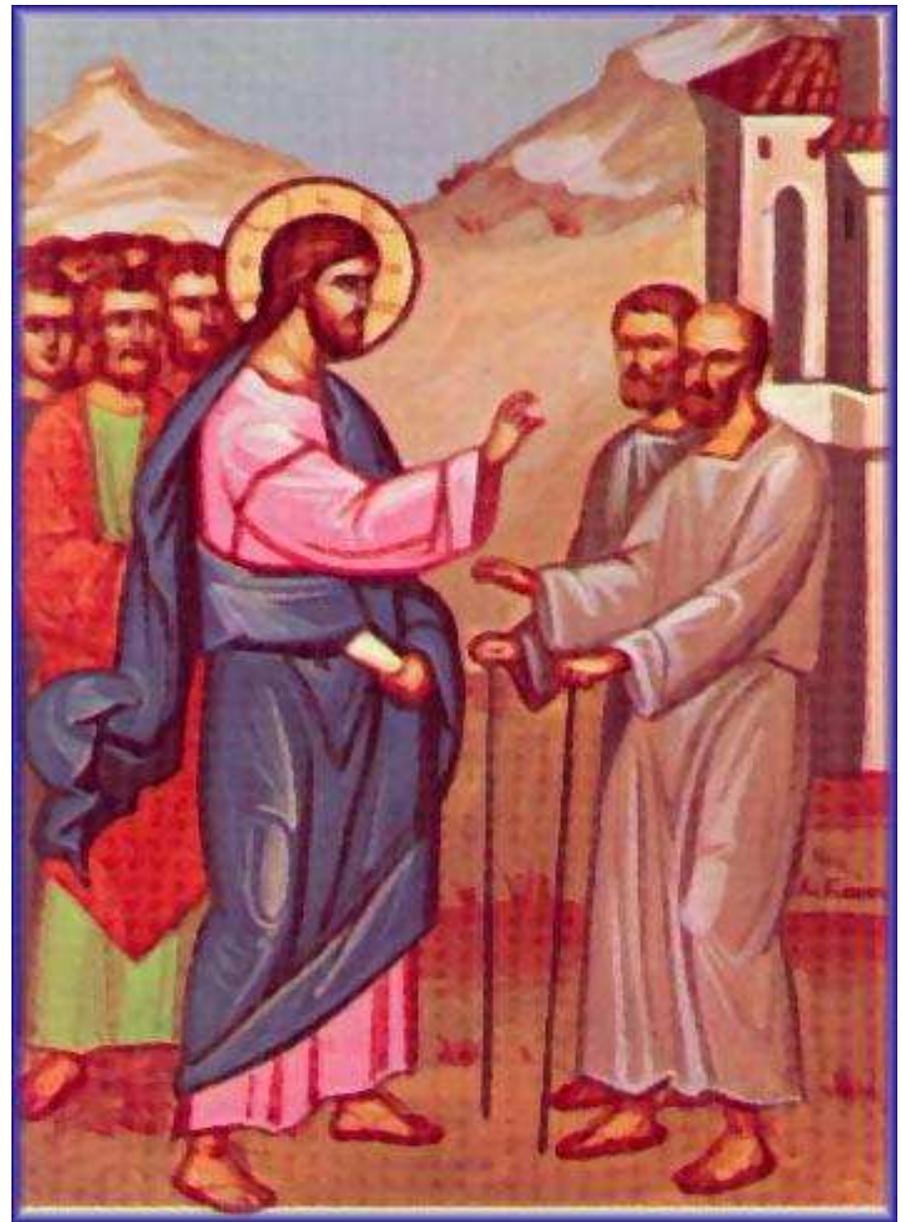


***SAINT EMILIAN THE CONFESSOR,
BISHOP OF CYZIKUS***

Saint Emilian, Bishop of Cyzikus, lived during the reign of the Iconoclast emperor Leo the Armenian (813-820). He was summoned together with other bishops to the court of the emperor, who insistently urged the bishops to refrain from the veneration of holy icons. St. Emilian was the first to tell the emperor firmly that the question of the veneration of holy icons ought to be discussed and decided only within the Church by its spiritual leaders, and not at the imperial court. In the year 815 he was sent to prison for the Orthodox Faith, where he died as a confessor.

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus; St. Myron, Bishop of Crete;

Ven. Gregory the Iconographer, of the Kiev Caves;

Martyrs Eleutherius and Leonidas of Constantinople, and many infants martyred with them;

Ven. Gregory of Sinai;

Translation of the Relics of Ven. Zosima and Savvatii of Solovétskii Monastery;

The "TOLGA" Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos

“When You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ, our God, You showed Your friends as much of Your glory as they could bear. So now, for us sinners, too, let this same eternal light shine forth, by the prayers of the Theotokos. O Giver of light, glory to You.”

Troparion, Tone VII

“In confessing the Faith you proclaimed Orthodox doctrine and were unjustly exiled for rebuking the wicked king. Righteous and glorious Emilian, the boast of Cyzicus, entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy.”

