

It is good for us to be here

Upon Mount Tabor, Jesus revealed to his disciples a heavenly mystery. While living among them he had spoke of the kingdom and of his second coming in glory, but to banish from their hearts any possible doubt concerning the kingdom and to confirm their faith in what lay in the future by its prefiguration in the present, he gave them on Mount Tabor a wonderful vision of his glory, a foreshadowing of the kingdom of heaven.

These are the divine wonders we celebrate today; this is the saving revelation given us upon the mountain; this is the festival of Christ that has drawn us here. Let us listen, then, to the sacred voice of God so compellingly calling us from high, from the

summit of the mountain, so that with the Lord's chosen disciples we may penetrate the deep meaning of these holy mysteries, so far beyond our capacity to express. Jesus goes before us to show us the way, both up the mountain and into heaven, and – I speak boldly – it is for us now to follow him with all speed, yearning for the heavenly vision that will give us a share in his radiance, renew our spiritual nature and transform us into his own likeness, making us for ever sharers in his Godhead and raising us to heights as yet undreamed of.

Sermon of St. Anastasius of Sinai

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TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



Icon of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

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Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever + Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки

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Sunday August 6 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Transfiguration of Our Lord (Blessing of Fruit) (For the Parish) (+Monsignor Michael Fedorowich from the Futey Family)
Wednesday August 9 9:00 a.m.	(+Theodore and +Michael from the Fedack Family)
Thursday August 10 9:00 a.m.	(Living of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
Friday August 11 9:00 a.m.	(+Anne Dudzikowski from Ruth)
Sunday August 13 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Michael Kowalysko from Cindy Turchek)

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD THIS SUNDAY

August 6 is the feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. On this day, we bless the fruits of the harvest. Please bring a basket of your favorite fruit to be blessed.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS

Felicity Susanne Helen Williams Sepinsky and Katherine Judy Beatrice Williams Sepinsky were newly illumined by the Holy Mysteries, baptized, chrismated, and received the Holy Eucharist this Sunday. God bless Felicity and Katherine, their father Jeremy and their mother, Anna, and brother, Teddy. *Mnohaya Lita!*

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Fr. Roman Galadza, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Frank Karasinski, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Paul Marynowych, Fr. Roman Mirchuk, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Gina Plisiewicz, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

God With Us Catechism

TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST - Our Transformation

In our church calendar, there is one Great Feast falling toward the end of the Church Year which gives us the image of this reality [our final transformation] and actually celebrates it: August 6, the Transfiguration of Christ. His transfiguration in our nature is a preview of our own. It is as though the Father is repeating the insight given in the account of the Burning Bush. In both cases, He is trying to show what His idea of our relationship with Him should be (the purpose or goal of religion). On this Feast, we bless grapes and fruits as a real, tangible sign of Theosis. Grapes are the result of a long transformation, from the seed to the vine to the grape clusters. But further ‘growth’ is possible. The grapes can be transformed into wine, and by the power of the Holy Spirit sent from the Father, the wine can be transfigured by Divinity and become the Blood of Christ our God. Thus it transforms us.

Peter, James and John did not know what they were in for when Jesus asked them to come with Him one day. When they arrived at the mountain, Jesus was surrounded by light—His face was dazzling as the sun, His clothes radiant with light. The Father’s voice said, “This is my beloved Son.” To Jesus’ left was Moses (representing God’s Law) and to His right was Prophet Elias (representing God’s prophets). On the icon are Peter, John, and James located below Jesus. The troparion for this feast emphasizes the light that Jesus brought into the world. We ask the Mother of God to pray for us so that Christ will let His “everlasting light shine also upon us sinners.” We too ask to be transfigured by the “Giver of Light,” Jesus Christ.