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'DISCIPLES FIRST CALLED THEMSELVES CHRISTIANS IN ANTIOCH.' ACTS 11:26

WELCOME!

We welcome all of our visitors who are praying with us today. We are eager to share with you our spiritual treasures, and invite you to join us for coffee-hour in the Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy. If you are a first-time visitor, please take a few minutes to sign our Guest Registry book and complete the white VISITORS INFORMATION CARD which may be found in the Narthex, and return it to an usher. As a friendly reminder, **only Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves through fasting, prayer and recent Confession may approach the Holy Chalice to receive Holy Communion. However all may come forward at end of Liturgy and receive blessed Holy Bread.** We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you personally to St. Elias. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Elias.

أهلاً بكم!

نرحب بجميع زوارنا الذين يصلون معنا اليوم ونحرص على مشاركتكم في كنوزنا الروحية، وندعوكم للانضمام إلينا لتناول القهوة معنا في قاعة الكنيسة بعد القداس الإلهي. إذا كانت هذه أول زيارة لكم، يرجى أخذ القليل من الوقت لتوقيع سجل الزوار واستكمال بطاقة معلومات الزوار البيضاء والتي توجد في صحن الكنيسة، وإعادتها إلى أحد مرشدي الكنيسة. وكتذكير ودي، يُسمح فقط للمسيحيين الأرثوذكس الذين أعدوا أنفسهم بشكل صحيح من خلال الصوم والصلاة واعتراف من زمن قريب بالاقتراب من الكأس المقدسة لتناول القربان المقدس. ولكن يُسمح للجميع الاقتراب في نهاية القداس لاستلام الخبز المقدس المبارك. ونحن نتطلع للقائكم والترحيب بكم شخصياً في كنيسة مار الياس. يرجى توجيه الأسئلة إلى الأب الياس مباشرة.

WORSHIPPING THE ALL-HOLY GOD

Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite."

PRAYER ON ENTERING THE CHURCH

I WILL COME INTO THY HOUSE IN THE MULTITUDE OF THY MERCY: AND IN THY FEAR I WILL WORSHIP TOWARD THY HOLY TEMPLE. Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because

of mine enemies; make thy way straight before me, that with a clear mind I may glorify thee forever, One Divine Power worshipped in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER ON LEAVING THE CHURCH

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

O Lord, sanctify those who love the beauty of your house.

When you enter the church, please remember that the church is a place of worship. Please do not disturb others as they worship God. **PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES.**

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Who settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded about with power.

عَظِيمٌ هُوَ الرَّبُّ وَمُسَيِّحٌ جَدًّا فِي مَدِينَةِ إِلَهِنَا فِي جَبَلٍ قُدْسِهِ. أَلْمُتَبَتُ الْجِبَالِ بِقُوَّتِهِ، أَلْمُنْتَطِقُ بِالْقُدْرَةِ.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ إِلَهِي، يَا مُخَلَّصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for He cometh; yea, He is come to judge the earth. (*Refrain*)

أَللَّابِسُ النُّورِ مِثْلَ الثَّوبِ. الْجِبَالُ سَتُهُلَّلُ قُدَّامَ وَجْهِ الرَّبِّ لِأَنَّهُ آتٍ. إِنَّهُ آتٍ لِیَدِينِ الْأَرْضِ.

Glory... Both now... (*Refrain*)

بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ إِلَهِي، يَا مُخَلَّصُ خَلِّصْنَا. الْمَجْدُ... الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ... آمِينَ. بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ إِلَهِي، يَا مُخَلَّصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

فِي الْجِبَالِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ أَسَاسَاتُهَا. الرَّبُّ يُحِبُّ أَبْوَابَ صِهْيُونَ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ جَمِيعِ مَسَاكِنِ يَعْقُوبَ.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ تَجَلَّى عَلَى طُورِ تَابُورٍ، إِذْ نُرَّتَلُ لَكَ. هَلْلُويَا.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. (*Refrain*)

فِيكَ قِيلَتْ الْمَفَاخِرُ يَا مَدِينَةَ اللَّهِ.

خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ تَجَلَّى عَلَى طُورِ تَابُورٍ، إِذْ نُرَّتَلُ لَكَ. هَلْلُويَا.

