

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

August 5, 2018

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 17:14-23

Next Week: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 18:23-35

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday's Liturgy.

Services: Mon., Aug. 6 th	Feast of the Holy Transfiguration Hours Divine Liturgy	8:45 am 9 am
Sat., Aug. 11 th	Great Vespers (Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow)	7 pm
Sun., Aug. 12 th	Martyrs Photius & Anicetus Hours Divine Liturgy	9:15 am 9:30 am
Wed., Aug. 15 th	Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos Hours Divine Liturgy	8:45 am 9 am

Announcements:

Thank you to Father Stephan, Reader Peter and church family for their prayers, cards, visits and good wishes.

God Bless, Sandy Timko

Next Parish Council meeting will be **Monday, August 13th at 7 pm.**

SAVE THE DATE: **Saturday, August 18, 2018** is the Annual Archdiocesan Family Day **starting at Noon to 3 pm, followed by Great Vespers.** Don't miss the opportunity to chat with him and visit the Archdiocesan center. Kids will enjoy the activities and games for all. Food and beverages will be plentiful and delicious! The Chinese Auction provides an interesting selection of gifts for adults and young people. Come for a little while. Come for the whole day. (Archdiocesan Center, Peters Rd., Cranberry Township, PA) (See the vestibule bulletin board for more info!)

HELP WANTED, NO EXPERIENCE or SPECIAL TRAINING NECESSARY, HOURS FLEXIBLE! Help is needed in keeping up with the weeds that have been growing around the church with the recent rains. With the donation of some of your time to fill a plastic grocery bag with weeds you can put a tremendous dent into this project. Please consider stopping by

the church whenever you can to lend a hand! **Teamwork works wonders!** Thank you in advance. Please bring your own gardening equipment.

Church Traditions Associated with August Holy Days:

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – AUGUST 6.

It is customary to bring quantities of fresh fruit to be blessed on the Transfiguration. It is a harvest celebration when fruits are usually of high quality and availability. Grapes, melons and berries are popular as are bananas, pears, apples, plums and peaches.

COMMEMORATION OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS – AUGUST 15.

Dormition marks the holy day observing the Falling Asleep and Burial of the Theotokos. It is an observation of the Church's first funeral. This fact along with the long-standing practice of bringing flowers to the Virgin, inspires the faithful to bring flowers (especially those from their own gardens) and sweet-smelling herbs like basil and oregano to be blessed in Church. These flowers and herbs are then dried and burned at home during prayers like incense. Or, in the case of the herbs, used in cooking.

COMMEMORATION OF THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST – AUGUST 29.

This holy day is always observed as a solemn fast. Furthermore, it is a pious custom of the faithful throughout the Orthodox world to avoid eating any food served on a dish, plate or platter on this day out of respect for St. John. His head was retrieved from his place of execution at Salome's request and presented to Herod on a platter at his birthday banquet.

SAVE THE DATE: This year's **Annual Fall Festival** will be held on **Sunday, September 30th from 12 pm to 6 pm** or until we're sold out. This means that *we are in need of volunteers* to give of their time and talent at Saturday Sessions and especially on Festival day! Please become a member of our wonderful Kitchen Crew! (Please see the vestibule bulletin board for a listing of all cooking sessions starting at 7 a.m. on Saturdays, unless otherwise noted.) Your help and cooperation are **always needed and appreciated!** Come join in the fellowship while helping make Baba's specialties.

If cooking isn't up your alley, help in the form of monetary donations are also needed with restocking of supplies! A year in the life of our Parish has been busy with repasts, Presanctified Liturgy, special coffee hours, etc., and some of our festival supplies of wrapped silverware, takeout containers, plates, napkins, plastic wrap, foil, sterno, etc. have been put to good use, but have dwindled. Can you help with restocking of the necessary supplies to help this year's Festival run smoothly? Thank you in advance with your help and God Bless. See either Marie or Mary.

Don't forget! -- When purchasing pop for your cookout this summer, please consider purchasing an extra case of pop and/or water and donating towards this worthy cause.

Your donation(s) DIRECTLY contribute to the success of this endeavor!

Collection: July 29th: 1,057