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# DIAKONIA

JULY & AUGUST 2016



## Summer and the Transfiguration of the World

By: Fr. Timothy Cook

As we enter into the glorious season of summer, when all things are bursting with life, we traditionally go on vacation. Vacation is in itself a glorious thing, a time to recharge, a time to reconnect with family, and a time to rest from labors and gather strength for the coming winter.

And during this time of summer, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August we will celebrate the feast of Transfiguration. This is the day on which we remember how the Lord, before He went up to Jerusalem to be crucified, took three of His disciples to Mount Tabor. There He was “transfigured,” or “changed,” revealing Himself in His glory to His disciples, showing them His true form “as much as they could bear” in order to strengthen them for the coming ordeal. But just as with the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, and the Ascension of Christ, the feast of the Transfiguration reminds us that we do not only remember this feast, but we participate in it. As Christ was transfigured on Mt. Tabor, we are also called to be transfigured, to meet God and be filled, as Christ is, with light and with life.

The Transfiguration of Christ is not just to encourage the three disciples who witnessed it, but is a sign of what Christ’s presence in the world means for the world. It is a revelation of the effects of God being born as one of us, living among us, participating in our lives, our hurts and our sufferings, being crucified, raised from the dead, and ascending in glory, exalting our human nature to sit at the right hand of God. As He was transfigured, so also we are meant to be completely transfigured, so that we might be filled with the light, life, and love of God everywhere we go and in all that we do.

So as we enter summer, the season of vacation, let us not “vacation” from the Church, but rather bring the Church with us wherever we go. By that I don’t simply mean that we should continue to attend the Church wherever we are throughout the summer, though we should. I mean that part of truly attending the Divine Liturgy is learning to see the Divine Liturgy everywhere we go, the presence of God throughout the world. Christ promised that He is with us “always and unto the end of the age,” and we call the Holy Spirit the “Comforter...Who is everywhere present and fills all things.” The world is transfigured by the presence of Christ, and the world is filled with light and life.

May God grant us the eyes to see it, and may we ourselves be transfigured and filled with the light, life, and love of God, wherever we go.

A blessed summer to you all!



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**PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETINGS  
July 18  
& August 15**



Congratulations to  
Trinity Barden who  
graduated from Herbert  
H. Dow High School

*Prosforon Schedule*

July 3	Janice Kato	Aug. 7	Barbara Milionis
July 10	Koula Legner	Aug. 14	Helen Morris
July 17	Elaine Makas	Aug. 21	Erin Haenlein
July 24	Tena Mendyk	Aug. 28	Elan Nichols
July 31	Maria Metropoulos		

**ALTAR VIGIL CANDLES**



6/5 - Better Health for our great, great nephew, Mark Richards, by Dr. & Mrs. George Ulmer

