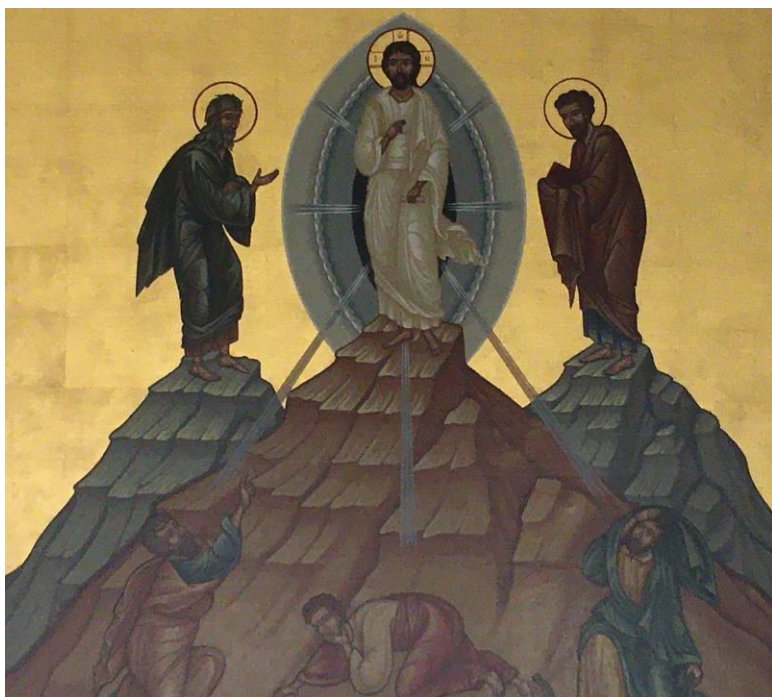




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Sunday, August 9, 2026
After-Feast of the Transfiguration



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Apolytikion of the Resurrection (Tone 1): While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of Life: ‘Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy kingdom! Glory to Thy providence, O Thou who alone art the lover of mankind.’

Apolytikion for the Transfiguration (Tone 7): 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 Life, glory to you!

Apolytikion of All Saints (Tone 4): Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people! Grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion for the Transfiguration (Tone 7): On the mountain was Thou transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it, so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the radiance of the Father.



EPISTLE READING

For the 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Prokeimenon – Psalm 32:22, 1

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in Thee. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the upright.

**The reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians
(4:1-16)**

BRETHREN, consider us as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you

or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

These things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other. For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

You are already full! You are already rich! You have reigned as kings without us—and indeed I could wish you did reign, that we also might reign with you! For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. We labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.

I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the Gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

GOSPEL READING

For the 10th Sunday of St. Matthew

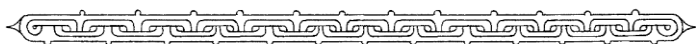
The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (17:14-23)

AT THAT TIME, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. I brought him to

Thy disciples, and they could not heal him.” Jesus answered, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.” Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly.

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” Jesus said to them, “Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting.”

As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day.”



Meditations on the Feast of the Transfiguration

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba

The Feast of the Transfiguration is the feast of glory. It is the feast of glorification, of man's glorification by his return to how he was in paradise, before the fall of Adam and Eve. Indeed, it is the return to the perfection of glory that they would have attained had they not fallen.

If man was created just to live and act for some number of years on earth, what is the meaning of his life? He was created for divine glory. He was created to put on this glory.

Seeking for glory is the deepest and most deeply-rooted need in man's heart. It is the need that is constantly attached to his nature. Even children long for glory (even if unknowingly), as when they want to stand out. Adults find in it a motive for excelling and for great deeds or, if they are wicked, a motive for evil deeds.

Man cannot be satisfied with his situation and accept it. He constantly longs for something better. Man is better than his situation, even if he doesn't know this. Within him is a beauty that he covers with ugliness. But he senses this beauty and feels it in special cases. He strives for it by

seeking glory, but while he is far from God, he continues to long for it, no matter what glories he achieves.

There is glory, and then there is *glory*: the glory of the world and the glory of the kingdom, the glory of man and the glory of God, momentary glory and eternal glory, outward glory and inner glory, glory established upon the cross and glory established on the crucifixion of others, glory that comes through the cross and glory that rejects the cross. Do you know what kind of glory you desire?

