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We invite you to a celebration of the Resurrection of Christ

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The First Antiphon

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name, give glory to His praise! (Ps. 65:1)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; Your lightning lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook. (Refrain)

You are clothed with honor and majesty, Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment. (Refrain)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. *(Refrain)*

The Second Antiphon

Mount Zion in the far north is the city of the great King. (Ps. 47:2)

Refrain: O Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

And He brought them to the mountain of His sanctuary, this mountain which His right hand had won. (Ps. 77:58) (Refrain)

The Mount Zion which He loved, He built as His sanctuary with mighty strength. (Ps. 77:73b-74a) (Refrain)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

("Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God...")

The Third Antiphon

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Ps. 124:1)

Tone 7 Troparion of the Feast
You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,
revealing Your glory to Your Disciples as far as they could
bear it. Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us
sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos!
// O Giver of Light, glory to You!

As the mountains are round about it, so the Lord is round about His people, from this time and forevermore. (Ps. 124:2)

Troparion of the Feast

O Lord, who shall sojourn in Your tabernacle? Who shall dwell on Your holy mountain? **Troparion of the Feast**

Entrance Verse:

Send out Your light and Your truth; they have led me and brought me to Your holy mountain. (Ps. 42:3)

Tone 7 Troparion

You were trans<u>fig</u>ured on the mountain, O <u>Christ</u> God, revealing Your glory to Your Disciples as far as they could <u>bear</u> it. Let Your <u>ev</u>erlasting Light also shine upon us <u>sin</u>ners, through the prayers of the Theo<u>to</u>kos!// O Giver of <u>Light</u>, <u>glo</u>ry to You!

Tone 7 Kontakion

On the <u>mountain</u> You were transfigured, O <u>Christ</u> God, and Your Disciples beheld Your glory as far as they could <u>see</u> it; so that when <u>they</u> would behold You <u>cru</u>cified, they would understand that Your suffering was <u>vol</u>untary, and would proclaim to the world// that You are truly the Radiance of the Father.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; / in wisdom have You made them all. V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great!

The Reading is from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Peter 1:10-19 (Feast)



Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you,

knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease. For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

Alleluia and Verses Tone 8

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; / in wisdom have You made them all.

V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Reading is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew 17:1-9 (Feast)



Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for

Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

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



And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only

five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

Communion Hymn

O Lord, we will walk in the light of Your countenance, and will exult in Your Name forever *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*!



MEMORY ETERNAL

PLEASE PRAY FOR RESTING OF THE SOULS

Elaine Cartier, Betty Ewanish, William Zemko, Mary Gula, Mykola Prychodczenko, Oleksander Dymtro, Mark Vuksanovich, Vladyslav Chudakorov, Anna Adamovich, Soldier Serhiy. All Who died during the war in Ukraine.



PRAYER LIST PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING, COMFORT, AND SPIRITUAL PEACE

Metropolitan Anthony,
Archbishop Daniel,
Rimedio, Jeff Smith, Nun

Stephanie Rimedio, Jeff Smith, Nun Antonina, Soldier Ivan, Bernard Gnat, Dolly Mehalco, Jeff Ulbrich, Ann & George Klein, David & Richard Scharba, Brittany, Matt, Stephen Shonn, Selma, Thelma Zemko, Artur Bohuslav, Bohdan,

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Michael Senediak
1 Nicholas Woloschak
3 Lucas Spencer
4 Crystal Walkowic
4 David Woloschak
8 Pani Maria Zomchak
8 Bailey Blair
10 Evelyn E Newton
11 Devin Blair
11 Zenia Goodge

12 Peter A. Borovitcky
14 Joshua Auden
17 Nicholas Yarosh
19 Fr Daniel Rohan
20 Chuck Woloschak Sr.
20 Chas Serednesky
20 Jeremy Zets
20 Nicholas Kichton
27 Mary Ann Senediak
31 Serena Spencer

Lori Hayda, Shirley Duffy, Michele (Senediak) Caulder, Dobrodiyka Lilya, Sandy, Marilyn O`Leary, Alice Dobransky, Harold Owens, Dave Zylka, Marianne Carmack, Nicholas Yurchyk, Pauline Witkowsky, Eileen Maluk, Peter Anderson, Albert Auden, Michael Gino Maluk, Boris & Kathleen Vuksanovich, Kathy Zebel. People Suffering from any Illnesses. Ukrainian people who are suffering from war.



