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TONE 7

AUGUST 2, 2009

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Translation of the Relics of the Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen from Jerusalem to Constantinople,
And the finding of the Relics of the Righteous Nicodemus, Gamaliel, and Abibas;
Blessed Basil of Moscow, Fool-for-Christ;
Blessed Basil of Kubensk; Hieromartyr Stephen, Pope of Rome, and those with him.*

THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Thursday, August 6

“As a pledge of Your divine designs, You revealed Your light on Mount Tabor. The seasons bowed before Your face, and at Your feet the sun laid its rays. Moses and Elijah stood at Your side, for the law and the prophets minister to You. Filled with faith and love, we, too, cry out with Your friends: O Lord, glory to You.”

Jerusalem Troparion, Tone VII

TODAY’S EPISTLE: I CORINTHIANS 1:10-18
NEXT SUNDAY: I CORINTHIANS 3:9-17
GALATIANS 5:22-6:2

TODAY’S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:14-22
NEXT SUNDAY: MATTHEW 14:22-34
LUKE 6:17-23

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, August 5 7:00 p.m. Vigil of the Transfiguration
Thursday, August 6 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - Transfiguration of our Lord
Blessing of Fruit

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, August 3	I Corinthians 11:31-12:6	Matthew 18:1-11
Tuesday, August 4	I Corinthians 12:12-26	Matthew 18:18-22; 19:1-2,13-15
Wednesday, August 5	I Corinthians 13:4-14:5	Matthew 20:1-16
	I Corinthians 14:6-19	Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday, August 6	II Peter 1:10-19	Matthew 17:1-9
Friday, August 7	I Corinthians 14:26-40	Matthew 21:12-14,17-20
Saturday, August 8	Romans 14:6-9	Matthew 15:32-39

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST:

- 3, Monday 9:00 a.m. HTOC Vacation Church School for children and adults
7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting
- 9, Sunday 10:45 a.m. Women's Club meeting
- 13, Thursday Noon - 4:00 p.m. Mohican Canoe Adventure
- 21-22 Deanery Teen Retreat at Archangel Michael Church, Broadview Hts.
- 23, Sunday 10:45 a.m. Corn and Hot Dog Roast
- 28, Friday 7:00 p.m. HTOC night with Lake County Captains
- 31, Monday 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting

THANK YOU!

We had a fun time and enjoyed being a church family at our picnic last Sunday. Thank you to all who helped make it a success. Over 150 people attended, donated items, cooked and served, set up and cleaned up. Thanks to Gil George for the enter-taining music and to Benjamin and Sarah Hatch for organizing the games.

LAKE COUNTY CAPTAINS:

All are invited to a night out watching a game of baseball on Friday, August 28, 7:00 p.m., at the Eastlake Stadium. We'll see a Captains vs. Lakewood Blue Claws game, followed by fireworks. Watch the bulletin board for further details.

GOLF OUTING:

Thank you to all who participated and donated money, time, and prizes to the HTOC Golf Outing. The Men's Club made a profit of \$465, and we all had a great time. The winning team was Dan Koch, Doug Bennett, Darren Stephens, and Doug White.

ARCHIVES:

In preparation for Holy Trinity's 50th Anniversary, the Archives Committee requests parishioners to donate/loan HTOC memorabilia. A collection trunk is in the Fellowship Hall; include pertinent information regarding your items. Items selected by the Committee may become part of a permanent display, so please note if your item is to be returned. For further info, call Alice Reta at 440-526-3613.

WEDDING BANNES:

Kaitlyn Renee Benedict will marry Robert Austin McNerney on Saturday, August 22, at 1:00 p.m.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by the Hatch Family.

WOMEN'S CLUB:

The next meeting will be held Sunday, August 9, after the Divine Liturgy. Old and new members are welcome!

TEEN RETREAT:

Ages 13-20 are invited to Archangel Michael Church on Friday, Aug. 21, 6:00 p.m. till Sat. Aug. 22, 11:00 a.m. for fun, food, and fellowship. There is no cost. Bring sleeping bag, pillow, clothes, and personal items. Clergy and adult youth advisors are also invited. Register by Aug. 15; see bulletin board for details.

