

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Holy Transfiguration -- August 6th



August 2, 2015

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 1

TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF THE HOLY PROTOMARTYR AND ARCHDEACON STEPHEN

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 3 – AUGUST 9

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **NO** vespers during the Summer months unless noted in the bulletin.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 – PREFEAST OF THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

7:00 PM – Vespers with Divine Liturgy with blessing of fruit (for Transfiguration - **Note: At Holy Angels**)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 – THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy with blessing of fruit (**Note: At Holy Angels**)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 – 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; POSTFEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION. THE HOLY APOSTLE MATTHIAS

12:00 NOON – Divine Liturgy

For All Parishioners

*If you are reading the bulletin during the Liturgy (including the homily), please **stop** and be attentive – будьмо уважні!*

August Birthdays

- Olga Miller – August 6
- Frank Avant – August 17
- Edwin Robinson – August 24
- Genevieve Hartman – August 29

Many blessed years!

Prayer of Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky For Families

Great God, O God of our Fathers! Grant to our nation many good and holy Christian families. Give us fathers who will loudly and openly confess your holy Gospel and be in Your service. Give us fathers who will be a good example of Christian life for their children, true protectors and good leaders in life. Grant us mothers who will be capable of bringing up their children in a Christian way, and a help and joy as well as good advisors for their husbands. Grant us children who will be the pride and joy of their parents and the splendour of their nation. Almighty God, bless us. Grant us the grace to faithfully serve You and one day to be granted the eternal reward in heaven. For You are a good and loving God, and we give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

Fr. James will be away...

Fr. James will be out of town through 8/14/15. In case of an emergency please contact either Fr. Brian Escobedo of Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church at (858) 277-2511 or (661) 800-8383, Fr. James Babcock at (714) 600-3660, or Fr. Ihor Koshyk at (323) 663-6307.

During Fr. James' absence Divine Liturgy will be at 12:00 Noon and will be served by Fr. Brian Escobedo, pastor of Holy Angels.

There will be **NO** Divine Liturgy for the Transfiguration (8/6) but you are encouraged to attend Holy Angels at 7:00 PM on August 5th (Vespers Liturgy) or 9:00 AM on August 6th. Fruit will be blessed at both services at Holy Angels.

Refinancing of the Church

As discussed at the parish meeting last week, the process of refinancing the church is underway. A very important aspect of the application is demonstrating to the lender that the parish community have committed adequate financial support. **Please fill out your pledge form as soon as possible.**

BEING GRATEFUL

We should be grateful for everything

God gives us an opportunity to gain the freedom that comes from acquiring humility, with every circumstance in which we find ourselves. Whatever our job, which ever task we are asked to perform, whatever life places before us, all is an opportunity to give thanks to God. Whatever difficulty or struggle we face, embracing it with a trusting heart and a willingness to please God with our response, brings on a humble heart. Let us pledge ourselves to cultivating a habit of being grateful for everything that comes our way, and to give thanks continuously, remembering that everything is allowed by God for our salvation. Learning to receive everything as from God, builds a humble heart, and opens the doors to a peace that passes all understanding, and where the Gates of Paradise are opened wide.

Love in Christ,
Abbot Tryphon

GOD'S EXTENDED HAND

FOCUS (Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve) has provided us with a special bin for collecting donations of clothing, toiletries, etc. to be distributed at GEH. It is located near the door of the church hall.

Please Note:

When you are away, please don't forget that the church still relies on your contributions. Our bills do not go on vacation. Your absence on any Sunday does not negate your obligation to support your home parish.

Roof Campaign



The hall roof is in dire need of repair. There are at least six separate leaks. Numerous patch jobs have failed to solve the problems. The current drought has minimized the problem but we continue to pray for rain anyway. There is good news and bad news: The good news is - we have the money; the bad news is - it's still in your pockets. We will be soliciting quotes for repairs soon. Know a roofer you would recommend?

Roof Repair Challenge

An anonymous donor has given \$1000.00 towards the repair of the hall roof. The donor has challenged the rest of the parish to contribute to this cause so that the roof can be fully repaired rather than patched.

Roof Challenge Response: \$3110.00
Total: \$4110.00

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The Word of Eternal Life

After the Word of God was revealed in the body and He made known to us His Father, then the deceit of the demons disappears and vanishes, while men and women, looking to the true divine Word of the Father, abandon idols and henceforth recognize the true God. This is a proof that Christ is God the Word and the Power of God. For since these human things cease yet the Word of Christ remains, it is clear to all that the things which cease are temporal, but the one who remains is God and the true Son and only-begotten Word of God.

These remarks, O lover of Christ, we briefly offer you as the rudiments and paradigm of the faith of Christ and His divine manifestation to us. But if you take the opportunity they present, and read the words of scripture, and really apply your mind to them, you will learn from them more completely and more clearly the accuracy of what has been said. For the scriptures were

spoken and written by God through men versed in theology; and we have learned from the teachers of theology who are found therein, who were also witnesses of the divinity of Christ, and we pass on our knowledge to your own love of learning. You will learn also of Christ's second glorious and truly divine manifestation to us, when He will come no more with simplicity but in His own glory, no more with humility but in His own greatness, no more to suffer but to bestow the fruit of His own cross on all – I mean the resurrection and incorruption – no more judged but judging all according to the works each one has done in the body, whether good or evil; for the good is reserved the kingdom of heaven, but for those who have done evil, eternal fire and outer darkness.

St. Athanasius the Great

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