

St. Michael the Archangel Maronite Catholic Church

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TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD/11TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



CLERGY

Fr. Paul Damien, Pastor Fr. Jack Morrison (retired) <u>PARISH OFFICE HOURS</u>:

> Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

LITURGY / MASS :

Tues - Fri: 9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

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Transfiguration of Our Lord

Our divine Redeemer, being in Galilee about a year before His sacred Passion, took with him St. Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, Sts. James and John, and led them to a retired mountain. Tradition assures us that this was Mount Tabor, which is exceedingly high and beautiful, and was anciently covered with green trees and shrubs, and was very fruitful. It rises something like a sugar-loaf, in a vast plain in the middle of Galilee. This was the place in which the Man-God appeared in His glory.

Whilst Jesus prayed, he suffered that glory which was always due to his sacred humility, and of which, for our sake, He deprived it, to diffuse a ray over His whole body. His face was altered and shone as the sun, and his garments became white as snow. Moses and Elias were seen by the three apostles in his company on this occasion, and were heard discoursing with him of the death which he was to suffer in Jerusalem.

The three apostles were wonderfully delighted with this glorious vision, and St. Peter cried out to Christ, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for thee, one for Moses, and one for Elias" Whilst St. Peter was speaking, there came, on a sudden, a bright shining cloud from heaven, an emblem of the presence of God's majesty, and from out of this cloud was heard a voice which said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" The apostles that were present, upon hearing this voice, were seized with a sudden fear, and fell upon the ground; but Jesus, going to them, touched them, and bade them to rise. They immediately did so, and saw no one but Jesus standing in his ordinary state. This vision happened in the night. As they went down the mountain early the next morning, Jesus bade them not to tell any one what they had seen till he should be risen from the dead.

In the Transfiguration Christ enjoyed for a short while that glorified state which was to be permanently His after His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The splendor of His inward Divinity and of the Beatific Vision of His soul overflowed on His body, and permeated His garments so that Christ stood before Peter, James, and John in a snow-white brightness. The purpose of the Transfiguration was to encourage and strengthen the Apostles who were depressed by their Master's prediction of His own Passion and Death. The Apostles were made to understand that His redeeming work has two phases: The Cross, and glory—that we shall be glorified with Him only if we first suffer with Him.



PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Lucy Zahran or call church office to join the prayer chain or with prayer requests

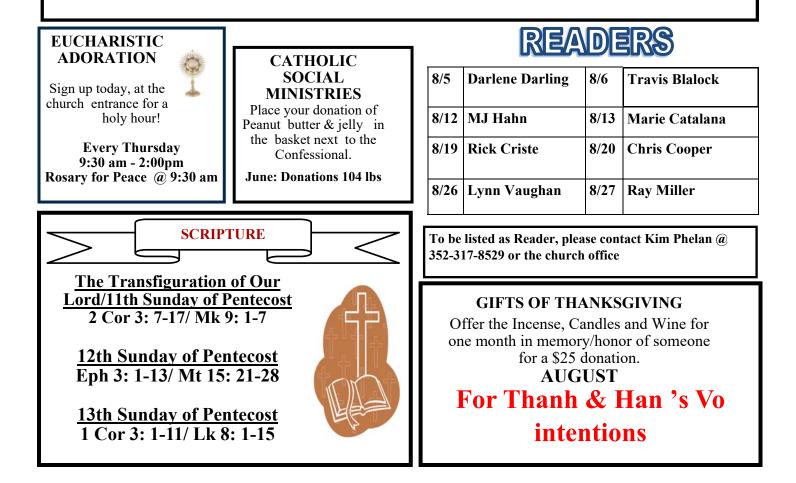
"11TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST-TRANSFIGURATION FEAST"

Saturday August 5- 5:00 PM: Joan Vanheusen by the parish Sunday August 6- 10:30 AM: for the Parish Intentions by Fr. Paul

Tuesday	Aug 8	9:00 am	St. Dominic, C Pope St. Sixtus II (+258), M	For the repose of soul of Maria Hau Nguyen by Mrs. Sherman (3)
Wednesday	Aug 9	9:00 am	St. Mathias, AP	For the intentions of Kim Ngan Nguyen by Thanh & Han Vo
Thursday	Aug 10	9:00 am	St. Lawrence, M	For Thanh & Han 's intentions
Friday	Aug 11	9:00 am	St. Clare, C	For te repose of soul of Elizabeth Sherman by Mr. Sherman (3)

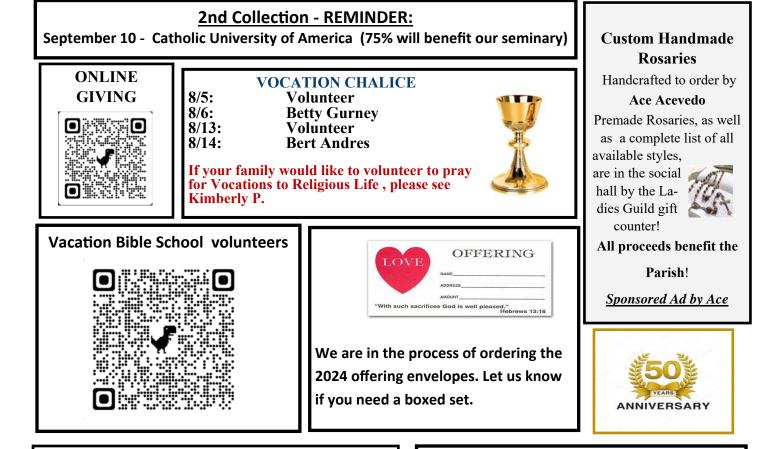
"12TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST"

Saturday August 12-5:00 PM: Special intention by Fr. Paul DamienSundayAugust 13 -10:30 AM:.....AVAILABLE.....



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Collections	\$	1773.00
Candles	\$	27.00
Contributions	\$	00.00
50th Anniversary	925.00	

Congratulations to St. Michael Archangel Ladies Guild, established in 2013, celebrating 10 years of service. Committed to "promoting the work of the Church & building a spiritual community of faith within the Parish." AD BY: MJ





FROM THE LADIES GUILD

- The Ladies Guild will meet Sunday, August 13th after the Social Hour. The meeting will begin promptly at noon.
- The Rosary and Traveling Mary hostess for August is Diane Wunderlich and we will meet at MJ Hahn's on the 16th at 10:30 am.
- Backpack / School supplies for Foster Care Children (Cumberland county) are due by August 6. Thank you to all who have donated.

50th Anniversary Updates

We need your help collecting advertisement and memorial pages for the 50th anniversary book. Purchase forms are available at the church entrance. See MJ or Donnie with any questions.

Religious Education classes

Volunteers are still needed for Wednesday night religious education beginning late August. Substitute, assistant, and full time positions are available. Lesson plans and glue sticks provided.

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