



Our Lady of Lebanon

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Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost Season

Feast of Transfiguration

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From the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 3:7-17

Brothers and Sisters,

Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, was so glorious that the Israelites could not look intently at the face of Moses because of its glory that was going to fade, how much more will the ministry of the Spirit be glorious?

For if the ministry of condemnation was glorious, the ministry of righteousness will abound much more in glory. Indeed, what was endowed with glory has come to have no glory in this respect because of the glory that surpasses it. For if what was going to fade was glorious, how much more will what endures be glorious.

Therefore, since we have such hope, we act very boldly and not like Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the Israelites could not look intently at the cessation of what was fading.

Rather, their thoughts were rendered dull, for to this present day the same veil remains unlifted when they read the old covenant, because through Christ it is taken away. To this day, in fact, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts, but whenever a person turns to the Lord the veil is removed.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Praise be to God always!

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark 9:1-7

He also said to them, "Amen, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come in power."

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

This is The Truth, Peace be with you.

Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ (August 6) commemorates the transfiguration of Christ on Mount Tabor, when our Lord appeared in His divine glory before the Apostles Peter, James, and John. Jesus took the Apostles Peter, James, and John with Him up upon a mountain. His face shone like the sun, and His garments became glistening white.

In the Transfiguration, the apostles see the glory of the Kingdom of God present in majesty in the person of Christ they see that “in Him, indeed, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,” that “in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily” (Col 1.19, 2.9). They see who is God, and what he has prepared for those who love Him. This is what the Church celebrates in the feast of the Transfiguration.

Moses and Elijah appeared with Christ, talking to Him. Moses and Elijah, according to the liturgical verses, are not only the greatest figures of the Old Testament whom God has revealed himself and who now come to worship the Son of God in glory. These two figures actually stand for the Old Testament itself: Moses for the Law and Elijah for the Prophets. And Christ is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.

They also stand for the living and dead, for Moses died and his burial place is known, while Elijah was taken alive into heaven in order to appear again to announce the time of God’s salvation in Christ the Messiah.

The Transfiguration of Christ in itself is the fulfillment of all of the manifestations of God, a fulfillment made perfect and complete in the person of Christ.

The Transfiguration of Christ reveals to us our ultimate destiny as Christians, the ultimate destiny of all men and all creation to be transformed and glorified by the majestic splendor of God Himself.

REMEMBER IT

Then from the cloud came a voice,
“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”

Mark 9:7

Deacon's Corner

I have been thinking about the issue of "trust" for quite a while. And with some upcoming health challenges coming my way this week, "trust" has been thrust to the forefront of my thoughts, which has me thinking much more deeply about this concept.

Webster defines "trust" as Total confidence in the integrity, ability, and good character of another. And as we have progressed through our lives from childhood to adults, "trust" has really taken on some very important meanings but, I believe, they can all be defined as Webster did above even though they seemed to be so different at the time.

If we look at "trust" from the eyes we had when we were children, one might say that most of our "trust" was put in the hands of our parents. And for me looking back in time, I feel that some "trust" was put in the hands of our teachers, who were mostly nuns and priests. We also put some of that "trust" in policemen, firemen, doctors, nurses, etc. And most important of all, we had "trust" in Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. So what has changed as we have gotten into our adult years? What has brought us to NOT "trust" so many of those we had trusted in the past?

Our Lord has not changed. His teachings have not changed. His doctrine has not changed. BUT WE HAVE CHANGED. And I am not sure if our change has always been for our own betterment. Remember that I am not judging you, only myself. But if you see some possible similarities to your life as I have presented here, all the better.

I truly believe that President Eisenhower was on the right track when he enacted "In God we trust" to be put on all US currency. Perhaps he realized, or maybe not, what impact that phrase could and would have on the people of the United States. And at least for me, having "trust" in God is the single most important thing that has taken place in my life, from my childhood up and until today. Put your "trust" in God and I promise you that every day will be a happier and more fulfilling experience for everyone.

