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8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Please check weekly schedule
for specific days (last page).

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AUGUST 6, 2023

9TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF
OUR LORD GOD
AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST



Transfiguration of Our Lord

The Lord had begun warning his disciples about the dangers they would face, and also about His Passion and death. He also told them that they would be persecuted by pagans and enemies of the Gospel. He explained that these things pertain to the present life, but what is essential is eternal life. Desiring to give His disciples a fore-taste of eternal life, he took three of them, Peter, James and John, and brought them up to Mount Tabor.



only those disciples because they were more pre-eminent than the others. Peter was chosen because he loved Christ very much, John because he also loved Christ, and James because he was able to drink the cup that Christ drank (Matthew 20:23). The Lord showed them Moses and Elias in order to correct their erroneous ideas of who He was, as though He were Saint John the Baptist, or some great prophet. That is why He revealed His glory to them 'as far as they could bear it.' All this took place during the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ on Mount Tabor.

There He was transfigured before them and His face shone like light. Moses and Elias appeared and spoke with Jesus. The Lord took

VISITATIONS

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest's ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here:

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Consider Sponsoring Coffee Hour!

For those who would like to HELP with Coffee Hour but don't cook, you can now *sponsor* a Coffee Hour! By donating \$65 you can sponsor a Coffee Hour, just put it in a white envelope marked "coffee hour" and place it in the collection basket or coffee hour basket in the Hall.

Visiting the Elderly

Jill Morinec is looking for someone who could stay with an 92 year old friend during the day when she is at work. He is still cognitively intact and loves to read and talk. She could pay a little bit. Jill works 12h shifts and doesn't want him to be alone for almost 14 hours. He is able bodied (with a walker) and can heat up his own meals, but needs human connection. You could just come for a visit or stay part of the day. He will be up here from North Carolina on the 27th of July. Contact Jill Morinec at 216-633-0751. Thank you.

FOCA Family Festival

Saturday August 26, Following vespers (Rain or Shine)

Featuring

*Family
Friendly
Drive - in
Movie*
Disney's
Jungle Cruise



Join us for vespers at 6:00 pm and a cookout to follow. Burgers, Dogs, Chips and a drink for all!



*Sponsored by the Ohio District of the FOCA
Hosted by St. Nicholas Church, 755 S Cleveland Ave., Mogadore OH*

Things you'll need to bring;

Folding Chairs, Blankets, an fm radio for sound, Popcorn, snacks, and additional drinks, Summer cookout games and most important you and your family!

Free Event!!! - Reservations Required!!!

Reserve your spot by scanning the QR code or clicking the link below;



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/foca-family-festival-tickets-681637344647>

Everyone Welcome! Let's get together!!!



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The Seven Holy Sleepers of Ephesus

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**ARCHPASTORAL MESSAGE ON THE FEAST
OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

Dearly beloved in Christ,

This Sunday, August 6, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The Gospel passage proclaimed at the Divine Liturgy of the Feast tells the story of what we commemorate on this day. The Apostles Peter, James, and John were with the Lord and He “led them up a on a high mountain by themselves” (St Matthew 17:1). As the Lord prayed, His face changed in appearance: it “shone like the sun,” and “His clothes became as white as the light” (v. 2). Then appeared Moses, the great Giver of the Law, and with him Elijah, the greatest of the prophets. The two of them stood on either side of Jesus, and they began to speak with Him, and He with them. We can only begin to imagine how overwhelmed the Apostles must have been to see all of this! In that moment and in their very presence, their Lord and Master, the One with whom they walked and talked and lived their daily lives, was transfigured as He revealed His glory. And as if that were not enough, they witnessed Jesus speaking with the two great heroes and spiritual pillars of God’s chosen people. Overcome by this sight, Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, let us build three tabernacles: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” (v. 4). The Gospel account further tells us that Peter had not yet finished speaking when a Bright Cloud covered them all, and a Voice “from the Excellent Glory” (2 Peter 1:17) testified to Christ.

There are many lessons to be taken from this high point in the Lord’s earthly ministry. The Apostles’ ascent to the top of Mount Tabor invites us to reflect upon the importance of stepping away from our daily worries and worldly concerns so that we might contemplate the Lord Jesus. We remember that we too are invited to “ascend the mountain of the Lord” (Isaiah 2:3; Micah 4:2), and to share in the transforming glory of the Lord’s Presence (*cf.* 2 Corinthians 3:18). We are regularly reminded of this call to leave behind the distractions of daily life during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, as we sing the words: “Let us ... now lay aside all earthly cares.” Only in this way can we come into the Presence of the Lord, unhindered and unburdened by the cares of this worldly existence.

