

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	Pauline
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Ann
Archpriest Eugene	Stefan
Archpriest Louis	John
Priest Kyrill & family	Vivian
Priest James	Jung Sook
Priest John	Thomas
Priest Alexander	Cheyenne
Subdeacon Peter	Nancy
Reader Aleksei	Randall
Monk Philaret	Rose
Matushka Mary	Don
Matushka Mary Sara	Norma
John • Euphrosynos	James
Virginia • Justina	
Thomas • John	
Catechumen Rebecca	
Catechumen Jennifer	

The repose and salvation of –

Protodeacon Gregory (July 1)

Please let Father know if there are any names you would like added to the list.

Dormition Fast all this week

This Saturday, August 12, 4:00 PM – choir practice

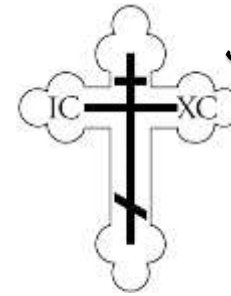
This Saturday, August 12, 5:30 PM – Great Vespers with Abp. Benjamin

This Sunday, August 13, 9:00 AM – Hours followed by greeting of Abp. Benjamin & Hierarchical Liturgy

Tuesday, August 15, 7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Dormition of the Most-Holy Theotokos

Wednesday, August 16, 6:30 PM – Compline & Saints of the Day

*A mission parish under the omophorion of His Eminence Benjamin,
Archbishop of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West,
Orthodox Church in America*



**ST TIKHON ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, August 6, 2017

Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ



The Holy Trinity by Vasili Nesterenko (2004)

Sunday Hours & Divine Liturgy at 9:10 AM, followed by agape potluck
Other services as announced

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The Holy Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

In the third year of His preaching, the Lord Jesus often spoke to His disciples of His approaching passion but at the same time of His glory following His suffering on the Cross. So that His impending passion would not totally weaken His disciples and that no one would fall away from Him, He, the All-wise, wanted to partially show them His divine glory before His passion. For that reason, He took Peter, James and John with Him and, with them, went out at night to Mt. Tabor and there was transfigured before them: “And His face shone as the sun and His garments became white as snow” (St. Matthew 17:2). There appeared alongside Him, Moses and Elijah, the great Old Testament prophets.

Seeing this, His disciples were amazed. Peter said: “Lord, it is good for us to be here: if Thou willest, let us make here three tabernacles; one for Thee, one for Moses and one for Elijah” (St. Matthew 17:4). While Peter still spoke, Moses and Elijah departed and a bright cloud overshadowed the Lord and His disciples and there came a voice from the cloud saying: “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear Him” (St. Matthew 17:5). Hearing the voice, the disciples fell to the ground on their faces as though dead and remained that way, lying in fear, until the Lord came near to them and said: “Arise and be not afraid” (St. Matthew 17:7).

Why did the Lord take only three disciples on Tabor and not all? Because Judas was not worthy to behold the divine glory of the Teacher, Whom he will betray and the Lord did not want to leave him [Judas] alone at the foot of the mountain so that the betrayer would not, by that, justify his betrayal. Why was our Lord transfigured on a mountain and not in a valley? So as to teach us two virtues: love of labor and godly-thoughts. For, climbing to the heights required labor and height represents the heights of our thoughts, i.e., godly-thoughts. Why was our Lord transfigured at night? Because, the night rather than the day is more suitable for prayer and godly-thoughts and because the night, by its darkness, conceals all the beauty of the earth and reveals the beauty of the starry heavens. Why did Moses and Elijah appear? In order to destroy the error of the Jews, as though Christ is one of the prophets; Elijah or Jeremiah or some other that is why He appears as a King above the prophets and that is why Moses and Elijah appear as His servants.

Until then, our Lord manifested His divine power many times to the disciples but, on Mt. Tabor, He manifested His divine nature. This vision of His Divinity and the hearing of the heavenly witness about Him as the Son of God, should serve the disciples in the days of the Lord’s passion, in strengthening of an unwavering faith in Him and His final victory.

***Also this week:** Martyr Dometius of Persia (August 7); St. Emilian the Confessor, Bp of Cyzicus (August 8); GLORIFICATION OF VENERABLE HERMAN OF ALASKA, WONDERWORKER OF ALL AMERICA (August 9); Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence of Rome (August 10); Virgin Martyr Susanna Martyr; Archdeacon Euplus of Catania (August 11); Martyrs Anicetus and Photinus of Nicomedia (August 12).*

**** DORMITION FAST all this week;
fish, wine, and oil allowed today and Wednesday ****

Epistle: II Peter 1:10-19 (Feast)

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 (Sunday)

Troparion – Tone 7 (Feast)

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 (Feast)

On the mountain Thou wast 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.