A man will say: Mother Zion; and: That man was born in her; and: The Most High Himself hath founded her. (*Refrain*)

الإِنْسَانُ يَقُولُ إِنَّ أُمَّي هِيَ صِهْيُونُ، وَإِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ وُلِدَ فِيهَا. وَإِنَّ الْعَلِيِّ نَفْسَهُ هُوَ الَّذِي أَسَّسَهَا.
Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

خَلَّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ تَجَلَّى عَلَى طُورِ تَابُورٍ.. هَلْلُوبِيَا.
المجد... الآن وكلَّ أوانٍ... آمين. يا كلمة الله الإِبنَ الوحيد... ..

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints. Blessed is the people that knoweth jubilation. O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance shall they walk, and in Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day long.

لِمَرَاكِمْ يَا رَبُّ أَسْبَحُ إِلَى الدَّهْرِ. السَّمَاوَاتُ تَعْتَرِفُ بِعَجَائِبِكَ يَا رَبُّ، وَبِأَمَانَتِكَ فِي جَمَاعَةِ الْقُدِّيسِينَ. طُوبَى لِلشَّعْبِ
الَّذِي يَعْرِفُ التَّهْلِيلَ. يَا رَبُّ بِنُورِ وَجْهِكَ يَبْتَهِجُونَ وَبِاسْمِكَ يَتَهَلَّلُونَ النَّهَارَ كُلَّهُ.

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

لَمَّا تَجَلَّيْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ فِي الْجَبَلِ، أَظْهَرْتَ مَجْدَكَ لِلتَّلَامِيذِ حَسَبَمَا اسْتَطَاعُوا، فَأَشْرَقَ لَنَا نَحْنُ الْخَطَاةُ نُورَكَ
الْأَزَلِّيَّ، بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهُ، يَا مَانِحَ النُّورِ، الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE FEAST

For in Thee is the fountain of life, and in Thy light shall we see light. Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

لَأَنَّ مِنْ قِبَلِكَ عَيْنُ الْحَيَاةِ، وَبِنُورِكَ نُعَايِنُ النُّورَ. خَلَّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ تَجَلَّى عَلَى طُورِ تَابُورٍ، إِذْ نُزِّلُ لَكَ.
هَلْلُوبِيَا.

After the Little Entrance:

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

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KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

تَجَلَّيْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ عَلَى الْجَبَلِ، وَحَسَبَمَا وَسِعَ تَلَامِيذُكَ شَاهِدُوا مَجْدَكَ، حَتَّى عِنْدَمَا يَعَابِنُوكَ مَصْلُوباً،
يَقْطِنُوا أَنَّ أَلَمَكَ طَوْعاً بِاخْتِيَارِكَ، وَيَكْرُزُوا لِلْعَالَمِ أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ بِالْحَقِيقَةِ شُعَاعُ الْآبِ.

Today's Reader : Ronda Akl

Priest: Let us attend.

**Reader: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works;
in wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

Priest: Wisdom

Reader: The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Peter. (1:10-19)

(For the Transfiguration)

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: Brethren, be the more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore, I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made surer. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

مَا أَعْظَمَ أَعْمَالِكَ يَا رَبُّ، كُلُّهَا بِحِكْمَةٍ صَنَعْتَ.

بَارِكِي يَا نَفْسِي لِلرَّبِّ، أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ إِلَهِي لَقَدْ عَظُمْتَ جِدًّا.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُطْرُسِ الرَّسُولِ الثَّانِيَةِ الْجَامِعَةِ.

يَا إِخْوَتِي، اجْتَهِدُوا أَنْ تَجْعَلُوا دَعْوَتَكُمْ وَانْتِخَابَكُمْ ثَابِتِينَ. فَإِنَّكُمْ إِذَا فَعَلْتُمْ ذَلِكَ لَا تَرْتَلُونَ أَبَدًا، وَهَكَذَا تُنْحَوْنَ بِسَخَاءٍ أَنْ تَدْخُلُوا مَلَكُوتَ رَبَّنَا وَمُخْلِصِنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ الْأَبَدِيِّ. لِذَلِكَ لَا أَهْمِلُ تَذَكِيرَكُمْ دَائِمًا بِهَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ عَالِمِينَ بِهَا وَرَاسِخِينَ فِي الْحَقِّ الْحَاضِرِ. وَأَرَى مِنَ الْحَقِّ أَنِّي مَا دُمْتُ فِي هَذَا الْمَسْكَنِ أَنْهَضُكُمْ بِالتَّذَكِيرِ. فَإِنِّي أَعْلَمُ أَنَّ خَلْعَ مَسْكِنِي قَرِيبٌ كَمَا أَعْلَنَ لِي رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَسَاجِدُهُ أَنْ يَكُونَ لَكُمْ بَعْدَ خُرُوجِي تَذَكُّرٌ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ كُلِّ حِينٍ، لِأَنَّ لَمْ تَنْبَغِ خُرَافَاتٍ مُصَنَّعَةٍ، إِذْ أَعْلَمْنَاكُمْ قُوَّةَ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ وَمَجِيئَهُ، بَلْ كُنَّا مُعَابِنِينَ جَلَالَهُ، لِأَنَّهُ أَخَذَ مِنْ اللَّهِ الْآبِ الْكِرَامَةَ وَالْمَجْدَ، إِذْ جَاءَهُ مِنَ الْمَجْدِ الْفَخِيمِ صَوْتٌ يَقُولُ: "هَذَا هُوَ ابْنِي الْحَبِيبُ الَّذِي بِهِ سُرَرْتُ"، وَقَدْ سَمِعْنَا نَحْنُ هَذَا الصَّوْتِ آتِيًّا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ حِينَ كُنَّا مَعَهُ فِي الْجَبَلِ الْمُقَدَّسِ. وَعِنْدَنَا أُثْبِتُ