Still, at the end of this spectacular experience on Mount Tabor, the Apostles came down from the heights they had ascended. Having experienced this singular moment at the very

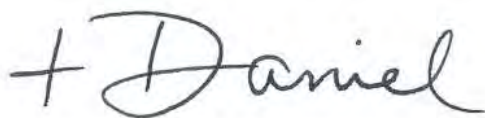
summit of a notably high mountain, they returned to the valley down below. They had to go back to their daily lives, despite Peter's eagerness to set up three tents as a way to preserve the experience for a while longer. Yet Peter, James, and John had also been transformed and transfigured; their lives were forever changed as a result of that amazing moment. They had seen the Lord, literally, in a new light. They understood and recognized Him more fully. Truly, He was the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. Truly, the glory of His divinity had been revealed, and these chosen Apostles took that experience with them as they descended from the mountain. They returned to their daily lives energized by their faith in the One Whom God had sent, and they were prepared for the life of the world to also be transformed.

This happens with us as well: we too have our own experiences "at the mountaintop." Our experience of Christ takes many forms, but it can most easily be identified in the Mysteries of the Church, and most particularly in the Holy Mystery of the Eucharist. In the moment in which we receive the Holy Gifts, we experience Christ directly, physically, and spiritually. He comes to us and into our souls and bodies us so that we might be transformed and transfigured with Him, as were the Apostles Peter, James, and John. But then, having had this direct experience of the Transfigured and Transfiguring Christ, we return to the valley of our lives, to our daily concerns and activities. We return to our daily lives and regular routines in order to fulfill our call to be Christ's transforming presence in the midst of a wounded and hurting world.

In the revelatory moment of the Transfiguration, the Voice of the heavenly Father is heard saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" (St Matthew 17:5). Beloved, let us hear the Lord in the many ways in which He speaks to us! Let us hear His voice calling us to unite ourselves to Him in order to be transfigured with Him. And during this Dormition Fast, as we prepare for the celebration of the Falling Asleep of the Most Holy *Theotokos*, let us turn to her, the one who most fully heard the word of the Lord and kept it (*cf.* St Luke 11:28), asking Her to teach us to listen to the voice of the Lord, so that we too may experience the ultimate transfiguration that awaits us in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Wishing you and yours a blessed and joyous Feast, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'D'.

DANIEL

Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest

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HOLY ASSUMPTION ORTHODOX CHURCH HALUPKI FESTIVAL

EVENT – HALUPKI FESTIVAL (pronounced hah-LOOP-key; they're cabbage rolls)

WHEN – Sunday, August 20, 2023; 11:30 am to 6 pm

WHERE – Holy Assumption Orthodox Church parish grounds
114 East Main Street (Route 163); Marblehead, Ohio

CONTACTS - Rectory (419) 798-4591
Publicity Chairman Wayne Golob (419) 625-1040

It's Summertime, and in Marblehead, Ohio, folks will soon smell the cabbage rolls a-cookin' and hear the lively sounds of polka music at the big 66th Annual **HALUPKI FESTIVAL**. The **HALUPKI FESTIVAL**, a celebration of Carpatho-Russian foods and culture, is presented each year on the third Sunday of August by Holy Assumption Orthodox Church, 114 East Main Street (Route 163), in picturesque Marblehead on Lake Erie. 2023 marks the 125th Anniversary of Holy Assumption as a parish, in 1898. This year's event takes place on Sunday, August 20th.

The day's activities begin with worship at Divine Liturgy in the beautiful, historic church at 10:00 am. The choir of SS. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Lorain will sing at Liturgy. All are welcome to join us in worship.

The festival begins at 11:30 am with the serving of their *Carpatho-Russian Dinner* of 2 halupki, 2 perohi, kolbasi, and baklava for dessert. At 2 pm, the *Eastern European Ala Carte* will open, featuring halupki (cabbage rolls), perohi (pierogies), halushki (cabbage and noodles), kolbasi (smoked sausage), spanakopita (spinach pie). and much more.

Delicious Old World-Style baked goods, including nut and poppy seed rolls (kolach, or koh-LAHCH), as well as baklava, will be sold.

Live entertainment gets underway at 11:30 am as the local acapella chorus North Coast Tempo makes their festival debut singing your favorite Do-Wop tunes. Dance music takes over at 12 Noon with polka music by the Frank Moravcik Orchestra and another new-to-the-festival group, the Culkar-Golob Band, both of Cleveland, alternating every hour throughout the afternoon.

