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Remembrance of the Holy, Life-giving Cross

Sunday August 14, 2016

1 Cor. 1 :10-18, Matt. 14:22-34

Tropar and Kondak Tone 7

There will be a Panachida memorial service for Paula Bondra after the Liturgy today.

Today is the first day of the Dormition Fast. Please remember to increase your prayers in remembrance of God.

Transfiguration of our Lord – Thursday 6:00 PM Vespertal Liturgy. Confessions 5:30 PM. On this day, we bless the *First Fruits of the Harvest*. All are encouraged to bring a basket of fruits and veggies from their garden (even if your garden is at the Giant Eagle) to be blessed at the end of Liturgy. We will also bless grapes that day, the “fruit of the vine” from which we make the wine that becomes Our Lord’s own most precious offering - his Holy Blood.

Please continue to review the Stewardship information on the basement table. This is of continued importance for us and for the diocese.

Please note the new web site listed at the top of the bulletin. Please thank Rich Stiteler for his help in setting the web site in motion and for keeping it updated. Also, special thanks to Father Peter Paproski for guiding us in this process.

“I have been amazed that some are utterly in doubt as to whether or not the Holy Virgin is able to be called the Mother of God. For if our Lord Jesus Christ is God, how should the Holy Virgin who bore him not be the Mother of God?”

— St. Cyril of Alexandria, Letter to the Monks of Egypt

Pani Lillian Hnatko has returned to St. Andrew’s for rehab. Please send a card, visit, and keep her in your prayers.

### Transfiguration

It is believed that Christ's transfiguration took place at the time of the Jewish Festival of Booths, and that the celebration of the event in the Christian Church became the [New Testament](#) fulfillment of the [Old Testament](#) feast. This event was the subject of some debates between [Gregory Palamas](#) and [Barlaam of Calabria](#). Barlaam believed that the light shining from Jesus was created light, while Gregory maintained the disciples were given [grace](#) to perceive the uncreated light of God. This supported Gregory's larger argument that although we cannot know God in His *essence*, we can know Him in his *energies*, as He reveals Himself.

“And since the holy Virgin hath borne after the Flesh God united personally to the Flesh, therefore we do say that she is also Mother of God, not as though the Nature of the Word had the beginning of Its existence from flesh, for It was in the beginning and the Word was God, and the Word was with God [John 1:1], and is Himself the Maker of the ages, Co-eternal with the Father and Creator of all things.”

— St. Cyril of Alexandria, Third Letter to Nestorius

**Church Slavonic Classes:** Father John Brancho will offer classes in Old Church Slavonic at the Seminary on Fridays from 1 - 3:30 PM. Classes begin on September 12th through December 19th. Fee is \$200 for the fall semester for the 3-credit class. To enroll, please contact Fr. Brancho at (814) 539-5043.

Confessions – 9:00 Sunday or arranged as needed.

**Welcome!** We welcome to our church this morning all visitors, guests, relatives of parishioners, and friends of Saints Peter and Paul Church. We pray your visit with us is spiritually rewarding, holy and life-giving. May you visit often. Many years!

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