مَنْ ذَلِكَ، وَهُوَ كَلَامُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ، الَّذِي تُحْسِنُونَ إِذَا أَصَغَيْتُمْ إِلَيْهِ، كَأَنَّهُ مِصْبَاحٌ يُضِيءُ فِي مَكَانٍ مُظْلِمٍ، إِلَى أَنْ يَنْفَجِرَ
النَّهَارُ، وَيُشْرِقَ كَوَكَبُ الصُّبْحِ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ.

Priest: Peace be to you Reader.

PLEASE STAND!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Next Sunday's Reader: Mai Makhlouf

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

(For the Transfiguration)

At that time, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if Thou wilt, I will make three booths here, one for Thee and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; hear Him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is risen from the dead."

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّمْنِيذِ الطَّاهِرِ

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، أَخَذَ يَسُوعُ بُطْرُسَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَيُوْحَنَّا أَخَاهُ فَأَصْعَدَهُمْ إِلَى جَبَلٍ عَالٍ عَلَى انْفِرَادٍ وَتَجَلَّى
قُدَامَهُمْ وَأَضَاءَ وَجْهُهُ كَالشَّمْسِ، وَصَارَتْ ثِيَابُهُ بَيْضَاءَ كَالنُّورِ. وَإِذَا مُوسَى وَإِيلِيَّا تَرَاعِيَا لَهُمْ يُخَاطِبَانِهِ فَأَجَابَ بُطْرُسُ
وَقَالَ لِيَسُوعَ: "يَا رَبُّ حَسَنٌ أَنْ نَكُونَ هَهُنَا. وَإِنْ شِئْتَ فَلْنَصْنَعْ هَهُنَا ثَلَاثَ مَظَالٍ وَاحِدَةً لَكَ وَوَاحِدَةً لِمُوسَى وَوَاحِدَةً
لِإِيلِيَّا." وَفِيمَا هُوَ يَتَكَلَّمُ إِذَا سَحَابَةٌ نَيِّرَةٌ قَدْ ظَلَّلَتْهُمْ وَصَوْتٌ مِنَ السَّحَابَةِ يَقُولُ: "هَذَا هُوَ ابْنِي الْحَبِيبُ الَّذِي بِهِ سُرَرْتُ
فَلَهُ اسْمَعُوا." فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ التَّلَامِيذُ سَقَطُوا عَلَى أَوْجُهِهِمْ وَخَافُوا جِدًّا فَذَنَّا يَسُوعَ إِلَيْهِمْ وَلَمَسَهُمْ قَائِلًا: "قَوْمُوا لَا تَخَافُوا."
فَرَفَعُوا أَعْيُنَهُمْ فَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَحَدًا إِلَّا يَسُوعَ وَحْدَهُ وَفِيمَا هُمْ نَازِلُونَ مِنَ الْجَبَلِ أَوْصَاهُمْ يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: "لَا تُعْلِمُوا أَحَدًا
بِالرُّؤْيَا، حَتَّى يَقُومَ ابْنُ الْبَشَرِ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ."

MEGALYNARION FOR THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT

Now hath been heard that which hath never been heard before; for the Son, Who is from the Virgin without father, hath been testified to in glory by the voice of the Father; for He Himself is God and Man together unto the end of the ages.