The parish church, the oldest Orthodox church in Ohio and a historic landmark, will be open with tours for visitors. Orthodox religious items will be for sale. A demonstration of the Rusyn art of Pysanky (pih-SAHN-key), or Easter egg decorating, will be given by local artist Helen Jean Cooley. Herman Halupki's Craft Fest, with 25+ vendors, will be on the lawn during the Festival. Fun for the kids includes a bounce/slide, a rock wall for climbing, and "Face Painting by Summer". Refreshments and raffles complete the offerings. It all adds up to a day of fun on the Marblehead Peninsula.

The **HALUPKI FESTIVAL** is held on the parish grounds of Holy Assumption Orthodox Church; look for "the little stone church with the golden domes". Admission to the festival is absolutely free of charge. There is ample free parking in easy walking distance, and a shuttle bus running between parking areas and the festival grounds.

For more info, visit us on Facebook at "Halupki Festival", or check out our parish website at www.holyassumptionmarblehead.org.

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church



Halupki Festival

SUNDAY AUGUST 20, 2023

110 E. MAIN STREET (SR 163) MARBLEHEAD, OHIO 43440

66th Annual

Parish 125 Anniversary

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

FOOD

Carpatho-Russian Dinner

Starting at 11:30am

2 Halupki

2 Perohi

Kielbasa

Baklava

Roll & Butter

Eastern European Ala Cart

Starting at 2:00 pm

Halupki

Perohi

Kielbasa & Kraut

Bratwurst

Halushki & Cabbage

And more!



ACTIVITIES

Historic Church Tours

Live Polka Music

Frank Moravcik Orchestra

Culkar-Golob Band

Herman Halupki's Craft Fest

25+ vendors

Rusyn (Pysanky) Easter Egg Art

Bounce House

Face Painting

by Summer

VIOC Rock Climbing Wall

Main Raffle

Hourly 50/50

Admission is FREE!

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HalupkiFestival



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PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 8/6/2023

Deceased

Annette Lapso (*nee Ressetar, family of Linda Kovach*)

Marianne Kormos

Marie Borland

Special Intentions:

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Subdeacon Roger Pinta

Reader Paul Pangrace

Reader Frank Tkacz

Reader Dan Morris

Stephan Chwalyk

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

Diane Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

Janice Tkacz

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Rachel Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Carol Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

Virginia Medvec

Jeffrey Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

Margaret Parhamovich (*sister-in-law of Karen Felon*)

Margaret Peyton (*Cathy's aunt*)

Jean Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

Anna Marie Luvison (*daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison*)

Debra Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

Grace Mary Parhamovich (*mother of Karen Felon*)

Gayle Vidovich

Elizabeth Balasz

Christina Hile (*Nisi & Cindy's sister*)

Lonnie Ellis (*Husband to Debra Ellis*)

Robert Martin Prock

Valentina Zawolowycz (*mother of Paul Z*)

Michael and **Nichole** Zolikoff and **child Declan**

Mark

Michael Kapeluck (*friend of Cathy*)

Edward Aleerty

Jack Zimmerman – (*Uncle to Cindy Zdinak, Nisi Pozdarec and Father John Zdinak*)

Robert McKay (*friend of Andrew Myrtrohovic*)

Matej, Anrea, Julia, Jana and family

Gwyneth Seddon (*daughter of Eric and Elisa*)

Emerson Joy Seddon (*granddaughter of Eric and Elisa*)

Paul Epple (*father-in-law of Lauren Epple*)

Lavinia Cozmin-Morris

Elena Rich (*Jerry Czajkowski's daughter*)

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to Fr. Jan Cizmar
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Or calling at 1(440) 732-8182

Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

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Daily Scripture Readings

Scripture readings are listed in the calendar. They are also available on the OCA website at <https://www.oca.org/readings> (clicking on a reading expands it for reading—very convenient)



UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS



- August 15th—Altar Society Dinner
- September 10th—Patron Saints Day Banquet
(His Eminence Archbishop Daniel to attend)
- October 5th—Wine Tasting Event
- November 5th—Chili Cook Off
- December 17th—Annual Christmas Choir Concert

Sunday, August 6

9th Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

St. Herman House Honey for sale during coffee hour

Monday, August 7

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Holy Martyr Mercurius of Smolensk (13th c.)

Tuesday, August 8

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Kyzikos (813-820)

Wednesday, August 9

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Glorification of Ven. Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of All America (1970)

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2023



Thursday, August 10

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence of Rome, Hieromartyr Sixtus, Bishop of Rome, and Martyrs Felicissimus and Agapitus, Deacons (258)

Friday, August 11

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus (Euplius) of Catania (304)

Saturday, August 12

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Martyrs Anicletus and Photius (Photinus) of Nicomedia, and many with them (305-306)

6:00 PM Transfiguration Vespers

Sunday, August 13

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Leavetaking of the Transfiguration

St. Tikhon, Bishop of Voronezh, Wonderworker of Zadonsk and All Russia (1783)

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour