

# EIGHTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST

August 7, 2022

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Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizi, Presiding Priest

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; The Holy Righteous Martyr St. Dometios of Persia; Our Righteous Fathers Nikanoros the Wonderworker, St. Theodosios the New, and St. Iamatikos

Grave Tone Baruví

*Click links for Scripture Readings*

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| Eighth Morning Gospel: | <a href="#">St. John 20:11-18</a>     | <a href="#">Ελληνικά</a> |
| Epistle Reading:       | <a href="#">1 Corinthians 1:10-17</a> | <a href="#">Ελληνικά</a> |
| Gospel Reading:        | <a href="#">St. Matthew 14:14-22</a>  | <a href="#">Ελληνικά</a> |

**Apolytikion of the Resurrection:** “O Lord by Your sacred Cross You abolished death, and granted unto the thief blessed paradise. The Myrrh Bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The apostles did preach the Good News at Your command, that You had risen from the dead, O Christ our God, bestowing Your mercy upon the world evermore.”

**Apolytikion of the Transfiguration:** “You were transfigured on the Mount, O Christ our God, revealing Your glory to Your disciples, insofar as they could comprehend. Illuminate us sinners also with Your everlasting light, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. Giver of light, glory to You.”

**Apolytikion of the Church:** “Blessed are You, O Christ our Lord and God, You who made all wise the fishermen Your Apostles, sending down upon them Your Spirit, which is Holy and through their work drawing the world into Your net, glory to You Who loves mankind.”

**Kontakion of the Transfiguration:** “You were transfigured upon the Mount [Tabor], O Christ our God, and Your disciples, in so far as they could bear, beheld Your glory. Thus, when they see You crucified, they may understand Your Passion was voluntary, and proclaim to the world that You are truly the effulgence of the Father.”

#### Altar Donations

Altar Candles in loving memory of Irene Foussianes†  
Vigil Light in loving memory of Menelaos Constantinides†



### Sacraments and Rites

**Memorial:** Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial service for Irene Foussianes†, 40 days. Eternal be her memory.

**Baptism:** On Saturday, the baptism of Alexandra Marie, daughter of Audrey and Anthony Pantagis was celebrated. Godparent is Juliana Pantagis.

### Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, August 10, Paraklesis to the Theotokos, 6:00 PM

Friday, August 12, Paraklesis to the Theotokos, 6:00 PM

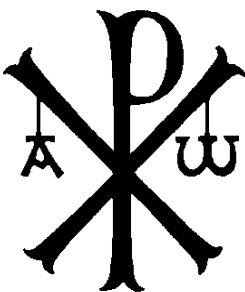
Sunday, August 14, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, August 14, Great Vespers in Holmdel, 7:00 PM

Monday, August 15, Dormition, Kimisis, of the Theotokos, Orthros, 8:30 AM;  
Divine Liturgy with Artoklasia, 9:30 AM

Sunday, August 21, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

### Holy Transfiguration of our Lord, God, and Saviour Jesus Christ - AUGUST 6



In the third year of His preaching, the Lord Jesus often spoke to His disciples of His approaching passion but at the same time of His glory following His suffering on the Cross. So that His impending passion would not totally weaken His disciples and that no one would fall away from Him, He, the All-wise, wanted to partially show them His divine glory before His passion. For that reason, He took Peter, James and John with Him and, with them, went out at night to Mt. Tabor and there was transfigured before them: *"And His face shone as the sun and His garments became white as snow"* (St. Matthew 17:2). There appeared alongside Him, Moses and Elias (Elijah), the great Old Testament prophets. And, seeing this, His disciples were amazed. Peter said: *"Lord, it is good for us*

to be here: if You will, let us make here three tabernacles; one for You, one for Moses and one for Elias" (St. Matthew 17:4). While Peter still spoke, Moses and Elias departed, and a bright cloud overshadowed the Lord and His disciples and there came a voice from the cloud saying: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear Him" (St. Matthew 17:5). Hearing the voice, the disciples fell to the ground on their faces as though dead and remained that way, lying in fear, until the Lord came near to them and said: "Arise and be not afraid" (St. Matthew 17:7).

**Why did the Lord take only three disciples on Tabor and not all?** Because Judas was not worthy to behold the divine glory of the Teacher, Whom he will betray and the Lord did not want to leave him [Judas] alone at the foot of the mountain so that the betrayer would not, by that, justify his betrayal. **Why was our Lord transfigured on a mountain and not in a valley?** So as to teach us two virtues: love of labor and godly thoughts. For, climbing to the heights required labor and height represents the pinnacles of our thoughts, i.e., godly thoughts. **Why was our Lord transfigured at night?** Because the night rather than the day is more suitable for prayer and godly thoughts and because by its darkness, night conceals all the beauty of the earth and reveals the beauty of the starry heavens. **Why did Moses and Elias appear?** Our Lord manifested His divine power many times to the disciples but, on Mt. Tabor, He manifested His divine nature. This vision of His Divinity and the hearing of the heavenly witness about Him as the Son of God, should serve the disciples in the days of the Lord's passion, in strengthening of an unwavering faith in Him and His final victory.

### ***HYMN OF PRAISE FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD***

*There, where Israel defeated Sisar; There also condescended, the Heavenly King; Prayer, to go and to nightly vigils; The glory of His Transfiguration, to manifest; And the faith of His followers, to confirm in the eternal victory of Him the Victor. There, divine light from Himself, He released; Dispels the thick darkness, and illuminated Tabor; The Light, for a long time, which in Himself contained; From which, to the world, a little at a time dispensed; Abundant rays, now released; Jubilant rays, sweet rays. The glow of humanity, to reveal to heaven; To earth and to men, the Divine Truth. Let the firmament, its Representative see; Let the earth recognize God, the Savior.*



### **Serving the Lord as an Acolyte (Altar Boy) this Summer!**

An acolyte (altar boy) is one who assists the priest as he conducts the sacred and divine services of the Church. The acolyte is permitted to enter the Holy Altar where no one but those serving the Lord is permitted. Serving the Church in this capacity is one of the greatest honors for a young boy. During the summer, if you would like to serve, help the priest, and are the ages of 10-12 or older, please speak with Fr. Peter.

