

The Reading from the Second General Epistle of the Holy Apostle Peter (1:10–19)

Brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 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. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease. 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. 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.” And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. 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.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (17:1–9)

At that time, Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.”

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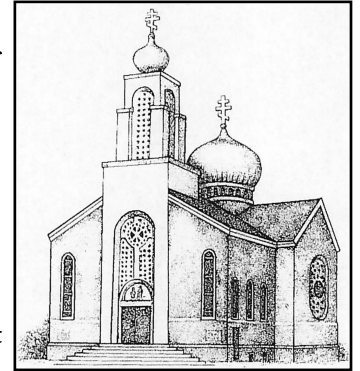
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9th Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 8

August 6, 2023

The Holy Transfiguration of
Our Lord, God and Savior
Jesus Christ

Glory to Jesus Christ!

We welcome everyone who has come to this house of the Lord. We especially welcome all guest and newcomers.

Please feel free to follow along with a Divine Liturgy book from the table at the glass doors. For this Sunday and most of the year, we are using the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (at the beginning of the book).

Holy Communion is a solemn responsibility: Orthodox Christians who have prepared through Confession, prayer, and fasting may participate. At the end of the Liturgy, everyone is welcome to come forward for a blessing and to share in the blessed bread (called “antidoron,” this blessed bread is used in our prayers but is not itself a sacrament).

Afterward, please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshment. We look forward to greeting you personally, and we are glad that you are here.

Upcoming Events in Parish Life

We invite anyone to pray along with us, following our services online. Visit our website (sspeterpaul.org) for details.

Saturday, Aug. 5	Parish Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Aug. 6	Divine Liturgy—Holy Transfiguration	9:30 AM
	On Aug. 6, we celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, when he took the disciples Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there manifested his divine glory to them, as far as they could bear it. The disciples saw Moses and Elijah standing with the Lord, and they heard the voice of the Father saying, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” After both services, we will bless fruits of the harvest.	
Aug. 7–12	Diocesan Youth Rally—please pray for our many children as well as staff participants this year.	
Tuesday, Aug. 8	Bible Study Online—2nd & 4th Tuesdays: the Gospel of Saint Mark	6:30 PM
	This week, we will be examining Mark chapters 9 through 12. The Zoom link and other useful information is posted at sspeterpaul.org .	
Wednesdays	Weekday Morning Prayer	8:15 AM
Wed., Aug. 9	Parish Council	6:30 PM
Saturday, Aug. 12	Parish Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Aug. 13	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Monday, Aug. 14	Vigil for the Dormition of the Theotokos, with blessing of flowers	6 PM
Tuesday, Aug. 15	Divine Liturgy for the Dormition	9:30 AM
	Next week, we celebrate the Dormition (Falling-Asleep) of the Most-Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. We will also bless herbs and flowers after each service, in honor of our Lady, the most fragrant flower of the Church.	

A profound thank you to our volunteers this week: the many parishioners (and even some guests!) who cleared and later returned furniture, to make way for the refinishing of our floors; those who volunteered for National Night Out; and our renewed Altar Guild, who have prepared our church for the seasonal color change and today’s feast. You all are a great blessing!

Save the date: Scholarship Benefit Dinner on Sunday, Sept. 17. Proceeds will benefit the SS. Peter & Paul Scholarship Fund. More information coming soon.

We Ask Your Prayers

For the children and staff participating in Youth Rally this week.

For those celebrating birthdays: Inna Fedorov on Aug. 12.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Serge and Mary Ellen Pavlov on Aug. 10.

For the Sick & Suffering:

Mka. Evelyn (Kreta)—broke her wrist, needing additional surgery
 Corey (Knap)—nephew of Valentina Knap, recovering from a serious accident
 William (Weidmann)—husband of Adrian, suffering from a chronic immune condition similar to multiple sclerosis

Steven (Cardillo)—local Neighborhood Association organizer

Gregory (Mankevich) Christopher (Sullivan)

Anita (Propheter) Rosemary (Delaney)

Juliana (Helwig) Douglas (Hedges)

Irene Lorraine

Jacob Valerie

Juliana Katelyn

Crystal Lilah

Angela Innocent

Bruce and Stacia

Cyprian and Dana

Nicole and Naaman

Helen and Helene

For Our Shut-Ins:

Yvonne (Rutcho) Jennie (Padick)

Margaret (Savchik) Ann (Kreshik)

Helen (Olsen)

To share news in the bulletin, or to add someone to our prayer list, please contact Fr. Joshua: priest@sspeterpaul.org or 203-237-4539.

If you would like to commemorate loved ones by lighting the cross in church, please contact Alexia Tassmer: 203-284-0856.

HELP US BUILD OUR MISSION



The SS. Peter & Paul Mission Building Team has made a set of questions we want you to look over and answer.

Questions can be found on a table in the back right corner of the fellowship area.

Feel free to only answer one or two questions a Sunday: they will be up for several weeks.

All people are encouraged to participate!

Hymns of the Day

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 8 Troparion *(Apostles Peter & Paul)*

O first-enthroned of the Apostles,
teachers of the universe:
entreat the Master of all
to grant peace to the world, //
and to our souls great mercy!

Tone 4 Troparion (Silas & Silvanus)

Holy Apostles Silas and Silvanus,
entreat the merciful God //
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold men 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 2 Kontakion – Apostles Peter and Paul

O Lord, You have taken up to eternal rest
and to the enjoyment of Your blessings
the two divinely inspired preachers, the leaders of the Apostles,
for You have accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet-smelling
sacrifice, //
for You alone know what lies in the hearts of men.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Silas & Silvanus)*

You were revealed to be branches of the vine of Christ, O wise ones,
bearing clusters of virtues that pour out on us the wine of salvation.
Receiving it, we are filled with gladness,
and we celebrate your most honored memory,
Apostles of the Lord, Silas and Silvanus. //
Therefore, intercede that great mercy and remission of sins may be
granted to us.

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 6 Kontakion — Steadfast Protectress

Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone

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

Verse: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!
(Ps. 28:1a)

Alleluia

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

Verse: To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. *(Ps. 91:2a)*

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!
(Ps. 148:1)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!