is also a way to

ensure that our parish will continue to prosper after we are gone. Your bequest to St. Mary's is a wonderful way to thank God for the place our parish has had in your life. Please complete a will for your own sake and for your family's sake after you are gone. Please consider St. Mary's in your estate plans.

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Sunday, July 31, 2022 – 8th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, August 7, 2022 – 9th Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, July 31
8th Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, July 30
Holy Cross – No Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 31
10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy
+Mary and +John Ruschak
by Eleanor Ruschak

Friday, August 5
Vigil Divine Liturgy – 6:00 PM
Feast of the Transfiguration
Divine Liturgy for the Parish Family of
St. Mary's

Sunday, August 7
7th Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, August 6
Holy Cross – 4:00 PM
For the Parish Families of
St. Mary's and Holy Cross

Sunday, August 7
10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy
+John Huzinec
by Dorothy Huzinec
Followed by the Blessing of Fruit
and Festal Anointing
(Please feel free to bring your own
basket of fruit for blessing.
St. Mary's will provide grapes)

Sunday, August 14
10th Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, August 13
Holy Cross – No Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 14
10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy
+Clifford Singer with Panachida
by Russ Lapso
12:15 PM
Burial Service of the Theotokos

Monday, August 15
Divine Liturgy – 6:00 PM
Feast of the Dormition
of the Theotokos
Divine Liturgy for the Parish Family of
St. Mary's

Sunday, August 21
11th Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, August 20
Holy Cross – 4:00 PM
For the Parish Families of
St. Mary's and Holy Cross

Sunday, August 21
10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy
+Mary & +Barbara Kovalcik
by Theresa & Stephen Hutnik
Followed by the Blessing of Flowers
and Festal Anointing
(Please feel free to bring your own
flowers for blessing.
St. Mary's will provide
flowers for everyone)

July 17, 2022

Sunday	Building	Total
\$457.00	\$35.00	\$492.00

July 24, 2022

Sunday	Building
\$495.00	\$10.00
Electric	Total
\$10.00	\$515.00

Making You Contributions to St. Mary's ... We have returned to having the ushers take up the offertory collection. Please note that we all have a responsibility to make contributions to the parish. Not only is this important as it pays the bills, it presents the opportunity to show our gratitude to Almighty God for the many gifts he has given us.

THE BLESSING OF GRAPES AND OTHER FRUIT



It is the tradition of the Day of Transfiguration to consecrate grapes, apples and other fruit after the Divine Liturgy. The custom of bringing fruit to the temple for consecration originates in the Old Testament time (Gen 4:2-4; Ex 13:12-13; Num 15:19-21; Deut 8:10-14).

The Apostles brought this tradition to the Church of the New Testament (1 Cor 16:1-2). Instruction regarding bringing fruit to temple is found in the Third Rule of the Apostolic Canon, the earliest collection of ecclesiastic laws (canons), known since the second century. In Greece, August is the month of ripeness of fruit, mostly grapes and new ears of corn. Since old time, the faithful have been bringing them to temple for consecration and as Thanksgiving to God. St. John Chrysostom wrote, "Plowman receives fruit from the earth not so much for his labor and diligence, as out of goodness of God Who grows this fruit, because neither is he that planted anything, neither he that waters but God that gives the increase."

Grapes are brought to temple because they are directly related to the Eucharistic sacrament; that is why in a prayer for consecration of grapes the priest says, "Bless, Lord, this new fruit of vine which reached ripeness because You have kindly provided good weather, drops of rain and stillness. Let eating this fruit of vine make us joyful. And give us the honor of offering this fruit to You as the gift of purging of sins, altogether with the Holy Body of Your Christ."

Please bring your fruit to be blessed the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 7.