

July 27th, 2024



Summer Services

*6th Sunday After Pentecost
August 4th
Liturgy, 10 a.m.
Blessing of Fruit*

*8th Sunday After Pentecost
August 18th
Liturgy, 10 a.m.
Blessing flowers & herbs.*

*10th Sunday After Pentecost
September 1st
Liturgy, 10 a.m.
Ecclesiastical New Year*

*12th Sunday After Pentecost
September 15th
Liturgy, 10 a.m.*

*14th Sunday After Pentecost
September 29th
Liturgy, 10 a.m.*

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Parish Bulletin Supplement Announcements

Fruit of the Transfiguration blessed on Sunday, August 4th

The Orthodox Church greets the feast with the tradition of the blessing of fruit. Here is a natural expression of sacrifice to the Lord of His blessings of rain and sunshine which make it possible to reap a bountiful harvest. We who bring our fruit in plastic bags from the supermarket must use our imagination in order to be truly grateful for the harvest blessings. We may not have the same appreciation as if we had brought our grapes and apples from our own vines and trees. It takes a farmer's daily prayers to feel the reward of his petitions.

Bring your fruit for the blessing!

The actual feast day is on Tuesday, August 6th.

*The Feast of the
**Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the
Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary**
is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition and in the Greek *kimisis*) or "falling-asleep" of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

The Feast of the Dormition is often associated with the blessing of flowers and herbs, because the fragrance of the flowers and herbs reminds us of the scent of holiness, which filled the empty tomb of the Theotokos. In many places it is still the custom to bring herbs and flowers on this feast day to be blessed.

**On Sunday, August 18th blessing of flowers
and herbs will be celebrated.**