Liturgical Schedule & Feast Days

Please contact Fr Mykola to schedule Prayer Services - 330-799-3830

SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE

- Sunday, August 18, 9:30AM Divine Liturgy, 8th Sunday
- Monday, August 19, 9:30AM Divine Liturgy, the Holy Transfiguration of our Lord.
- Saturday, August 24 **Ukrainian Potluck Picnic at 5pm by the rectory.**
- Sunday, August 25, 9:30AM Divine Liturgy, 9th Sunday, Blessing of cars after Liturgy
- Wednesday, August 28, 9:30AM Divine Liturgy, Dormition of the Mother of God.
- Sunday, September 1, 9:30AM Divine Liturgy, 10th Sunday
- Sunday, September 8, 9:30AM Divine Liturgy, 11th Sunday
- 100 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:
 - Friday, September 13, 6 PM Vespers Service, followed by refreshments
 - Saturday, 9:30AM HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY |

Consecration of the Bell & Belfry | Banquet: 1pm

• Sunday, September 15, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy, 12th Sunday, Parish Fellowship

Upcoming dates & events

- Adult study & Fellowship at 6pm: to be scheduled
- August 24 Ukrainian Picnic celebrating the Ukrainian Independence Day Aug 24 at 5pm.
- Sep 13-15 100th ANNIVERSARY of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish CELEBRATION

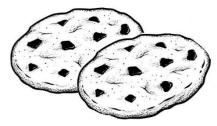
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• Cookies for the 100th Anniversary Banquet

At the 100 Anniversary Banquet we will have a cookie table.

Please consider making and donating cookies for the 100th Anniversary. If you can, please make cookies and bring them by Friday Sep 13.

Annie Woloschak will coordinate that. Call Annie to let her know about your intention – 330-766-0182.



Chirdren's Rehearsals for the 100th Anniv

Children's choir rehearsal to prepare for the 100th anniversary on **August 18th & 25th after the Divine Liturgy**. Children will sing the prayer "Our Father" both during the Liturgy and at the Banquet.

• <u>Summer Experience</u>

Please have each child submit a sentence or two about their summer experience for the church bulletin. Please submit their entry to Father **by September 4th**.

| 100 th Anniversary Choir Rehearsal Schedule | | | |
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| Sunday, Aug 18 - after church | Wednesday, Aug 21 - 7:00 pm Sunday, Aug 25 - after church | | |

Bulletin Dedication (in memory or in honor)

| Sun August 4 | Sun August 11 | Sun August 18 | Sun August 25 | |
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| <u>Dedicated</u> | <u>Dedicated</u> | <u>Dedicated</u> | <u>Dedicated</u> | |
| Sun Sept 1 | Sun Sept 8 | Sun Sept 15 | Sun Sept 22 | Sun Sept 29 |
| <u>Dedicated</u> | <u>Dedicated</u> | <u>Dedicated</u> | <u>Dedicated</u> | Available |

For bulletin dedication please call – 330-799-3830, Fr Mykola

| OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD AS OF | On August 4 | On August 11 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| General: | \$ 1498.00 | \$ 1627.00 |
| Renovation: | \$ 55.00 | \$ 550.00 |
| Online Donations on Tithe.ly | \$ 20.00 | \$ 205.00 |

Blessing of the cars on August 25 after liturgy

Why do we bless the cars?

How much time do we spend in our cars? We travel every day of our lives – work, school, grocery store, errands, and hopefully to Church! We offer prayers for those traveling at every liturgical service, and include special petitions during our daily private prayers. Everything we do (even driving in our car) we can be reminded of God's blessing and pray for safety and salvation! Just like we have