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday August 14, 2016

11:30 Mass

The deceased of the shaker family *(Req. by the Breit Family)*

Harriet Musallem *(Req. by Struven Family)*



Join Our Centennial Celebration

Where:

Silver Spring Golf Club
N56 W21318 Silver Spring Drive
Menomonee Falls, WI

When:

Saturday, August 20, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Evening Includes:

Live entertainment by Doris Farhat and her band
Grand buffet, silent auction, and other celebratory festivities.
Admission is \$75 for adults, and \$30 for children 12 and under.

For tickets contact:

Michel Aboul-Zelof 414-305-6549, Yasmine Al Abdul Raheem
(414) 801-6462, Janelle Herro 414-702-8895/414-771-0566, Lina
Kassees 262-271-5462, or Vera Maalouf 262-496-9807

Mass Celebration



Feast of Transfiguration: P. 585
Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774

Sunday Readings



Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:7-17
Holy Gospel: Mark 9:1-7

Mass Intentions



09:30 Mass

Marie Niziolek *(Req by Lillian Hanna)*
Harriet Musallem *(Req. by Struven Family)*
A speedy recovery for Deacon John Sfire

11:30 Mass:

Antoon Naffah-Antoine & Georgette Khoury –
Joseph and Olga Mattar *(Req. by Pierre & Ann Naffah)*
Harriet Musallem *(Req. by Struven Family)*
Antoun Chedid *(Req. by Hanan Merheb)*
A speedy recovery for Deacon John Sfire
And a speedy recovery for Riad Chedid

| Schedules | 9:30 A.M. Mass | 11:30 A.M. Mass |
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| Altar Servers | Joseph and George Estephan Andres Ballines, Leila Nehra | Youssif and Reem Hattar, Estifan Azzo, Cassandra Chahoud, Ramez Sayegh |
| Readers | Lillian Hanna | Sara Massud (English) Gisele Mulcahey (Arabic) |
| Ushers | Robert Antoun Frank Kermend | Henry Abboud, Elie Massud, George Zakhem, Marc Cortbaoui |

Announcements

✳ FEAST OF OUR LADY

Next Sunday August 14, Our Lady of Lebanon church will celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Virgin Mary into Heaven. (No 9:30 Mass)

10:00 Am: Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

11:30 AM: Mass and Procession

12:30: Luncheon

✳ **American Syrian Lebanese Lodge of Milwaukee** is Celebrating its Centennial on Saturday August 20th at 7 PM in Silver Spring Golf Club, Menomonee Falls, WI. Admission is \$75 for adults, and \$30 for children 12 and under. Live entertainment by Doris Farhat and her band, grand buffet, silent auction, and other celebratory festivities. For tickets contact: Michel Aboul-Zelof 414-305-6549, Yasmine Al Abdul Raheem (414) 801-6462, Janelle Herro 414-702-8895/414-771-0566, Lina Kassees 262-271-5462, or Vera Maalouf 262-496-9807

✳ LEBANESE FESTIVAL

The Lebanese Festival - September 9 -10, 2016 - is our major Parish Event and volunteers are needed and are welcome on all committees. If you are interested in getting involved please contact **Rima Antoon** (630-881-7536), **Jackie Tamer** (773-882-7105) or the Parish Office (630-932-9640). Your support through monetary donations, volunteering your time, spreading the word and festival attendance will contribute to the greater good of Our Lady of Lebanon Church.

Coming Tuesday and Thursday August 9 and 11, the ladies in our community are called upon to come together and start preparing the food for the festival.

✳ **SAJ EVENT:** Saint John the Baptist church is holding a Saj Event on this Sunday august 7.

Let us remember

And pray for our Beloved Ones who died during the month of August

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| † Joseph Abraham | † Carmen Tano | † Edward G. Khalaf | † Nicholas Coury |
| † May Jage | † Elie Gossan | † John Paul Nemeh | † Rose Joseph |
| † Norma Gattas | † Margaret Gilaty | † Catherine Najehton | † Helen Coury |
| † Haj Dandan | † Hannie Haddad | † Edward Witterson | † Tamino Kattany |
| † Georgette Tarazi | † Salma Haddad | † Edward Khalaf | |

COLLECTION

Sunday July 31, 2016: \$ 2,292.00

*"It's not how much we give
But how much love we put into giving."*

(Mother Theresa)