



# Weekly Bulletin

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 6</b>	9th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 8 / Transfiguration 9:30 am Divine Liturgy / Blessing of Fruit Coffee Hour
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Aug 10</b>	<i>Lawrence of Rome</i> 7:00 pm Alusheff Funeral Coffee Hour
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Aug 11</b>	<i>Euplus of Catania</i> 10:00 am Alusheff Service Internment Funeral Luncheon
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug 12</b>	<i>Martyrs Anicletus &amp; Photius</i> 4:00 pm Confession 5:30 pm Great Vespers Confession
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 13</b>	10th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 1 / St Tikhon of Zadonsk Readings: 1 Cor 4:9-16 Mt 17:14-23 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour

## ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / Jul 30

Attendance: (Adults 128, Children 27)	155
Operating	\$3,541.00
OCA Assessments	63.00
Uganda Children	385.00
Charities	20.00
Memorials	170.00
Icons	59.00

## SERVICES FOR ZORKA ALUSHEFF

Everything is at the Church

### Thursday, August 10

1-7:00 pm - Calling Hours  
7:00 pm - Funeral Service  
Coffee Hour

### Friday, August 11

9:00 am - Calling Hours  
10:00 am - Service of Casket Closing  
Internment - Western Reserve  
12:00 - Funeral Luncheon at the Church Hall

## BAPTISM NEXT SUNDAY

Please keep Annabelle Fredricks (Laura Hoffacker's daughter) in your prayers this week as she prepares for holy Baptism next week during Liturgy.

## CONFESSION NOTE

Please be planning to approach for your summer confession. August has many special hours scheduled.

## PRAYER CORNER + + + + +

Eleanor Alexander (Tom's mom), Perry (Capitan), Sbdcn Leonard, Jim, & Kathy (Denise F's bro & sis), Jim (Ruth's dad), Michael (Chongris nphw), Ted Geletka, (Fr's frnd), Daniel Conger (Jim R's frnd), Russ Bechkoviak, Connie (Linda D's frnd), Alex Dzura, Zorka, Lillian (Lu D's mom), infant Julian, John Clements, suffering Christians in Ukraine and the Middle East.

**Anniversaries:** Ken & Peggy Walker, Tom & Laurie Alexander (8/12).

**Birthdays:** Iya Nemastil, Inga Frumker (8/6), Sarah Schlafer (8/8), Cathy Theophylactos (8/9), Riley Morton (8/12).

**Newborns:** Adelle (Zach & Venessa), Elias (David & Maria), Anabelle (Tom & Laura).

**Expecting:** Tom & Stephanie, John & Lauren.

**Our Seminarian:** Brian Crivella & Family.

**Newly Illumined:** Elizabeth & Anastasia.

**Newly Departed:** Zorka Alusheff (8/4), Helen Cicmanski (Andy D's mom 7/9), Andrew Cvercko (Fr's good friend 7/3), Theresa Janek (Francis' mom, 6/29).

# The Icon of the Transfiguration

The Feast of the Transfiguration takes its origins from the celebration of the Gospel event. Jesus leads His Disciples up the mountain. „He was transfigured before their eyes. His face became dazzling as the sun, His clothes radiant as light.” (Mt. 17:2) In this light we see Christ. “This is My beloved Son, on Whom My favor rests. Hear Him.” (Mt. 17: 5)

The Icon of the Transfiguration portrays Christ surrounded by the glorious light of His divinity and clothed in the same garments in which He is depicted in all representations of the Resurrection. To His left is Moses, holding the Tablets of the Law, while to His right is shown the prophet Elias. St. John Chrysostom offers various reasons for the appearance of these particular Old Testament figures at the Transfiguration. They represent the Law and the Prophets. Both had visions of God. Moses represents the dead while Elias, having been carried up to heaven in a chariot of fire, represents the living over whom both the living and the - dead - Christ reigns in glory.

The Apostles Peter, James, and John are in the lower portion of the Icon. These are the same

three who would appear in Gethsemane with Christ; they were being prepared for the Passion, which they still were not able to comprehend. The Apostles’ position in the Icon vary throughout history. Beginning with the eleventh century, however, St. Peter, shown to the left, is represented as kneeling, supported on his right hand,

raising his left hand to shield his eyes from the light. St. John, always in the center, is depicted as fallen, his back turned to the light and his sandal having fallen from his foot. St. James, to the right, is portrayed as fleeing from the light.

Christ appeared to the Apostles not in the form of man as the “suffer-ing servant” but, rather, in the form of God. “For taking apart the three Disciples He has expressly chosen.... He led them up into the mountain by themselves; and for a short time He

concealed the flesh He had assumed, and was transfigured before them. “ (Vesper Hymn)

The Feast of the Transfiguration celebrates the divinity of Christ and the divinization of man. It gives us a glimpse into Christ’s divine person, and sets us af ire with divine light.