الآنَ قَدْ سُمِعَ مَا لَمْ يُسْمَعْ قَطُّ، لِأَنَّ الْإِبْنَ الَّذِي مِنَ الْبَتُولِ بَعِيرِ أَبِي، قَدْ شَهِدَ لَهُ صَوْتُ الْآبِ بِمَجْدٍ. فَإِنَّهُ هُوَ نَفْسُهُ
إِلَهٌ وَإِنْسَانٌ مَعًا عَلَى مَدَى الدَّهْرِ.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE
EIGHT

O Lord, in the light of the glory of Thy face shall we walk,
and in Thy Name shall we rejoice forever. Alleluia.

يا رَبُّ، إِنَّهُمْ يَسْأَلُونَ بِنُورِ وَجْهِكَ، وَيَبْتَهِجُونَ بِاسْمِكَ طَوْلَ النَّهَارِ. هَلَلُوبِيَا.

Instead of singing "We have seen the true light", sing the Apolytikion of the Transfiguration.

Blessing of the grapes following Divine Liturgy (see page 221 in the service book)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Holy Bread of Oblations today is being offered by Sheila and Leon Mazur**, for the spiritual and physical well being of Sheila, Leon, and family; Georgette and family; Helena and family, Leon and Genevieve, Thomas and Val, Nancy and Mike, Lisa and Jim, Paul and Hildy and their families, **Also being offered in loving memory of Selma and DeVillo Hathaway, James Glassford, Mary Mazur.** May their memories be eternal.
- **Please pray for all the sick** and suffering, hospitalized and shut-ins of our community, especially, Kh. Manal Dahdouh, Violette Humsi, Nick Tadros, Elias Sawalha, Sami Tawil, Salwa Makhlof, Joseph Jacobs, Lutfi Salloum, Evelyn Gabriel.
- **The grapes for todays service** were donated by Samir Tadros for the health of the Tadros family, Taghreed, Abeer, Samir and Nick. Also in loving memory of all the departed members of the Tadros family. May their memories be eternal.
- **SUNDAY HOLY BREAD** Aug. 12th, 40 Day memorial for Betty Eassa. Aug. 19th OPEN, Aug. 26th OPEN, Sept. 2nd OPEN. Sept. 9th OPEN
- **For Announcements, Oblations and Trisagions for the Bulletin**, the deadline is Tuesday evening. Please send your emails to church: steliasny@aol.com and to Sheila: sahmaz@twcny.rr.com
- **Parishioners-** If you have not been receiving email from St. Elias and would like to, please give your current email to Dona Savage. Also, if you have moved we need to update your address and phone number. We are attempting to update our database.
- **Please keep your church pledges up-to-date.** We thank all those who have increased their offering. May God reward you with abundance.
- **Many of us remember Kh.Manal (Mimi) Dahdouh.** She is currently going through very expensive experimental cancer treatment up in Toronto. If you would like to donate to her cause, you can do it through [Gofundme.com/Mimi Dahdouh](https://www.gofundme.com/MimiDahdouh)
- **REMINDER-** Elections for the Ladies officers will be held on August 19th. Please attend.

SCHEDULE/DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday	8/14	Feast of the Dormition Evening Liturgy @ 6:00 PM
Wednesday	8/15	Parish Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Sunday	8/19	Ladies Election for Officers
Sunday	9/9	First day of Sunday School

DORMITION FAST- The Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, **August 15**, is our Patronal feast day. The Dormition fast began **Wednesday, August 1**, and continues through **Tuesday, August 14**, the eve of the Feast.

WE ARE CALLED TO BE TRANSFIGURED

As a faithful Christian, what is your goal in this earthly life? It is to become like God. Theologians call this "*theosis*" or "*deification*". It is through the grace of God that believers grow to become like Him.

During a major event in His life, Jesus was transfigured before three of His apostles, His face became as bright as the sun, and His clothes as white as snow. In this transformation, Jesus appeared in the glory and radiance of His divinity. Christ let His divine nature shine forth through His humanity, just as we are instructed to do.

The Scriptures give ample witness to this lofty goal of humankind. Jesus once said: "*Be you therefore perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect*" (Matt 5:48). St. Paul writes: "*Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which you have from God*" (1 Cor. 6:19). The Apostle Peter tells the faithful that they are to be "*partakers of the divine nature*" (2 Peter 1:4).

Let us remember, then, that we are made in the image and likeness of God, as Genesis points out. The annual observance of the Transfiguration of our Lord should spur us on towards the actualization of this supreme calling of ours. While it is true that the full deification of the believer must await the coming of the Lord, let us nevertheless set our sight on that true Light which enlightens every person that comes into the world.

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Saturday: Vespers at 4:30 PM followed by confession

Sunday: Orthros at 9:30 AM & Divine Liturgy at 10:30 AM

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