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Sunday August 11, 2019 8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Afterfeast of the Transfiguration Array Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus (Euplius) of Catania (304). Martyrs Basil and Theodore of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves – 1098). St. Theodosius (Prince Theodore of Ostrog) of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 1438). Virgin Martyr Susanna and those with her: Martyrs Gaius, Pope of Rome

This Week Schedule

Wednesday 8/14 Little Angels 9:30 a.m.

Dormition Vespers 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 8/15 Dormition of the Theotokos Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by blessing of flowers, herbage, and seed

Saturday 8/17 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8/18 Hours 8:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by Coffee Hour

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Aug 11	LEWIS	BUNITSKY	LEWIS
Aug 15	DORMITION		
Aug 18	SKOMORUCHA	PECK	PECK
Aug 25	J PECK	SULPIZI	FINCK

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

By Your Cross You destroyed death.
To the thief You opened Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that You are risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Tone 7 Troparion *(Transfiguration)*

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,
revealing Your glory to Your Disciples as far as they could bear it.
Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners,
through the prayers of the Theotokos!//
O Giver of Light, glory to You!

Tone 4 Troparion *(Martyr Euplus)*

Your holy martyr, Euplus O Lord,
through his sufferings has received an incorruptible from You, our God.
For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//
Through his intercessions, save our souls!

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Tone 1 Kontakion *(Martyr Euplus)*

With the love of Christ as your only defense,
you stood in the midst of your fight and said:
“I endure this struggle willingly and with confidence!”
You rejoiced, O Euplus, to offer your head to the sword
and so you completed your course.

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Transfiguration)*

On the mountain You were transfigured, O Christ God,
and Your Disciples beheld Your glory as far as they could see it;
so that when they would behold You crucified,
they would understand that Your suffering was voluntary,
and would proclaim to the world//
that You are truly the Radiance of the Father.

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (*Ps 28/29:11*)

*v: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!
(Ps 28/29:1)*

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all! (*Ps 103/104:24*)

Epistle 1 Corinthians 10-18

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you.

Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ."

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name.

Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other.

For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Tone 7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. (Ps 91/92:1)

v: To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. (Ps 91/92:2)

Tone 8

v: The heavens are Yours; the earth also is Yours. (Ps 88/89:11)

Gospel Matthew 14:14-22

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."

But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me."

Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.

So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.

Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!

Your childbearing was without corruption;
God came forth from your body clothed in flesh,
and appeared on earth and dwelt among men.
Therefore we all magnify you, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
O Lord, we will walk in the light of Your countenance, and will exult in
Your name forever. (*Ps 88/89:15b*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos The feast commemorates her glorification and salvation in Jesus Christ. Fr. Thomas Hopko says that, "the feast of the Dormition is the sign, the guarantee, and the celebration that Mary's fate is, the destiny of all those of "low estate" whose souls magnify the Lord, whose spirits rejoice in God the Saviour, whose lives are totally dedicated to hearing and keeping the Word of God which is given to men in Mary's child, the Saviour and Redeemer of the world". According to tradition, while in prayer, an angel appeared to the Theotokos telling her that she would leave this world. As a token and promise that her Son awaited, the angel gave her a branch with flowers from Eden. So on this day in honor of the greatest flower of womanhood, and the first to receive the promise of the awaiting kingdom, flowers are brought for blessing. We will celebrate this feast with Vespers on Wednesday Aug. 14th at 7:00 p.m. and Divine Liturgy on Thursday Aug. 15th at 9:00 a.m. followed by the blessing of flowers and seed.

Memory Eternal! Today at the end of liturgy we will offer prayers for the departed David Rex in honor of the 40th day of his falling asleep. Please continue to remember Dave in your prayers. May our Lord give him rest and blessed repose with all the saints.

FAMILY PROMISE: St. Michaels volunteers will again serve meals to homeless families on Monday, 9/2 (Labor Day), Tuesday 9/3 and Thursday 9/5 at St. Philips Lutheran Church. Please volunteer to share our Lord's compassion and love with them and sign up on poster board in the narthex. For questions talk with Ellen Gundersen or email: ellengundersen5@gmail.com.

Upcoming Parish Picnic We are planning to have our annual parish picnic on Sunday, September 1st. There will be food, drinks, and fun. Please see Julianna Peck for ways to help. We hope to see you all there!

Inquirer's/ Basics of Orthodoxy Class Fr. Barnabas will be offering an Inquirer's/Basics of Orthodoxy Class on Saturday evenings. The class will meet Saturday evenings following Vespers at 6:00 p.m. Any who are interested in finding out more or who are interested in becoming Orthodox should try to attend.

