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****SUMMER HOURS****

Orthros 8:15am Divine Liturgy 9:30am

August 6, 2017

St. Ephraim the Syrian on the Transfiguration of Christ

‘And after six days he took Simon Peter and James and John his brother to a very high mountain and he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white like light’. Men whom he said would not taste death until they saw the image of his coming, are those whom he took and led up the mountain and showed them how he was going to come on the last day in the glory of his divinity and in the body of his humanity. He led them up the mountain to show them who the Son is and whose he is. Because when he asked them, ‘Whom do men say the Son of man is?’ They said to him, some Elias, others Jeremias, or one of the Prophets. This is why he leads them up the mountain and shows them that he is not Elias, but the God of Elias; again, that he is not Jeremias, but the one who sanctified Jeremias in his mother’s womb; not one of the Prophets, but the Lord of the Prophets, who also sent them. And he shows them that he is the maker of heaven and earth, and that he is Lord of living and dead. For he gave orders to heaven and brought down Elias, and made a sign to the earth and raised up Moses. He led them up the mountain to show them that he is the Son of God, born from the Father before the ages and in the last times incarnate from the Virgin, as he knows how, born ineffably and without seed, preserving her virginity incorrupt; for wherever God wills it, the order of nature is overcome. For God the Word dwelt in the Virgin’s womb, and the fire of his divinity did not consume the members of the Virgin’s body, but protected them carefully by its nine month presence. He dwelt in the Virgin’s womb, not abhorring the unpleasant smell of nature, and God incarnate came forth from her to save us. He led them up the mountain and showed the glory of his divinity before the resurrection, so that when he rose from the dead in the glory of his divine nature, they might know that it was not because of his harsh toil that he accepted glory, as if he lacked it, but it was his before the ages with the Father and together with the Father, as he said as he was coming to his voluntary passion, ‘Father, glorify me with the glory which I had with you before the world existed’.



EPISTLE READING : 2 Peter 1:10-19

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; ¹¹ for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ¹² For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.

¹³ Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, ¹⁴ knowing that shortly I *must* put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. ¹⁵ Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease. ¹⁶ For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷ For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

GOSPEL READING : The Gospel According to Matthew 17:1-9

At that time, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead."



Today's Trisagion is for the 18 year memorial of **Raymond Aristidi**, beloved father of Nicholas Abousamra. May his memory be eternal.



Martin Constantinos Gardner, beloved husband of Katy Stavari, father of Diakonisa Maria and father-in-law of Deacon Harry Chelpon, passed away on July 29th. His funeral took place at St. Katherine's Church on August 3, with Fr. Constantinos Pavlakos, Fr. George Alexson and Deacon Harry Chelpon officiating. On behalf of all the members of our parish, we pray that our Lord will grant him eternal rest in His Kingdom. We offer to his beloved family our deepest sympathy and prayers. May his memory be eternal!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 6, 2017



Here is an update on the status of our 2017 Stewardship collections:

- **Total Pledges:** 100
- **Total Amount Pledged:** \$185,488
- **Total Paid to Date:** \$108,221
- **Total Outstanding Balance Due:** \$77,267

Contact Ron Baldinger, Stewardship Chair with questions, ron.baldinger@gmail.com

you are invited to a
summer picnic

Annual Parish Picnic, Sat. Aug. 26
12:00-3:00pm

Ashburn Farm Windmill Pavilion

Organized by the Stewardship Committee. All parishioners are invited! Look for the online sign up and RSVP.



PAREA (Our Company of Friends) – A huge thank you to all who joined PAREA's June gathering! Special thanks also to everyone who brought delicious treats for PAREA's June Coffee Hour. PAREA will be in hiatus during the months of July and August. God willing, we will

gather again around ^{be}our PAREA's table on **Tuesday, September 5th at Mimi's Cafe**. Have a blessed and safe summer! Marina (703-349-1842)

Congratulations to the new GOYA Officers for 2017-2018.

We wish them the best of luck in their endeavors to support their church and its community. And they are:

Presidents: Lizzie Emch & Luke Kendrat

Vice President: Christina Kendrat

Secretary: Alexandros Kourioukidis

Treasurer: Paris Economou

Historian: Millie Morris

Public Relations: Maria Mantalvanos



We thank all former GOYA Officers for their accomplishments this year and wish all our wonderful parishioners a fantastic summer. GOYA activities will resume in September 2017.

UPDATE FROM THE FUTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE

We all have a dream of a permanent home for our community. The FPC has reorganized with church members who are accomplished in the disciplines we need moving forward to make our dream a reality. From Finance, Commercial Real Estate, Engineering, Legal, and Marketing, this new committee brings together decades of collective experience that will take us to the next level. At the same time, without you, our parishioners, we can't get to that ultimate goal so we look forward to sharing news about how you can help very soon. All of us have a chance to make history by helping build the first Greek Orthodox Christian parish in the most affluent county and one of the fastest growing areas of the country. What a wonderful legacy to leave to our future generations! I look forward to working with the COMMITTEE, the PARISH COUNCIL, and all of you as we move forward. If you have any questions, ideas, or thoughts, please email our team at holyapostlesfpc@gmail.com or call the FPC Chair Hotline at (703) 594-6836. Thank you very much for being part of this historic journey for our church!

Tom Skuce, Holy Apostles FPC Chair

Weekday Liturgical Schedule for August, 2017

Aug. 7 7:00 PM, Paraklesis to the Theotokos

Aug. 9 7:00 PM, Paraklesis to the Theotokos

Aug. 11 7:00 PM, Paraklesis to the Theotokos

Aug. 14 7:00 PM, Great Vespers for Dormition

Aug. 15 Koimisis (Dormition) of the Theotokos; 8:15 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Aug. 29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist (strict fast); 8:15 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB – Due to summer vacations, the Orthodox Book Club will hold off its meetings for the summer and will resume its meetings in September.

2017 Stewardship Pledge (ALL PLEDGES JANUARY- DECEMBER 2017) HOLY APOSTLES GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

In faith, prayer and sacrifice, my family and I wish to share in the support and work of the Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church. We would like to pledge:

\$_____ for the year 2017 (through December 2017)

You may pay via cash, check or online using PayPal

☐ Annually ☐ Semi-annually ☐ Quarterly ☐ Monthly ☐ Weekly

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Your pledge is **strictly confidential**.