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## WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday: Matins (Orthros) Service 9:00 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School, Every other Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

**Church Office Hours:** Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Divine Liturgy begins at 10:00 a.m. and we should not arrive late. When we do arrive late and the Epistle or Gospel is being read or the priest is preaching the sermon or the Great Entrance is taking place, please **REMAIN** in the Vestibule until it is finished before entering the Church. At the end of the Divine Liturgy please keep your conversation until the "Coffee Hour". **We should leave the Church in silence.**

**Important Notice:** The reception of Holy Communion is limited to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and recent Confession. Confessions are heard on Sunday mornings during the Matins Service or by special appointment. The Eucharistic Fast begins at midnight on Saturday and ends up with the receiving of Holy Communion. If you are on medication or a young child, you can have a light breakfast before coming to church. If you have any questions, please call Fr. Leonard.

*Thank you,  
+ Father Leonard*

**Prayer Requests and Bulletin News:** All prayer requests and articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted each week by **Noon, Tuesday:** emailed to Fr. Leonard at [fatherfaris@comcast.net](mailto:fatherfaris@comcast.net) or call 978-452-4816, otherwise, the requests and articles will be published the following week.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

If anyone is in the hospital it is the duty of the family to inform the priest so that he can visit the patient. Also, if anyone is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, he/she or a family member should contact Fr. Leonard to make arrangements to bring the Sacrament to the shut-in. Fr. Leonard is always happy to bring the Sacraments to those in Hospitals, Nursing Homes or at home. Thank you and God bless!



### Entrance Hymn of the Feast

For with Thee is the fountain of life, and in Thy light shall we see light. Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

### Troparion of the Transfiguration, Tone 7

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

### Kontakion of the Transfiguration, Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

## EPISTLE: Peter 1:10-19

*O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Peter**

Brethren, be the more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore, I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made surer. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew**

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 Thou wilt, I will make three booths here, one for Thee 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; hear 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 risen from the dead."



*Prayers are being offered for  
the Health and Safety of:*

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 Connie Abodeely  
 Lorice Ansara  
 Phyllis Arsenault  
 June Behrakis  
 Ed & Lillian Betor  
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 Ida Boragine  
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*Prayers are being offered in Memory of:*

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Philip Hajjar	Mary Ann Zaharias

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 MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!  
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## ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is given in memory of the Handmaid of God, Siham Khadij, requested by her children and grandchildren. May Siham's memory be eternal and may God bless the Khadij and Toubia Families with peace, good health and happiness!



## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Today - August 6th

A 40 Day Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the Soul of the Handmaid of God, Zena Hanson, requested by Fr. Leonard. May her memory be eternal!

A Two Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the Soul of the Handmaid of God, Siham Khadij, requested by her children and grandchildren. May her memory be eternal!

## GREAT FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Today, as we celebrate the Great Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, we will have the Traditional Blessing of Grapes following the Divine Liturgy. The grapes are given for the Glory of God and for the health and safety of the Faris Family and in memory of George and Elsie Faris by their son Fr. Leonard. May George and Elsie's memory be eternal and may God bless the Faris Family with peace, good health and happiness.

## "SPECIAL THANK YOU"!

We would like to thank all the workers and benefactors of the Folk Festival who worked so hard to make this event so successful. Rather than forget anyone's name, we sincerely THANK everyone who helped in any way and we ask Almighty God to Bless them all with peace, good health and happiness!

## August is the "Month of The Theotokos"

To Orthodox Christians, August is a sacred month, a month that brings an intense feeling of reverence and devotion to The Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother-of-God. For on the Fourteenth of August, the Orthodox Church celebrates with great Solemnity the Greatest Feast of the Mother-of-God, Her Dormition (Falling-Asleep) and Assumption into Heaven.

Special Prayer Services are celebrated in Her Honor prior to the Feast. We also prepare ourselves for this Great Feast by fasting from July 31 to August 14. These Special Services are called Paraclesis Services (Prayers of Supplication) in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Who is our greatest Intercessor before God. It is a special period similar to Great Lent. Orthodox Families are encouraged to attend these beautiful Services and to participate in the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion in honor of this Great Feast.

### THE SCHEDULE OF SERVICES HERE AT ST. GEORGE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Mon	August 7	6:30 p.m.	Paraclesis Service
Wed	August 9	6:30 p.m.	Paraclesis Service
Fri	August 11	6:30 p.m.	Paraclesis Services
Sun	August 13	10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy followed by Lamentations and Procession with the Epitaphio of the Blessed Virgin Mary inside the Church
Tue	August 15	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy for the Great Feast of the Dormition and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven.

LET US ALL MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND THESE BEAUTIFUL SERVICES HONORING OUR MOST BLESSED MOTHER ON HER GREATEST FEAST DAY!!!

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