6/12 - Memory Eternal for Stephanie Bistolarides, by the Musulin Family

**TO ALL OUR FESTIVAL  
VOLUNTEERS!!!**

**THANK  
You  
SO VERY  
much**

**Saginaw Greek Festival Committee**

# Saint Demetrios Calendar of Events • July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> ☩ The Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas & Damian I Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8 Matthew 10:1, 5-8	<b>2</b> Deposition of the Robe of the Theotokos in Vlachernaë Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 1:39-42, 56
<b>3</b> ✠ 2nd Sunday of Matthew Hyacinth of Caesarea Romans 2:10-16 Matthew 4:18-23 <b>Orthros (8:50 am)</b> <b>Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day Andrew of Crete Martha, mother of Symeon the Stylite Romans 7:1-14 Matthew 9:36-38; 10:1-8	<b>5</b> Athanasios of Mt. Athos Wonderworker Lampadus Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2 Matthew 11:27-30	<b>6</b> Sisoës the Great Archippus, Philemon, Onesimus Romans 8:2-13 Matthew 10:16-22	<b>7</b> Thomas of Maleon Kyriaki the Great Martyr Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5 Mark 5:24-34	<b>8</b> ☩ Great Martyr Procopius Myrrbearer Theophilos 1st Timothy 4:9-15 Luke 6:17-19; 9:1-2; 10:16-22	<b>9</b> Pancratios, Bishop of Sicily Dionysios the Orator Romans 3:28-31; 4:1-3 Matthew 7:24-29; 8:1-4
<b>10</b> ✠ 3rd Sunday of Matthew 45 Martyrs of Nikopolis Romans 5:1-10 Matthew 6:22-33 <b>Orthros (8:50 am)</b> <b>Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)</b>	<b>11</b> Great-Martyr Euphemia Equal-to-the-Apostles Olga 2nd Corinthians 6:1-10 Luke 7:36-50	<b>12</b> Proclus & Hilarios Michael Maleinus Romans 10:11-21 Matthew 11:16-20	<b>13</b> ☩ Synaxis of Arch. Gabriel Hebrews 2:2-10 Matthew 11:20-26	<b>14</b> Aquila of the 70 Joseph the Confessor Romans 16:1-16 Matthew 11:27-30	<b>15</b> ☩ Vladimir, Equal to the Apostles I Corinthians 13:11-13; 14:1-5 Matthew 17:24-27; 18:1-4	<b>16</b> ◆ Julia of Carthage Romans 6:11-17 Matthew 8:14-23 <b>Great Vespers (5:00pm)</b>
<b>17</b> ✠ Sunday of the Holy Fathers Marina of Antioch Titus 3:8-15 Matthew 5:14-19 <b>Orthros (8:50 am)</b> <b>Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)</b>	<b>18</b> Emilianos of Bulgaria Paul, Thea & Oualentine Romans 12:4-5, 15-21 Matthew 12:3-9-13 <b>Parish Council Mtg. (7pm)</b>	<b>19</b> Macrina, sister of St. Basil Dios, Abbot of Antioch Romans 14:9-18 Matthew 12:14-16; 22-30	<b>20</b> ☩ Elias the Prophet James 20 Luke 4:22-30	<b>21</b> Symeon the Fool for Christ Parthenios, Bishop of Arta Romans 15:17-29 Matthew 12:46-50; 13:1-3	<b>22</b> ☩ Mary Magdelene Markella of Chios 1st Corinthians 9:2-12 Luke 8:1-3	<b>23</b> ◆ Phocas, Bishop of Sinope Ezekiel the Prophet Romans 8:14-21 Matthew 9:9-13 <b>Great Vespers (5:00pm)</b>
<b>24</b> ✠ 5th Sunday of Matthew Great-Martyr Christina Romans 10:1-10 Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1 <b>Orthros (8:50 am)</b> <b>Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)</b>	<b>25</b> Dormition of Anna, mother of the Theotokos Olympias the Deaconess Galatians 4:22-27 Luke 8:16-21	<b>26</b> Hermolaos & Companions Paraskevi of Rome Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5 Mark 5:24-34	<b>27</b> ☩ Great Martyr Panteleimon Nicholas of Novgorod 2nd Timothy 2:1-10 John 15:17-27; 16:1-2	<b>28</b> Prochoros, Nicanor, Timon Irene of Chrysovalantou Acts 6:1-7 Matthew 13:26-43	<b>29</b> ☩ Kallinikos of Asia Minor Theodote & her children 1st Corinthians 4:5-8 Matthew 13:44-54	<b>30</b> ◆ Silas & Silvanos of the 70 Julitta of Caesaria Acts 15:35-41 Matthew 9:18-26 <b>Great Vespers (5:00pm)</b>
<b>31</b> ✠ 6th Sunday of Matthew Forefeast of the Cross Romans 10:1-10 Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1 <b>Orthros (8:50 am)</b> <b>Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)</b>						

• Shaded days denote a fast day. ✠ denotes a Liturgy ◆ Great Vespers/Compline ❖ Akathist/Paraklesis ✠ Presanctified Liturgy ⚡ fish/wine/oil allowed ☩ wine/oil allowed

# Saint Demetrios Calendar of Events • August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> ☩ ❖ Dormition Fast Begins Procession of the Precious Cross Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2 Matthew 10:16-22 Small Paraklesis (6 pm)	<b>2</b> ❖ Translation of the Relics of Stephen the Protomartyr Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60 Mark 12:1-12 Small Paraklesis (6 pm)	<b>3</b> ❖ Holy Ascetics Isaacius, Dalmatus, & Faustus Salome the Myrrhbearer 1st Corinthians 7:12-24 Matthew 14:35-36; 15:1-11 Small Paraklesis (6 pm)	<b>4</b> ❖ 7 Holy Youths of Ephesus 1st Corinthians 7:24-35 Matthew 15:12-21 Small Paraklesis (6 pm)	<b>5</b> Forefeast of Transfiguration Eusignius the Martyr 1st Peter 1:1-25; 2:1-10 Matthew 15:29-31	<b>6</b> ☩ ◆ ☩ HOLY TRANSFIGURATION 2nd Peter 1:10-19 Matthew 17:1-9 Orthros (9:00 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am) Great Vespers (5:00pm)
<b>7</b> ☩ ☩ 7th Sunday of Matthew Dometius the Martyr Romans 15:1-7 Matthew 9:27-35 Orthros (8:50am) Divine Liturgy (10:00am)	<b>8</b> ❖ Emilian the Confessor Myronus the Wonderworker 1st Corinthians 9:13-18 Matthew 16:1-6 Small Paraklesis (6 pm)	<b>9</b> ❖ The Holy Apostle Matthias Anthony the Martyr Acts 1:12-17, 21-26 Matthew 16:6-12 Small Paraklesis (6 pm)	<b>10</b> ❖ Lawrence the Martyr Chitus, Bp. of Rome 1st Corinthians 10:12-22 Matthew 16:20-24 Small Paraklesis (6 pm)	<b>11</b> ❖ Euplus the Martyr Niphon of Constantinople 1st Corinthians 10:28-33; 11:1-8 Matthew 16:24-28 Small Paraklesis (6 pm)	<b>12</b> ❖ Photios & Aniketos of Nikomedia 12 Soldier-Martyrs of Crete 1 Corinthians 11:8-23 Matthew 17:10-18 Small Paraklesis (6 pm)	<b>13</b> ☩ ◆ Apodosis of Transfiguration Maximos the Confessor Romans 13:1-10 Matthew 12:30-37 Great Vespers (5:00pm)
<b>14</b> ☩ ☩ 8th Sunday of Matthew Forefeast of Dormition Micah the Prophet 1st Corinthians 1:10-17 Matthew 14:14-22 Orthros (8:50am) Divine Liturgy (10:00am)	<b>15</b> ☩ HOLY DORMITION Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 Orthros (9:00 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am) Parish Council Mtg. (7pm)	<b>16</b> Translation of the Image of Christ Diomedes of Tarsius 1st Timothy 3:13-16; 4:1-5 Luke 9:51-57, 10:22-24, 13:22	<b>17</b> Myron of Cyzicus, Straton, Philip, Eutychian, Cyprian 1st Corinthians 13:4-13; 14:1-5 Matthew 20:1-16	<b>18</b> Floros & Lauros of Blyria John & George, Pat of Constantinople 1st Corinthians 14:6-19 Matthew 20:17-28	<b>19</b> Andrew & his 2593 soldiers Timothy, Agapius, & Thecla 1st Corinthians 14:26-40 Matthew 21:12-14; 17-20	<b>20</b> ◆ Samuel the Prophet Lukios the Counselor Romans 14:6-9 Matthew 15:32-39 Great Vespers (5:00pm)
<b>21</b> ☩ 9th Sunday of Matthew Thaddeus of the 70 1st Corinthians 3:9-17 Matthew 14:22-34 Orthros (8:20am) Divine Liturgy (9:30am)	<b>22</b> Agathonikos & Company Anthusa the Martyr 1st Corinthians 15:12-19 Matthew 21:18-22	<b>23</b> Apodosis of Dormition Ireneaus, Bp. of Lyons Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	<b>24</b> Eutyches the Hieromartyr Kosmas of Aetolia 1st Corinthians 16:4-12 Matthew 21:28-32	<b>25</b> Titus of the 70 Titus 1:1-5; 2:15; 3:1-2, 12-15 Matthew 5:14-19	<b>26</b> Adrian, Natalia, and 33 Companions Righteous Joseph Hebrews 6:9-12 Matthew 22:23-33	<b>27</b> ◆ Poimen the Great Phanourios the Great Romans 15:30-33 Matthew 17:24-27; 18:1-4 Great Vespers (5:00pm)
<b>28</b> ☩ 10th Sunday of Matthew Moses the Black of Scete Diomedes & Lawrence 1st Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 17:14-23 Orthros (8:50am) Divine Liturgy (10:00am)	<b>29</b> STRICT FAST Beheading of the Forerunner Theodora of Thessaloniki Acts 13:25-33 Mark 6:14-30	<b>30</b> Alexander, John, & Paul of Constantinople 2nd Corinthians 2:14-17; 3:1-3 Matthew 23:23-28	<b>31</b> ☩ Honorable Sash of the Theotokos Cyprian, Bp. of Carthage Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28			

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