

# ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

*A Parish of the Diocese of Washington and New York of the Orthodox Church in America*

## August 10, 2008 8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

**Tone 7.** *Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence of Rome, Hieromartyr Sixtus, Bishop of Rome, and Martyrs Felicissimus and Agapitus, Deacons (258). Bl. Lavréntii, Fool-for-Christ, at Kalúga (1515).*

**Today's Readings:** *Epistle:* 1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
*Gospel:* Matthew 14:14-22

### **Upcoming Week Service Schedule:**

**Thursday** – 7:00pm Vespers w/Litya & Blessing of Flowers (Dormition)

**Friday** – 9:30am Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Flowers (Dormition)

**Saturday** – 7:00pm Vespers

**Sunday** – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

*Epistle:* 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

*Gospel:* Matthew 14:22-34

### Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – Hascha Team    Next Sunday – Morris Team

*Many Years!*

**Birthdays this week:** *Wednesday* – Millie Hladick, Katie Langworthy. *Friday* – Ron Madensky.

**Wedding Anniversaries this week** – *Friday* – Arthur and Meni Mari (#27)

**We are praying especially for:** Dorothy Gornick, Anna Hlinka, Cyril Skuby, Pauline Barnowsky, Helen McManus, Paul Charuk, Nicholas & Manya Shark, Elizabeth & David James, Andrew Popovchak, Sophie Barnes, Tom Collins, John Kosachook, Carol Menzel, Marie Lobb, John Alexander, James Wargo, and all others in our parish family who are ill, afflicted, suffering, and/or unable to attend services.

## Annunciations

**Welcome** to our visitors who have joined us today for worship and prayer. We invite you to stay with us after Divine Liturgy for an Agape Coffee Hour in our Parish Hall. Please sign our guest book before you leave.

**Sunday, August 17** – Kascia Hetzel, the daughter of Cameron and Sara (Rudnicki) Hetzel will be **baptized** in our church at 12:30pm. Following the baptism, the **marriage** of Cameron and Sara will be **blessed**. All are welcome to attend these sacramental services.

**Monday, August 18** – The **Parish Council** meets in the Church School Building at 7:00pm.

**Thursday, August 28** – A **40-day Panikhida** will be served in memory of **+John Gornick** before Vespers at 6:15pm.

The **Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos** will be celebrated here at our parish beginning on Thursday evening with Vespers and Litya beginning at 7:00pm. On Friday, the Divine Liturgy will be served at 9:30am. The traditional **blessing of flowers** will take place at the conclusion of both services. This is one of the 12 Great Feasts of the Church.

The **Dormition Fast** continues through this Thursday, August 14, the eve of the Feast of the Dormition. We are called by the Church to refrain from eating meat and dairy products during this fasting period. Fish, wine and oil may be consumed on the **Feast of the Dormition**, which falls on a Friday this year.

The **Parish Council** is working to establish a **Greeters/Ushers ministry** in our parish. The primary functions of a greeter/usher will be to welcome visitors to services, direct them to parish literature, direct them to seating, and to facilitate movement of people during the Divine Services. A meeting of those who are interested in serving in this ministry will be held in the church **today** toward the end of Coffee Hour. **All** are welcome to attend

A copy of the **parish financials** through the first seven months of this year is available at the candle desk for examination. If you would like a personal copy of the financials, please ask Father Gary.

The **St. Catherine Society** is selling **royal blue bib-aprons** for \$20 each displaying our church and delicious bible quotes. Please see Eileen Zamerovsky to purchase one for yourself and several for gifts.

We continue to **collect food** to help keep local food pantries stocked. Please leave your donations of non-perishable food items in or by the blue bin located at the rear of the narthex.

**Reminder:** **Clothing for the poor and homeless** is collected on the **last Sunday of each month**. We cannot store the items during the month, so please wait until this day to bring your items to church with you.

If you would like to **sponsor a Coffee Hour** or a light meal in a person's honor or memory, please see Matushka Mary for arrangements and costs.