

am. Blessing of the Five Loaves 10:00 am St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Church 5555 S. Yosemite Street, Greenwood Village, CO 80111. Individuals \$30 and Families \$45 Questions? Contact Elaine Cladis at 303.435.8584 or [ecladis@comcast.net](mailto:ecladis@comcast.net)

## Saints of the Day

**The Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ:** In the third year of His preaching, the Lord Jesus often spoke to His disciples of His approaching passion, and also of His glory following His suffering on the Cross. So that His impending passion would not totally weaken His disciples, and so that no one would fall away from Him, He, the All-wise, wanted to show them a portion of His divine glory before His passion. For that reason, He took Peter, James and John with Him and went by night to Mt. Tabor, and was there transfigured before them: *And His face shone as the sun and His garments became white as snow* (Matthew 17:2). Moses and Elias [Elijah], the great Old Testament prophets, also appeared beside Him. Seeing this, His disciples were stunned. 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* (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* (Matthew 17:5). Hearing the voice, the disciples fell face down on the ground as though dead, and remained that way, prostrate in fear, until the Lord came to them and said: *Arise, and be not afraid* (Matthew 17:7). Why did the Lord take only three disciples onto 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 alone at the foot of the mountain, so that the betrayer would not, because of this, 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 requires labor, and the heights themselves+ represent the elevation of our thoughts to the things of God. Why was our Lord transfigured at night? Because the night is more suitable than the day for prayer and godly-thoughts; and the night, by its darkness, conceals all the beauty of the earth, and reveals the beauty of the starry heavens. Why did Moses and Elias appear? In order to destroy the Jewish fallacy that Christ was one of the prophets—Elias or Jeremiah or some other. That is why He appeared as a King, above the prophets, and that is why Moses and Elias appeared as His servants. Until then, our Lord had 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 to His being the Son of God, must have served the disciples in the days of the Lord's passion—in the strengthening of a steadfast faith in Him and in His final victory.

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## August 6, 2023

### Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

**Apostolic Reading:** 2 Peter 1:10-19

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 17:1-9

**Services:** *Sunday*-8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy, *Weekdays* 8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy when scheduled.

**Saints of the Day: Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ.**

### Hymns of the Day

**First Antiphon with Festal verses:** By the prayers

### Second Antiphon with verses

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Ὑιέ Θεου, ὁ ἐν τῷ ὄρει τῷ Θαβώρ μεταμορφωθείς,  
ψάλλοντάς Σοι Ἀλληλοῦΐα.

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

### Third Antiphon with verses

You were transfigured. . .

### Apolytikion for the Transfiguration Tone 7

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.

### Kontakion for the Transfiguration of the Lord Tone 7

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

### Instead of Come let us worship...

For with You, Lord, is the fountain of life; in Your light we shall see light. Save us, O Son of God, who were transfigured on Mt. Tabor. We sing to You, Alleluia.

### **Instead of Axion Estin...Tone 8**

Now we have heard what was unheard of. \* For the Father's voice has gloriously borne witness \* to His Son, who was born without a father from the Virgin, \* because the Son is God and man, \* in one person, to the ages.

### **Communion Hymn**

We shall walk in the light of the glory of Your face, O Lord, forever. Alleluia.

### **Instead of We have seen the true light...**

You were transfigured upon the mountain...

### **Divine Services**

**Mon., Wed., and Fri.:** Small Paraklesis 6pm.

**Sat. Aug.12:** Great Vespers 5pm

### **Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church**

Holy Communion of the Orthodox Church is the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is *"With the fear of God, faith and love"* that we approach the Divine Mysteries. Therefore, Holy Communion is reserved only for those baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer and fasting, as prescribed by the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Church. We ask that women, before approaching to receive from the Holy Cup, in respect of our Lord, to please remove lipstick.

### **Bookstore and Library**

New Orthodox books and various items are available in the bookstore and come in weekly. Recently our Church bookstore received an amazing Icon donation from a parishioner (thank you!). These beautiful Icons are in perfect condition and are available for sale for very reasonable prices. The only way to know what is in offer at our wonderful bookstore is to come downstairs and have a look. *It's not who we are when we read a spiritual book that is most important, but who we are when we close it. ~Monk Simeon the Athonite*

### **Coffee Hour Signup**

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

**August 6:** LaBrie Family

**Aug. 13:** Dabit Family

**Aug. 20:** Sponsor Needed

**Aug. 27:** Festival

### **Metropolitan Isaiah**

Last Sunday His Eminence suffered a broken hip at his residence. Surgery was performed on Monday and our Metropolitan will be going to rehab. It would be a wonderful gesture to get well card to the Metropolitan. We are praying for a complete and quick recovery.

### **Welcome Fr. Stephan Close**

We are grateful to Fr. Stephen for serving this morning for Fr. Dennis. Fr.

Stephan serves at St. Luke's in Erie, CO. He is a retired Air Force Chaplain and was at the Academy here for four years.

### **Stewardship 2023**

On Sunday, December 11, 2022, following services, our Chairperson Ruxandra Georgescu offered some words of inspiration for us to be faithful stewards of the Church. Please see Ruxandra for a 2023 packet.

### **Capital Campaign**

**King Soopers Cards** has established a new program by using their Loyalty Program.

### **Greek Dance Group**

We welcome children and adults to join our parish Greek dance group. Practice for a half hour to prepare for our Annual Greek Festival. This week we are going to mix it up for practice times. Tuesday, August 8 we will do a 5:30pm practice. Thursday, August 10, 7:00pm practice. We will also provide Greek Dance lessons to our festival attendees. Any interested children and adults are welcome to join, as well as help teach. Contact Constadina Vasiliades at: 808-373-0312 or [constadina@shaw.ca](mailto:constadina@shaw.ca) if interested or for questions.

### **Inquirers Welcome**

Those visiting our parish are welcome to set up a time to speak with Fr. Dennis about the Orthodox faith. Please see Fr. Dennis. Following services or call him on his cell phone listed on the front of the bulletin.

### **Church School**

Church School will resume this fall. Many thanks to our teachers and students who participated.

### **AMGOC 25th Annual Greek Festival**

Please remember our 25th Annual Festival will be held on Aug. 25, 26, and 27. Volunteers are needed! OPA!

### **Greek School to Resume in the Fall**

Alex Ellis offering Greek language classes free of charge. Classes resume on September 4, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

### **Dormition Fast**

The Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos is celebrated on August 15. A two-week fast beginning on August 1 precedes this feast. During this period we abstain from meat, dairy products, fish, oil (olive) and wine. On the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6) fish, wine and oil are permitted. Saturdays and Sundays only wine and oil are permitted.

### **IOCC 5k Run/Walk**

Saturday, September 16, 2023, registration at 8:00 am and Run/Walk 8:45