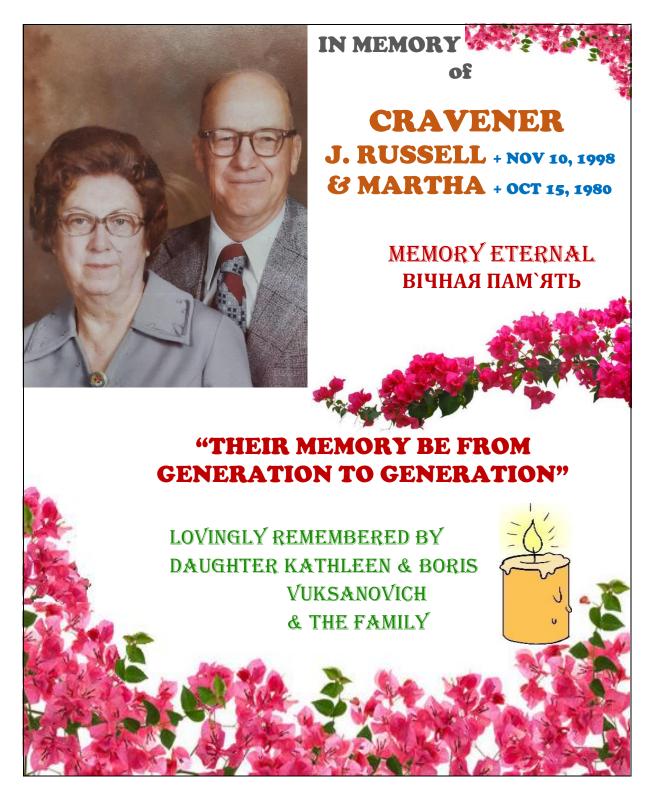


our homes blessed during the festal season of Theophany (Christ's Baptism) in January, we have another occasion to bless our cars and other vehicles of transportation.

The Orthodox Church custom is to bless cars at the Feast of Prophet Elijah (Elias) which is August 2 (or near his feast-day). Learning about the Prophet Elijah from the Old Testament, we know that He was taken up into Heaven in a fiery chariot! Therefore, we bless our cars on his feast-day with the hope of safe travels. We, as a parish, are also including this special blessing to our parish community.



May the Lord always guard and protect us as we are traveling. By the grace of God this blessing will be a great opportunity for us to experience the blessings that Christ offers in our daily routine, even such as traveling. May the blessing of the Lord be with as in the time of traveling! Amen.







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The blessing of the Fruits on the Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ

In the Orthodox Christian tradition, the blessing of fruits on the Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ is deeply symbolic and rooted in both scripture and the liturgical life of the Church.

Symbolism of Fruits:

1. **First Fruits Offering**: The blessing of fruits, particularly grapes, during the Feast of the Transfiguration is connected to the ancient Christian practice of offering



the first fruits of the harvest to God. This mirrors the Old Testament tradition, where the first and best of the harvest were offered as a sign of gratitude and acknowledgment that all good things come from God.

- 2. **Grapes and the Eucharist**: Grapes, often blessed on this day, have a special significance because they are the fruit from which wine is made. Wine is used in the Eucharist, representing the blood of Christ. Blessing the grapes symbolizes offering them to God before they are transformed into the Eucharist during the Divine Liturgy.
- 3. **Transformation and Transfiguration**: The Transfiguration of Christ itself is a feast that celebrates the transformation of Christ's appearance, revealing His divine glory to the disciples. The blessing of fruits is symbolic of the transformation of nature through Christ. Just as Christ was transfigured, so too is the natural world blessed and sanctified through Him.
- 4. **Thanksgiving and Stewardship**: Blessing the fruits is an act of thanksgiving to God for the abundance of the earth and a reminder of humanity's role as stewards of creation. It acknowledges that the bounty of the earth is a gift from God, which should be respected and used responsibly.

Liturgical Tradition:

In the Orthodox Church, the blessing of fruits usually takes place during the Divine Liturgy on August 19th (6th), the Feast of the Transfiguration. The faithful bring baskets of fruits, particularly grapes, apples etc, to the church, where they are placed before the altar and blessed by the priest. After the blessing, the fruits are shared among the congregation, symbolizing the communal nature of the Church and the sharing of God's blessings.

"You shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name dwell there." - Deuteronomy 26:2

Why did Christ Transfigure?

The Transfiguration of Christ serves multiple profound purposes, both theological and spiritual. Here are the key reasons why Christ transfigured according to Orthodox teaching:

1. Revelation of His Divine Nature:

- **Foretaste of Glory:** The Transfiguration revealed Christ's divine nature to His disciples, offering them a glimpse of His glory as the Son of God. This event prefigures the resurrection and the glorified state of Christ after His ascension, confirming His divine identity.



- Strengthening the Disciples' Faith: Christ transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John to strengthen their faith in anticipation of His passion and crucifixion. By revealing His divine glory, He prepared them to endure the scandal of the Cross and to understand that His suffering was voluntary and redemptive.

2. Confirmation of Old Testament Prophecies:

- Fulfillment of the Law and Prophets: During the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared alongside Christ, representing the Law and the Prophets. Their presence signifies that Christ is the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies and the completion of God's revelation to humanity. The Transfiguration shows that all of the Old Testament points to Christ.