The glory that God has promised us is to "partake in the inheritance of the saints" (Col. 1:12). It is the glory of holiness, which God has made possible for us through the cross. "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18), and "our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Cor. 4:17). Therefore, Moses and Elijah spoke with Him "of His exit which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31).

The word exit, in Greek *exodos*, indicates His death. Christ's death is intimately tied to the glory of the transfiguration because Christ is glorified in His death (cf. John 12:23). In the annual liturgical cycle, the Feast of the Transfiguration comes forty days before the Feast of the Cross, demonstrating the connection that exists between Christ's glory and the cross. The word *exodos* reveals that Christ's passion is the realization of the Passover of the Old Testament and the true exodus from slavery to salvation.

The unveiling of this divine glory likewise confirms that Christ's imminent death is, not something forced on Him by outside powers, but rather a free offering of love, for no soldier would have been able to resist such a glory when Jesus was arrested, had Christ not remained silent (cf. Matt. 26:53). We chant in the kontakion for the feast, "Your disciples, insofar as they were able, beheld Your glory, so that when they should see You crucified, they would remember that Your suffering was voluntary."

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services, visit www.allsaintsorthodox.org

Today:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names G-K

This week, we welcome the Prosopeon icon school, which will be meeting at our church Monday through Saturday. Morning prayers will take place a half hour earlier (8:30am) and the fellowship hall will not be available through the week.

Tuesday, August 11:

- Morning prayers, 8:30am
- Parish council meeting (online), 7:30pm

Wednesday, August 12:

- Morning prayers, 8:30am
- Vespers, 7pm

Thursday, August 13: Morning prayers, 8:30am

Friday, August 14:

- Paraklesis to the Theotokos, 8:30am
- Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Dormition, 7pm

Saturday, August 15: Vespers, 7pm

Next Sunday, August 16:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Baptisms/Chrismations of Raymond A., Nicole M., and the Wallis family. May God grant them many years!
- Coffee hour provided by last names L-P

PRISON MINISTRY: The Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry continues to collect donations throughout the month of August. Please see Jim Marks if you have any questions; donations may be made to All Saints Church, marked OCPM in the memo line.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY: The wedding of C. J. DeFabio and Shelby Kellar will take place Saturday, Aug. 22, at 2:30pm, at St. George in Cicero. May God grant them many years!

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun Aug 9*	Joseph L	Sarah C	JoAnne T	Domitille	G-K
Fri Aug 14 Dormition	Rich C	Sephora	Richard B	N/A	Potluck
Sun Aug 16 Baptisms	Michelle C	Debbie K	Azizeh C	volunteer	L-P
Sun Aug 23	Jim K	Pat K	Nancy L	Zach C	R-Z
Sun Aug 30	Paul K	Cristina P	Tobey L	Lydia A	A-F

For Sunday coffee hour, the last names of our church members have been divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.

If you have children, monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and make sure they don't take more than they can eat. Please also help your children clean up after themselves.

**Shaded dates indicate fasting. No meat, eggs, or dairy should be served at church functions on these dates.*



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

AUGUST 9-15, 2026

*Based on the lectionary readings of the Antiochian
Archdiocese*

Sunday, August 9: Holy Apostle Matthias

John 21:1-14 / 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 / Matthew 17:14-23

Monday, August 10: Martyr Lawrence, Archdeacon of Rome

Genesis 35 / 2 Corinthians 2:1-17 / Matthew 17:24-27

Tuesday, August 11: Niphon, Patriarch of Constantinople

Genesis 36 / 2 Corinthians 3:1-11 / Matthew 18:1-9

**Wednesday, August 12: Martyrs Photius & Anicetus of
Nicomedia**

Genesis 37 / 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 / Matthew 18:10-14

Thursday, August 13: Maximus the Confessor

Genesis 38 / 2 Corinthians 4:1-12 / Matthew 18:15-20

Friday, August 14: Holy Prophet Micah

Genesis 39 / 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 / Matthew 18:21-35

Saturday, August 15: The Dormition of the Holy Theotokos

Genesis 28:10-17 / Ezekiel 43:27-44:4 / Proverbs 9:1-11
Luke 1:39-56 / Philippians 2:1-11 / Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

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