Church Library Summer Reading: Now that the nice weather is upon us, recharge your spiritual life by checking out one of the books at the library table, in the Church hall. There's something to inspire everyone: Saint's lives, books on the spiritual life, books on prayer, and books for the kiddos. Check it out today.

Those Who Are Always Praying for Us

We read in Ephesians 6: 18: "Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints..."

Saint Paul is urging those who read his words to pray at all times, to persevere and stay alert in prayer, and to remember everyone—all the saints—in prayer.

While the words are meant for every believer, there are certain Orthodox Christians who take them as their life's work: the monastics. In men's and women's monasteries, prayer is offered constantly for members of the Church, and for the world beyond the Church. That kind of prayer is a great effort, and it is serious work.

Mother Christophora, of the Monastery of the Transfiguration in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania, was interviewed on the occasion of her 25th anniversary as abbess of the monastery. She addressed some of the questions people often ask about the life of monastics, and spoke about prayer as a central part of that life. She said that although some people may believe that nuns and monks are disconnected from the world, "we are really connected to the world through prayer. The reason that we are here and doing prayers every day is not because it makes us feel good—actually, sometimes it tires us very much—but because the world really needs prayer. People really depend on our prayers."

Her reply to the question, "Do you have a favorite meal here at the monastery?" might be surprising to many people. She said, "I would have to say the Divine Liturgy...I love food, and I am always thinking about food, so do not think I am that spiritual. But because you asked me for

one meal, I would have to say it is the Liturgy, where we all come together and share in that chalice."

The abbess' words are a good reminder not to take lightly the privilege of sharing the Eucharist. In speaking about this, she said, "There are some [Liturgies on a weekday morning] when maybe we are coughing or off-key, there is nobody but the priest and the nuns, or maybe it is a rainy, cloudy day—and God comes! He lets us do this. He lets us have the Liturgy, and receive His Body and Blood. Wow. Here we are, some Wednesday morning in Ellwood City, and we just touched heaven."

The monastery has completed a building program. A large part of the nuns' ministry is hospitality, and they receive all kinds of guests, some who visit for a few hours and others who stay for several days. They need more space to accommodate their guests and also for their own work and worship.

For all of us who would like to visit a monastery, this is good news. The nuns open their doors and their hearts to us, and even when we are not there, they are "making supplication" for us, and for every person in the world.

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Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"This, therefore, was the [object of the] long-suffering of God, that man, passing through all things, and acquiring the knowledge of moral discipline, then attaining to the resurrection from the dead, and learning by experience what is the source of his deliverance, may always live in a state of gratitude to the Lord, having obtained from Him the gift of incorruptibility, that he might love Him the more; for "he to whom more is forgiven, loveth more:" 3688 and that he may know himself, how mortal and weak he is; while he also understands respecting God, that He is immortal and powerful to such a degree as to confer immortality upon what is mortal, and eternity upon what is temporal; and may understand also the other attributes of God displayed towards himself, by means of which being instructed he may think of God in accordance with the divine greatness. For the glory of man [is] God, but [His] works [are the glory] of God; and the receptacle of all His wisdom and power [is] man. Just as the physician is proved by his patients, so is God also revealed through men."

+ *Hieromartyr St. Irenaeus, the Bishop of Lyons (130 AD - 202 AD)*

Prayers for the Departed: Peter Melnik, Michael Sinovich, Marie Karawulan, Virginia Sekerak Marie Holowatch,, David Rex

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Archbishop Nikon, Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jan Kozak, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Lubov Baldychev, Stephanie Hojnicky, Laura Cristina Najemy, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik

Date	Coffee Hour	Service Duty	Church Cleaner	Library
11-Aug	Najemy/Kendall	Sulpizi/Finck	Hines	Skomorucha
18-Aug	Riley/Souder	Hojnicky/Souder	Skomorucha/Lewis Kiflemarian	Maloney
25-Aug	Pacienza/George/Grishin	Telep/Baldychev	S. Peck	Gundersen
1-Sep	J. Peck/Weins	Bunitsky/Morjana	N Carey	Farrell
8-Sep	Hojnicky/Flynn/Roberts	Riley/Riley	Hines	Skomorucha
15-Sep	Gerissimakis/Bunitsky	Sulpizi/Finck	Baldychev/Shatley/	Maloney

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Dormition Fast Aug. 1st-15th

Dormition of the Theotokos Aug. 15th

Parish Picnic (Church New Year) Sept. 1st

Nativity of the Theotokos Sept. 8th

Elevation of the Holy Cross Sept. 14th