3. Manifestation of the Holy Trinity:

- **Trinitarian Revelation:** The Transfiguration is one of the key moments in the New Testament where the Holy Trinity is revealed. God the Father's voice is heard from the cloud saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; listen to Him" (Matthew 17:5), while the Holy Spirit is symbolically present in the luminous cloud. This event reaffirms the Trinitarian nature of God, with Jesus as the beloved Son.

4. Teaching on Theosis (Deification):

- Humanity's Potential for Transfiguration: The Transfiguration also reveals the potential for human beings to partake in divine nature, a central concept in Orthodox theology known as "theosis" or deification. The glorified state of Christ's human nature indicates that through Christ, humanity can be transformed and share in God's divine life. This teaching is central to Orthodox spirituality, which emphasizes that the goal of Christian life is to become partakers of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4).

5. Preview of the Kingdom of God:

- Foretaste of the Second Coming: The Transfiguration is a preview of Christ's second coming and the future Kingdom of God. The dazzling light that emanates from Christ foreshadows the uncreated light of the Kingdom, where the righteous will shine like the sun (Matthew 13:43). This event gives hope to the faithful, reminding them of the ultimate victory of Christ and the promise of eternal life.

6. Exemplification of True Worship:

- **Proper Worship and Obedience:** The Father's command to "listen to Him" emphasizes the importance of heeding Christ's teachings and recognizing Him as the ultimate revelation of God. The Transfiguration exemplifies how true worship is centered on Christ and encourages believers to align their lives according to His word.

The Transfiguration of Christ is a profound event that reveals His divine glory, affirms the fulfillment of the Old Testament, manifests the Holy Trinity, and prefigures the deification of humanity and the coming Kingdom of God. It serves as a pivotal moment in the Gospels, preparing the disciples (and all believers) for the mystery of the Cross and the Resurrection.

Can all the people be transfigured?

The concept of being "transfigured" refers to the spiritual transformation and sanctification of the believer, often described as the process of **theosis** or deification. This transformation involves becoming more like Christ, partaking

Transfiguration of people

in His divine nature, and being conformed to His image. Here's how believers can experience this transfiguration in their lives:

1. Participation in the Sacraments:

- **Baptism and Chrismation:** These sacraments initiate the believer into the life of Christ. Baptism washes away sin and unites the believer with Christ's death and resurrection, while Chrismation bestows the gift of the Holy Spirit, empowering the believer to live a life of holiness.
- **Eucharist:** Regular participation in the Eucharist is central to spiritual transformation. In the Eucharist, believers partake of the body and blood of Christ, which nourishes them spiritually and draws them closer to Him, fostering their ongoing transfiguration.
- **Confession and Repentance:** Regular confession and repentance are vital for spiritual growth. By confessing sins and receiving absolution, believers are cleansed and renewed, making room for God's grace to transform them.

2. Prayer and Fasting:

- **Personal and Liturgical Prayer:** Prayer is essential for communion with God. Through both personal prayer and participation in the liturgical life of the Church, believers open themselves to God's presence and allow His grace to work within them.
- **The Jesus Prayer:** The frequent recitation of the Jesus Prayer ("Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner") is a powerful way to cultivate the awareness of God's presence and to humble oneself before Him, leading to spiritual transformation.
- **Fasting:** Fasting is a discipline that helps believers subdue their passions and grow in spiritual strength. By denying the body, fasting fosters self-control, humility, and a greater reliance on God, contributing to the transfiguration of the soul.

3. Reading and Meditating on Scripture:

- **Studying the Bible:** Regular reading and meditation on Scripture, especially the Gospels, helps believers internalize Christ's teachings and conform their lives to His example. The Word of God acts as a guide for spiritual transformation and a source of divine wisdom.

4. Living a Life of Virtue:

- **Cultivating Virtues:** The process of transfiguration involves the conscious effort to cultivate Christian virtues such as humility, patience, love, kindness, and forgiveness. These virtues reflect the character of Christ and transform the believer's soul into His likeness.
- **Fighting the Passions:** The Orthodox tradition teaches that believers must actively struggle against the passions (sinful inclinations such as pride, anger, lust, and greed). Through ascetic practices and reliance on God's grace, believers can overcome these passions and purify their hearts.

5. Loving and Serving Others:

- Acts of Charity: Serving others and practicing selfless love are essential for spiritual growth. Christ teaches that whatever is done to the least of His brethren is done to Him (Matthew 25:40). By loving others, especially those in need, believers imitate Christ and grow in holiness.
- **Forgiveness and Reconciliation:** Forgiving others and seeking reconciliation are crucial for spiritual health. Holding onto grudges or resentment blocks the flow of God's grace and hinders the process of transfiguration.