### **Retirement Announcement**

With indebted gratitude and great appreciation, the Parish of Holy Trinity wishes to thank Joy Daniledes for her nine years of dedicated service to the community. Joy is retiring from her administrative assistant position to pursue personal interests. We thank her for her many years of service and will miss seeing her every day. Joy will still bring us joy as she has promised to stay on as a volunteer.

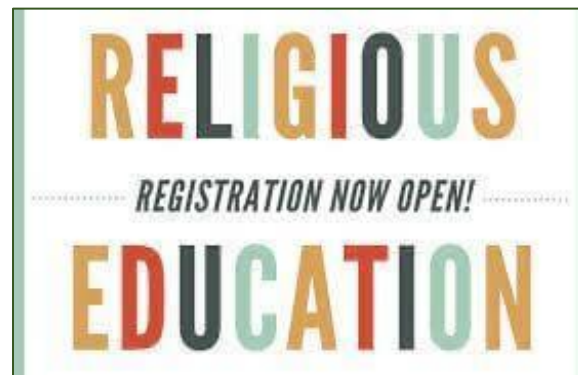


Keith, Isabel, Noella, Nevin, George, Diana, Lucia, Rich, Keti, Georgia, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Gayle, William, Byron, John, Robert, Connie, Donald, Terry, John, Angela, Andrew, Dianna, Edward, Sue, Thomas, Andrea, Thomas, Alexandra, Ronald, Galina, Angela, Lubove, Despina, Maria, John, Paraskevi (Parri), Dianna, Stephanie, Edward, Brian, Janeen, Cathy, James, Christine, Andrea, Molly, Anastasios, Michael, Angela, Lauren, John, Effie, Stella, Denise, Cloy, Mirka, Stamatia, Theresa, James, Matthew, Antoinette, William, Angela, Tanner, Stefanos, Helen, Katherine, Ashley, Angela, Nick, Lindsey, Alexandria, Evdokia, Chris, Zach, Notis, Erica, Christina, Fran, Joan, Hellen, Joseph, Cleopatra, James, Rosa, George, Kathy, Stephanie, Theresa, Dorothy, Shannon, Jeff, Jeffrey, Rowena, Craig, Paul, John, Marien, John, Vasilia, Hellen, Natalia, Angela, Thomas, Stavroula, Maroulla





Pardon our appearance as the church installs security bollards in front of the church and in the courtyard. The security bollards will protect the church from vehicle intrusion. The construction, which is being funded by a grant from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, has started and will take approximately three weeks to complete. For your safety, please keep clear from the construction areas. Thank you for your cooperation.



**Religious Education Registration is Now Open.** Please complete the online form for each of your children at your earliest convenience. The first day of classes is September 11 and there will be no classes on September 18 due to the Holy Cross Celebration in Asbury Park. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in the fall!

Link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/2022-23ReligiousEdRegistration>

## Greek School Begins Tuesday 9/13 and Thursday 9/15



Holy Trinity Greek School will begin on Tuesday September 13 for grades Pre K – 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday September 15 for grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. Please register your children by clicking:

[Greek School Registration Form 2022-2023 Click here](#)

[PTO Form Click here](#)

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## Capital Campaign

**How your donation is working...**

**and making improvements to the church.**

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### Parking Lot – Milling & Paving

- Paving of the church's parking lot in front and back of the church is completed. Paving took place Monday and Tuesday of last week. You can see first-hand how your donation to the Capital Campaign was used. Thank you for your contribution to this important campaign.

### Church Dome

- Work on the dome and protective membrane that covers it from the elements is the next scheduled phase in the Capital Campaign.

### Donors as of May 31

- The following is a list of donors who have contributed to the Holy Trinity Capital Campaign. Thank you for your generosity and support.
- Don't worry, there is still time to give. Offer your donation today!





## JOIN OCMC TO COMPLETE MILES FOR MISSIONS

Calling all walkers, runners, cyclists, fitness enthusiasts, and those who like to stay active! Join our parish this August and September to demonstrate our commitment to Christ's Great Commission by completing miles for missions!

Our challenge for you is to commit your own personal "trek" by walking, running, and more to see how far you can go to "virtually" share the faith. During this event, we will track everyone's activity and raise funds to support the work of OCMC. Their goal is to reach a combined 25,000 miles representing the Gospel being shared around the world. We will host a LIVE walk/run as part of our Trek in September. Please stay tuned!

To join our parish team, go online using the information and link below. Questions? Please get in touch with Jeanie Arida at [kjarida@aol.com](mailto:kjarida@aol.com)!

**Team Name**            **Team Holy Trinity- Westfield, NJ**  
**& Password:**            **250Gallowshill**

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## 2022 Stewardship Commitment and Online Giving

As you plan your summer vacation, please consider offering your Stewardship Pledge in advance before departing. It is critical that the Parish has ample financial resources during the summer months so as not to encounter any cash flow problems. Your attention is appreciated. Our Online Stewardship Giving Program is a convenient way to automate your offering.

To sign-up visit the church website [www.HolyTrinityWestfield.org](http://www.HolyTrinityWestfield.org) and click on “Online Giving”, then “Stewardship”. On this page you can complete the “Stewardship Commitment Card” and/or make a donation by clicking “Secure Online Giving”.



**GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS**

**✠ AMEN ✠**