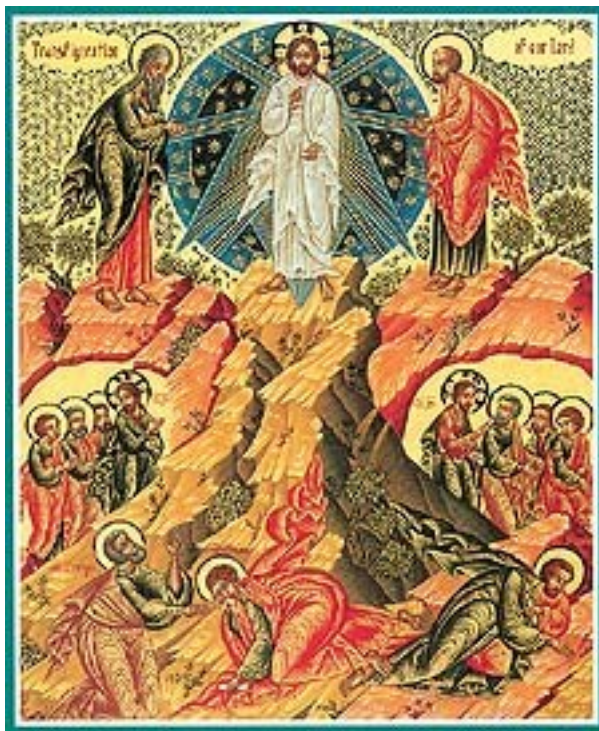


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**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& NINTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
AFTER-FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST**

August 10, 2025

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday: Matins (Orthros) Service 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. and we should not arrive late

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Prayer Requests and Bulletin News: All prayer requests and articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted each week by **Noon, Monday**: emailed to Fr. Leonard at fatherfaris@comcast.net call 978-452-4816, otherwise, the requests and articles will be published the following week.

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our Life and our resurrection: O Lord, glory to thee!

Entrance Hymn

Ha-lum-mu li-nas-judu, wal-nar-ka' lil-ma-sih, khal-lis-na ya bna l-lah, ya man ga-ma min
by-nil-am-wat, li-nu-rat-til la-ka, Hal-li-lu-ia

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 8 (repeated)

Troparion of the Transfiguration, Tone 7

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

Troparion of St. George, Tone 4

As deliver of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirmed, champion of kings, victorious great martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

Kontakion of the Transfiguration, Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

THE EPISTLE

*Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.
God is known in Judaea; His Name is great in Israel.*

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (3:9-17)

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's husbandry, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise architect I laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. Let each one take heed how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; everyone's work will become manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire itself will test each one's work of what sort it is. If anyone's work which was built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet so as by fire. Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone corrupts the temple of God, God will corrupt him. For the temple of God is holy, whose temple you are.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:22-34)

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

Prayers are being offered for the Health and Safety of:

ABDELAHAD: Nora
ABOU FARAH: Elias
ANSARA: Lorice, Yvette
BEAUDRY: Ray
BORAGINE: David & Cindy, Ida
FERRIS: David
GENDRON: Bob
GRILLAKIS: Julie
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HABIB: Duayne
HOPKINSON: Karen
MARIA: Clemence
MARIA: Elaine
POULOS: Helen
STEWART: Martha
TAYEBI: Amad
TAFE: Nancy Husson
YEGHIAZARIANS: Dr. Vartan, Lisa &
Genia

Prayers are being offered in Memory of:

ABDELAHAD: Charles	MANSOUR: Ray
ABODEELY: Connie, George	MARIA: Robert
AIKEN: Adam	MATOOK: George
ANSARA: Andrew, Elias	MCGRADY: Denise
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LAKKIS: Gerges, Michel	
LOUH: Amanda, Nuha Shahin	
LOWE: George & Rose	
MANOLIS: Efthymios & Paraskevi	

We are reminded that during this Fast period, August 1 through August 15, to Fast as much as possible and to attend the beautiful Paraclesis Services honoring Our Blessed Mother.



Those who would like to donate toward the flowers to decorate the church and tomb of the Virgin Mary, will be accepted by Fr. Leonard anytime prior to August 14th.

I encourage all our parishioners and friends to attend this beautiful Service honoring Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos Mary on Her greatest Feast day.



Confessions will be held before and after evening Services. Please make every effort to come and participate in these beautiful Services and ask Our Blessed Mother to bless us and keep us safe during these difficult times.



AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE THEOTOKOS AS WE PREPARE TO CELEBRATE HER GREATEST FEAST, HER FALLING-ASLEEP AND ASSUMPTION INTO HEAVEN



Beginning Friday, August 1, we begin the Fast of the Dormition in preparation of the Great Feast of the Falling Asleep and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15. We are asked by the church to fast as much as possible and to attend the beautiful Paraclesis Services that will be celebrated here at St. George on

Monday	August 11	7:00 pm
Wednesday	August 13	7:00 pm
Thursday	August 14	7:00 pm
	Great Vespers with the Lamentations at Procession with the Virgin Mary Epitaphio	
Friday	August 15	7:00 pm
	Divine Liturgy for the Great Feast of the Falling-Asleep of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Her Assumption into Heaven.	

MEMORIAL ~ Next Sunday, August 17th

A 15 Year Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God, Elsie Faris and a 24 Year Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God, George Faris, parents of Fr. Leonard, requested by Fr. Leonard and Family. May George and Elsie's memories be eternal!

REQUESTS FOR MEMORIAL SERVICES AND ALTAR BREAD

Anyone wishing to offer a Memorial Service and offer the Altar Bread for their loved ones please contact Fr. Leonard to schedule a date.

COFFEE HOURS

We would like to see a coffee hour each week. For those interested in signing up to host a coffee hour please inform Fr. Leonard and put your name and the reason you are hosting it on the calendar in the back of the hall. If no one sponsors a coffee hour there will NOT be any for that day. Please see Fr. Leonard if you have any questions.



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