MOHICAN CANOE ADVENTURE:

Plan to join us on Thursday, August 13, for a Mohican Canoe Adventure. Cost is \$12. Or join us just for the picnic and fellowship if you do not wish to canoe. We will depart HTOC at 8:00 a.m. and return by 6:00 p.m. Contact Chris Koch (440-427-0013) or Karen Mravetz (216-661-7449).

BOSE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD:

Please help us meet the cost of installing this solution for the hearing impaired. A gift of any size will be greatly appreciated. The Bose system will be installed within the next few weeks.

The Ethnic Foods Group donated to the Bose Fund the interest on their CD -- a gift of \$2402.

The Ethnic Foods Group donated to the Bose Fund the profit of \$703 from the family picnic.

CORN AND HOT DOG ROAST:

Reserve Sunday, Aug. 23, immediately after Liturgy to enjoy food and a sing-along. The corn is from the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Bakan's son.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Harvey and Pat Schwartz.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, JULY 26	\$ 2864.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	2.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	232.00
BUILDING FUND	120.00
MORTGAGE FUND	265.00
CANDLES	140.00

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THE TEMPLE AND THE BODY

“What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority...Jesus replied, ‘Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.’ ...The temple He had spoken of was His body” (John 2:18-20)

St. Paul builds upon this analogy of the temple and the human being. *“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you?”* (I Corinthians 3:16, also 6:19, II Corinthians 6:16). Such a bold, exciting idea would appear to be incredible were it not for the fact that it comes from the words of the Word of God Himself, Jesus Christ. Indeed, by distorting what He was revealing about the potential value of the human being, His enemies justified His crucifixion. His meaning is that each human being is more precious than anything on earth. We are more valuable even than the sacred temple in Jerusalem, considered a blasphemy to the Jews - the irony is that they who obeyed Moses’ commandment not to make any idols to worship failed to see how the temple itself could become an idol. The temple was made to be an instrument of salvation, not an end in itself. St. Paul, a Jew of Jews, understood the truth of that insight and proclaimed it to the Gentiles who also worshipped in temples of their own.

The brilliant thinker St. Maximos the Confessor who lived six centuries later invited us to meditate on the comparison between temple and body, suggesting that our minds correspond to the sanctuary and our bodies to the nave of the temple [*Mystagogy, ch. 24*]. In second thought he thinks of the sanctuary as the soul and the body as the nave. Our souls lift us up to glory, and the glory of God comes forth from the sanctuary when the holy gospels are read and we rise in Spirit to listen to our Lord Jesus as though we were standing among His disciples hearing the words from His own lips. That being done, the holy book of gospels put away, we await the next part, even more precious for our benefit - His very own sacred Body and Blood contained in the holy chalice that is offered to us and mystically carrying us through the limits of space and time to be there in the Upper Room of Jerusalem at the table of the Last Supper.

In our bodies we have left behind our concerns of daily living, those problems that can even be obsessions if we cannot muster the ability to *“lay aside all earthly cares.”* Yet when we do so, still we are held fast to the time and space limits that keep us from ascending with the angels. We are in the nave struggling with our physical needs. We may be tired, sick, perhaps hungry or depressed; nevertheless, we are there waiting and hoping for something good to come from our attendance at the Divine Liturgy.

We hear prayers coming forth from the sanctuary and answered by the choir. They are singing, which sets a certain mood that gives us peace if we open ourselves to its beauty. We are aware of something sweet, an aroma that lets us know we are in a special place, even if part of our attention is elsewhere. Then we see some movement out of the sanctuary, making a circle with the beautiful book which will be opened to the words of Christ. His first appearance captures our attention. His ministers will clarify who He was and still is, but it’s far better to have Him tell us Himself. Then we hear an explanation to describe to those who don’t know Him, and to fortify the faith of those who are aware of the implications that go with following Jesus Christ and bearing His cross. The second procession comes with the precious gifts offered to those who appreciate what He has done for all who belong to Him and in fact are adopted into His family: Remission of sins, union with the Holy Trinity, and life everlasting.

Father Vladimir Berzonsky

The favorite quotation of Ellen Pasturzak
Spinner, Miss Ohio 1996:

People are often
Unreasonable and self-centered:
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind,
People may accuse you of ulterior motives:
Be kind anyway.

If you are honest
People may cheat you:
Be honest anyway.

The good you do today
May be forgotten tomorrow:
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have,
And it may never be enough:
Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end,
It is between you and God:
It never was between you and them anyway.

Mother Theresa