6. Seeking God's Will and Obedience:

- Alignment with God's Will: True transfiguration requires surrendering one's own will and desires to God's will. This involves trusting in God's providence and seeking to live according to His commandments in all aspects of life.
- **Spiritual Guidance:** Seeking the guidance of a spiritual father or mother can be invaluable in discerning God's will and overcoming obstacles on the path to transfiguration.

7. Experiencing the Light of Christ:

- **Spiritual Vision:** The Orthodox tradition speaks of the experience of the "uncreated light"—a mystical encounter with the divine presence. While this is a rare and profound experience, the path of transfiguration involves opening oneself to God's light through prayer, purity of heart, and ascetic struggle.
- **Participation in the Divine Liturgy:** The Divine Liturgy is where heaven and earth meet, offering a foretaste of the Kingdom of God. Participating in the Liturgy with reverence and faith can be a transformative experience that draws the believer closer to God.

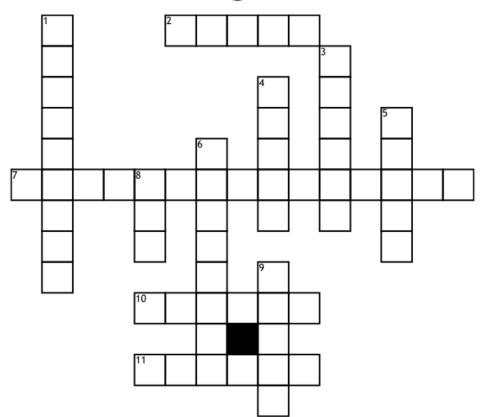
8. Endurance in Trials:

- **Patience in Suffering:** Enduring trials and suffering with faith and patience can lead to spiritual growth and transfiguration. Christ's own suffering was redemptive, and by uniting our sufferings with His, believers can be transformed and draw closer to God.

The Orthodox understanding of transfiguration involves a lifelong process of spiritual growth, participation in the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church, cultivation of virtues, and communion with God through prayer and the sacraments. By following this path, believers can be gradually transformed into the likeness of Christ, experiencing the reality of theosis, or deification, in their own lives.

Lead Jesus, and the Disciples to the Mount of Transfiguration FINISH START

Transfiguration



Across

- 2. Speaking with Jesus, he brought the
- 10 Commandments to the Israelites
- **7.** Changing from one appearance to another
- **10.** The disciples were __?__ when Jesus was speaking with the two men from heaven
- 11. God told the disciples to __?__ to God

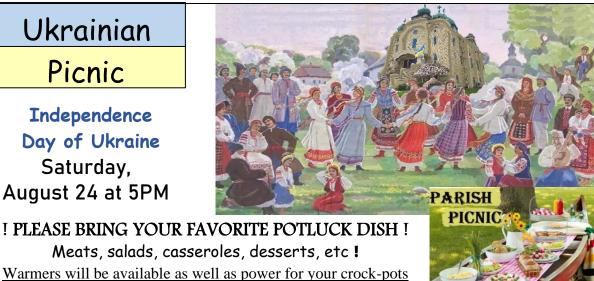
Down

A caterpiller can transfigure into a

- **3.** He warned the Israelites to stop worshiping Baal, a foreign god
- 4. God appeared to Jesus in a __?__
- 5. Jesus' face and robes turned bright __?__
- **6.** Moses and Elijah both performed ___?__ with God's help
- 8. God called Jesus his __?__
- 9. __?__, John, and James were with Jesus

Ukrainian Picnic

Independence Day of Ukraine Saturday, August 24 at 5PM



Warmers will be available as well as power for your crock-pots Drinks, plates, napkins, and utensils will be provided.

> Great opportunity to celebrate our heritage, "be Ukrainian" and support Ukrainians in spirit during the ongoing war.

Ukrainian Music * Ruffle * Ukrainian Photo zone for great pictures

LET'S HAVE A GREAT TIME TOGETHER!

Congratulations!

We greet our dearly beloved David & Alyssa Woloschak on this joyous occasion - the Holy Sacrament of Marriage, where two hearts are united in love and faith and two people through the Grace of God became ONE.

May the Lord bless your Marriage abundantly, granting you strength, wisdom, and a lifetime of happiness together.

As you begin this sacred journey, may your Marriage be filled with grace, peace, and

unwavering devotion to one another and to our Lord Jesus Christ.

With prayers & blessings, Sts. Peter & Paul Parish