Troparion, Tone III

TODAY’S EPISTLE: ROMANS 15:1-7

TODAY’S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:27-35

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, August 14

6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Daily Scripture Reading

Monday, August 9

II Corinthians 6:1-10

Matthew 10:23-31

Tuesday, August 10

I Corinthians 9:13-18

Matthew 16:1-6

I Corinthians 10:5-12

Matthew 16:6-12

Wednesday, August 11

I Corinthians 10:12-22

Matthew 16:20-24

Thursday, August 12

I Corinthians 10:28-11:7

Matthew 16:24-28

I Corinthians 11:8-22

Matthew 17:10-18

Friday, August 13

Hebrews 7:26-8:2

Matthew 5:14-19

Saturday, August 14

Romans 13:1-10

Matthew 12:30-37

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COMING EVENTS

AUGUST:

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| 8, TODAY | Parish Council meeting |
| 22, Sunday | Parish Picnic |
| 23, Monday | Cooking for St. Herman's House |
| 25, Wednesday | Delivering meals to St. Herman's House |

MASKS:

We have received a reminder from Bishop Paul that all parishioners who are NOT vaccinated must wear masks while attending services.

GOD'S BLESSINGS:

And many thanks again to those who worked on, contributed to, and helped with the recent Rummage Sale. The over-all financial profit was over \$3000!! But equally rewarding was the spirit of team-work, friendliness to all and good will.

PARISH PICNIC:

Plan to join the HTOC family for our parish picnic on Sunday, July 22. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. A cook-out will be provided, but many other food items and beverages will be needed.

GREETERS:

We are looking for new people to become greeters. If you are interested, contact Alex Cundik at 440-877-1980 or ajcundik@cox.net

YOUNG ADULT COOKING CLASS:

One Friday evening, every other month, a cooking class for ages 21-35(ish) will take place at Sts. Constantine & Helen Church in Cleveland Hts., combining cooking, fellowship, and fun! As dates are subject to change, please RSVP or direct questions to: gorealcleveland@gmail.com OR tcherpas@stsconstantine.com

COFFEE HOUR:

The refreshments today are provided by the Smolarchuk and Howe families.

The cross and the sign of the cross are the power of God;
the Lord is always present in them.
Similarly, the icons of the Lord, of His mother and the saints
also possess the power of God for believers and may accomplish miracles upon them.
Why?
Because, by God's grace,
the Lord, the Holy Virgin and the saints are present in them.
They are nearer to us than the images.
This is true, for experience often confirms this.

St. John of Kronstadt

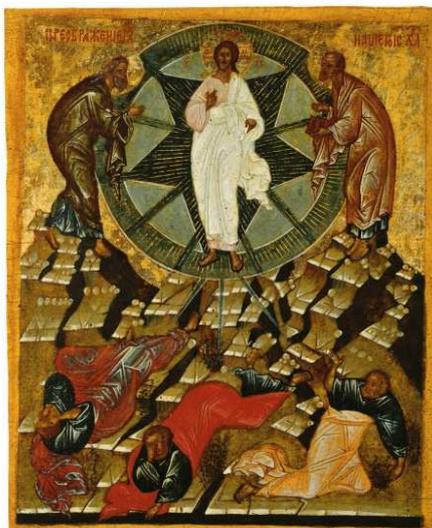
THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

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| REGULAR COLLECTION, AUGUST 1 | \$ 472.00 |
| BUILDING FUND | 215.00 |
| CANDLES | 86.00 |
| ORTHODOX SEMINARIES | 10.00 |
| IN MEMORY OF NICK LESNICK | 14.00 |
| RUMMAGE SALE BAKERY SALES | 403.00 |
| RUMMAGE SALE | 2797.00 |
| COFFEE HOUR, 7/18 | 60.00 |

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Take a look at the astonishing Icon of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the vestibule of our church. It is as great an example as could be of what an icon is supposed to be:

- 1) a visible depiction of an important event in the life of Jesus Christ,
- 2) an image that conveys theological meaning and Christian wisdom, and
- 3) a rendering in a two-dimensions of an event that took place in four-dimensions (that is in a three-dimensional setting and at a *specific* time).

It is also something more than that. It enables viewers to *see* with their eyes what *cannot* be seen by human eyes. The actual event was awesome, a manifestation of divine glory and power, when Jesus “was transfigured before the three apostles, and His garment became glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them” (Mark 9.3). In addition to the blinding light, there was also heavenly sound: “And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is My beloved Son; listen to Him” (Mark 9. 7). The “awesomeness,” the “magnificence,” the fantastic “other-worldliness,” the sense of being “blinded by brilliance, dreadfully frightened and completely overwhelmed,” all *that* combined is far beyond the capacity of human senses; but there it is, all *that* portrayed in this Icon!

All icons convey *spiritual* realities, through the means of artistic creation and physical forms. But the very nature of *spiritual* reality is that it is not *physical*. So physical properties, like height, width, weight, colors, etc., that our human eyes can see and ears can hear, are not applicable to spiritual realities. Nevertheless the physical world is affected by the spiritual. For example, our hearts are saddened by spiritual feelings of sorrow and we cry tears and moan. When we behold the sight of something pleasant, like a child playing innocently in the yard, we smile joyously, feeling light. In the Icon of the Transfiguration we see how the apostles’ inner, spiritual selves were overpowered by the transfigured divine power emanating from Jesus Christ. James and John are literally knocked off their feet and are upside down. Peter, who according to the Gospels was bold enough to have spoken, is seen cowering but still daring to look upward. In their postures the apostles become emblems of all humanity, revealing how powerless we are in the presence of divine energy and glory. However, though overwhelmed we may be by God, we are mercifully blessed by grace, love and profound joy.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus