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BULLETIN – 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; RELICS TRANSLATION OF PROTO-MARTYR STEPHEN THE ARCHDEACON

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Vespereal Divine Liturgy
Feast of Transfiguration
Wednesday, August 5
6:00 pm

Please bring grapes for a blessing

DISPATCH FROM THE DILLONS

With the celebration of the Procession of the Precious Cross on August 1, we again sing: “O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.”

Who are our enemies? Some foreign power? The civil authorities? Our brothers with whom we disagree? “We are commanded to have only one enemy, the devil. With him never be reconciled! But with a brother, never be at enmity in thy heart.” (St. John Chrysostom Homily 20)

As we begin the Dormition Fast, let us guard ourselves against demonic temptations which separate us from Christ and one another. Let us love one another, that with one accord we may confess: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

O Lord, by the power of Thy Cross, preserve us!

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee of the Parish Council announces that there will be three vacancies on the Parish Council. A candidate for Parish Council must be 25 years of age or over, have been a voting member of the parish for a period of 2 years, and have fulfilled the canonical requirements of the faith. All qualified and willing candidates, please submit your name in writing to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee, beginning with the Chairman, are Philip Salibi, Gerry Elwell, and Fr. George.

OUTDOOR CHURCH AUGUST 1-2

Pursuant to a blessing from Sayidna, and a new health officer order, we will hold Great Vespers, Orthros and the Divine Liturgy at the normal times this weekend but a slightly different place: on the patio next to the Parish Hall.

We will have a PA system. His Eminence still strongly encourages masks and social distance.

Please park in the south parking lot off of Brown Gables Rd., especially if you arrive after “Blessed is the Kingdom!”

Brother clergy in other counties where outdoor worship has already begun, report that people are experiencing extra joy, purpose, and focus...despite the obstacles! Let’s commit together to enjoy the peace and grace of our Orthodox worship, COVID-19 or not. Special efforts lead to extra blessing!

PRISON MINISTRY AWARENESS

Today we will take an offering for the Orthodox Prison Ministry.

THOMPSONS’ MOVE

Call Kh. Mandy at (858) 442-9039 to help sort through items and take bags to Good Will.

AUGUST CALENDAR

Check your church mailbox for the new calendar; if you didn’t receive one, call the office.

*Vespereal Divine Liturgy
For the Feast of the Dormition
of the Theotokos
Friday, August 14
6:00 pm*

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul—August 3-9, 2020

- 8/3 Mon 6:00 pm – Paraklesis
8/5 Wed 6:00 pm – Vespers Divine Liturgy for
Feast of Transfiguration w/Blessing of
the Grapes
8/7 Fri 6:00 pm – Paraklesis
8/8 Sat 3:00 pm – Help Thompson’s load the
moving truck
6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
8/9 Sun 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 9th Sunday
after Pentecost & After-feast of the
Transfiguration of Christ
Farewell gathering for the Thompsons with
luncheon, followed by a workday to
finish loading their moving truck

Looking Ahead –

- August 10 Paraklesis
August 11 Parish Council
August 12 Paraklesis
August 14 Vespers Divine Liturgy for Dormition.
August 15 Breakfast and parsonage workday

MEALTRAIN FOR SALIBIS

There are couple of dates still open to serve the Salibis with a meal. To sign up, go here

<https://mealtrain.com/e822q2> .

Many Years – Birthday

John Ivancovich	August 3
Skylar Sacoolas	August 3
Leanne Albers	August 5
Barbara Schmidt	August 7

Many years – Anniversary

George & Kriss Saad	August 4
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IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR

The story of the Two Blind Men (Matt. 9:27-35) depicts men so desperate for healing they leave a “safe,” familiar place to loudly follow Jesus down the road begging for healing mercy!

How many of us have settled into a sort of uneasy truce with our passions? Maybe we’re pretty convinced that not much will ever change in our hearts. Probably we’re expecting little more for our brethren either.

Before healing the two, Jesus asked them the crucial question he asks you and me every morning we wake up, and certainly every time we go to church: “Do you really believe that I can do this?”

May we have grace to answer, “Yes!” and then actually do our part to pursue healing. It starts with a prayer for mercy, and continues with repenting of **our** sins, not focusing on others.

ANCIENT FAITH MINISTRIES

We have a wonderful resource online at: <https://www.ancientfaith.com/> . Here you will find Ancient Faith Radio streaming Orthodox music daily, podcasts, a blog, a store, and more. Check it out!

“Thus, although we are weak, we boast of a powerful One who loves us and the whole world, and for this reason we can fearlessly progress.”

Archimandrite Vasileios of Iviron

BIG PICTURE ORTHODOXY

Fr. Vasileios of Iviron Monastery on Mount Athos reminds us of the Big Picture—lest we get lost in the smallness and sameness of our daily lives or religious “duties.”

“When you live in the climate of divine love, you find yourself and the entire world...The whole of history [Fr. George: including **your history mine, ours**] is recognized and lived as a theological trial which leads to consciousness of the presence of the Risen One as ‘God with us.’

“And you are astounded at the insistence of divine providence in working to your benefit. You feel and confess that ‘Your mercy, O Lord, will pursue me all the days of my life. Psalm 22:6”

Hymn of Dismissal by Archimandrite Vasileios

*Festal Breakfast & Workday @
the Parsonage - 9 am August 15*