Welcome to those who are visiting today. We are happy to have you worship with us. If this is your first time here, please come downstairs to the Hall, introduce yourself, have some refreshments, and get to know the Community. If you have any questions about the Melkite Church and its traditions, please don't hesitate to ask Fr. Bryan.

<u>Weddings</u> — One year notice. Contact Fr. Bryan for Sacramental Preparation.

<u>Baptisms</u> — One month's notice. Contact Fr. Bryan for Sacramental Preparation.

Please let Fr. Bryan know about anyone who is sick, in the hospital, or homebound so that he can visit and bring them the Eucharist on a regular basis.

Bishop Nicholas' 30th Anniversary Celebration

On Thursday, **October 3rd**, Our Lady of Annunciation Cathedral will host a celebration in honor of Sayinda Nicholas' 30th Anniversary of episcopal ordination, 50th Anniversary of priestly ordination, as well as his 75th Birthday. The Divine Liturgy will begin at 5:00pm followed by a banquet at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$50 per person and must be purchased in advance. **No tickets will be sold at the door.** Please see the flyer in the most recent edition of **Sophia** for more details. There are also copies of the flyer in the narthex of the church. The deadline to purchase tickets is **September 20, 2019.** It would be wonderful to have a strong representation from OLPH at the Liturgy and Banquet.

Sayings from the Fathers

"Be a herald of God's goodness, for God rules over you, unworthy though you are; for although your debt to Him is so great, yet He is not seen exacting payment from you, and from the small works you do, He bestows great rewards upon you." St. Isaac the Syrian



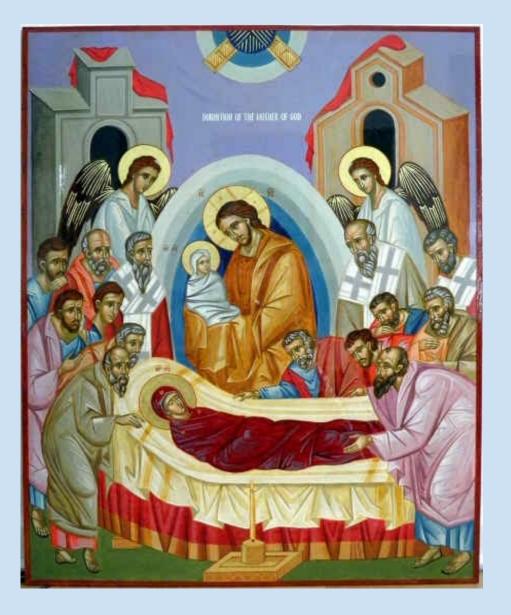
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Divine Liturgy: Sunday 10:00 AM



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost August 11, 2019

Antiphon (Feast of Transfiguration)

1. His foundation upon the holy mountains; the Lord loves the gates of Sion more that any dwelling of Jacob.

O Son of God, who were transfigured on Mount Tabor. Save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

2. Glorious things are said of you, O City of God!

O Son of God, who were transfigured on Mount Tabor. Save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

3.0 Sion they shall say: "A man was born in her, and He is the Most High who made her.

O Son of God, who were transfigured on Mount Tabor. Save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

Entrance Hymn:

Priest: Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Your name.

People: O Son of God, who were transfigured on Mount Tabor. Save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

Resurrectional Troparion (Tone 8, Pg.42)

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to burial for three days that You might free us from suffering. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory to You!

Troparion of the Transfiguration (7th Tone)

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God showing Your disciples as much of Your glory as they could hold. Let Your eternal light shine also upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Giver of light, glory to You.

Patronal Troparion (Tone 1, Pg. 15)

In giving birth, you have preserved your virginity, and in falling asleep, you did not forsake the world, O Mother of God. You have passed to life, being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death.

Kontakion of the Transfiguration (Tone 7)

On the mountain You were transfigured O Christ our God and Your disciples saw as much of Your glory as they could hold, so that when they would see You crucified, they would know that You suffer willingly, and would proclaim to the world that You are verily the Splendor of the Father.

Prokimenon

Reader: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them; let all round about Him bring gifts to the awesome Lord!

People: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them; let all round about Him bring gifts to the awesome Lord!

Reader: God is renowned in Judah; in Israel, great is His name

People: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them; let all round about Him bring gifts to the awesome Lord!

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People: Let all round about Him bring gifts to the awesome Lord!.

Epistle: 1 Cor 3:9-17

Alleluia Verses

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us sing joyfully to God our Savior!

Verse: Let us greet His presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

Kiss of Peace (Pg. 23): Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

<u>Hirmos (Transfiguration)</u> You gave birth without stain, for it was God incarnate in the flesh who came forth from your womb. He was seen on earth and conversed with men. Wherefore, O Mother of God, we all exalt you.

Kinonikon: "Praise the Lord..." (Pg. 32)

After Communion: Troparion of the Transfiguration

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

Aug 18 +Robert & Alice (Bollus) Najemy on the occasion of their wedding anniversary. Requested by Joe & Bonney Najemy.

Coffee and...sponsored by Joe and Bonney Najemy

Aug 25 +Zakia Assaf (2 yr). Requested by Sam Francis and Family

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Sep 8 +Bishop John Adel Elya (40 day). Requested by family of Annie & Salim Abraham

- The Joseph and Nejaimey families, living and deceased. Requested by the Joseph Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Congratulations to Erin McCarthy and Nitin Kumar who were married yesterday at the church. God grant them many years!
- ◆ Last Week's Attendance/Donations: 36/\$973
- Our annual Parish Picnic is **September 8**. A mailing went out this past week. Please return the enclosed slip as soon as possible. We are counting on your help to make the Picnic a success!
- ♦ Last Call! Please Fr. Bryan know today if you plan on attending the picnic sponsored by Ann's in Waterford at Enders Island in Mystic, CT on Friday, August 16. Divine Liturgy is at 5PM and the picnic starts at 6PM. Tickets are \$10 per person. There is sign-up sheet at the coffee hour. Please sign up and pay for your tickets. Make your check payable to OLPH and I'll give Fr. Dennis one check.
- ◆ Our Lady of the Cedars in Manchester, NH is having its annual Mahrajan next weekend. Hours are: Fri, 8/16: 5PM-10PM, Sat., 8/17: 12pm −10pm, Sun, 8/18: 12pm-5pm. See flyer in the hall for more details.
- ◆ The Dormition Fast began August 1 and ends on the feast of the Dormition (Aug. 15). Traditionally, meat, meat products, eggs, fish, and dairy are not eaten, with the exception of the feast of the Transfiguration, when fish is allowed.
- ♦ We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition on Wednesday August 14 at 7:00pm.

