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Can we be transfigured?

The transfiguration of Christ (August 19) is one of the central events recorded in the gospels. Immediately after the Lord was recognized by his apostles as "the Messiah, the Son of the Living God," he told them that "he must go up to Jerusalem and suffer many things ... and be killed and on the third day be raised" (Mt 16). The announcement of Christ's approaching passion and death was met with indignation by the disciples. After rebuking them, the Lord took Peter, James, and John up to Mount Tabor -- and was "transfigured before them.

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 this before the crucifixion so that in the resurrection they might know who it is who has suffered for them, and what it is that this one, who is God, has prepared for those who love him. This is what the Church celebrates in the feast of the Transfiguration.

Besides the fundamental meaning which the event of the Transfiguration has in the context of the life and mission of Christ, and in addition to the theme of the glory of God which is revealed in all of its divine splendor in the face of the Savior, the presence of Moses and Elijah is also of great significance for the understanding and celebration of the feast.

Moses and Elijah are not only the greatest figures of the Old Testament who now come to worship the Son of God in glory, they also are not merely two of the holy men to whom God has revealed himself in the prefigurative theophanies of the Old Covenant of Israel. These two figures actually stand for the Old Testament itself: Moses for the Law and Elijah for the Prophets. Therefore, Christ is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (Mt 5:17).

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. Thus, in appearing with Jesus on the mount of Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah show that the Messiah is here, and that he is the Son of God to whom the Father himself bears witness, the Lord of all creation, of the Old and New Testaments, of the living and the dead. The Transfiguration of Christ in itself is the fulfillment of all of the theophanies and 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.

The blessing of grapes, as well as other fruits and vegetables on this day is the most beautiful and adequate sign of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. It signifies the ultimate flowering and fruitfulness of all creation in the paradise of God's unending Kingdom of Life where all will be transformed by the glory of the Lord.

Да ли можемо бити преображени?

Христово преображење (19. Август) је једно од централних догађаја у јеванђељу. Одмах после када су његови апостоли препознали да је он Месија, син живог Бога, он је њима рекао да мора отићи у Јерусалем да претрпи многе ствари... и да буде убијен и да васкрсне на трећи дан. (Мт. 16). Апостоли су дочекали ово објављивање о Његовом приближавању страсти и смрти са огорчењем. После карања њих, Господ је одвео Петра, Јакова и Јована на Таборску Гору и пред њима је био преображен.



У преображењу апостоли су видели славу Божијег царства присутну у величанству личности Христа. Они виде у њему, заиста, настањена сва пуноћа, јер у њему обитава сва пуноћа Божанства телесног (Кол. 1,19, 2:9). Они ово виде пре распећа тако да у васкрсењу би знали ко ће се мучити за њих, и шта је овај, ко је Бог, имао припремити за оне који га љубе. Ово је шта црква прославља на празник преображење.

Поред темељног значења догађај преобразење у контексту Христовог живота и мисије, и укључујући тему славе Бога која се открива у свим својим божанским величанствима у лицу Спаситеља, присуство Мојсија и Илије је исто много значајно за разумевање и славу овог празника.

Мојсија и Илија нису само велике личности у Старом Завету који сада долазе да служе Сина Божијег у слави, нису само два света човека коме је Бог открио себе у предочењу Старог обећања Израилјева. Ова двојица уствари представљају Стари Завет сами: Мојсија за закон, а Илија за пророке. Ипак, Христос је испуњавање закона и пророка (Мт. 5,17).

Они исто представљају живе и мртве, јер Мојсија је умро и зна се где, али Илија је узет жив у небо да би се појавио опет да прогласи време Божијег спасења у Христа Спаситеља. Тако, појављујући се са Христом на Гори Преображење, Мојсија и Илија показују да Спаситељ је овде, и да је он син Божији које Отац сам сведочи, Господ сваког створења, о Старом и Новом Завету, о живима и мртвима. Христово преображење у себи је испуњавање свих Божијих богојављања и манифестација, завршно испуњавање и потпуност у личности Христа. Христово преображење нам открива нашу крајњу судбину за све људе и сва створења да буде преображен и прослављен величанствен сјај самог Бога.

Освештавање грождја, са другим воћем и поврћем на овај дан је најлепши и довољан знак о коначном преображењу свега у Христа. Оно означава коначно светивање и плодност целих створења у рај Божији непрекидно царство живота где ће сви бити преображени кроз Божију славу.

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Blessings / prayers – Благослови и молитве

Birth Prayers – молитве за порођај: Radenka & Filip Vojnovic

Home blessings – освештавање домава: George Luksetich Family, Zivko Vojnovic Family

Slava – славе: St. John the Baptist: George Luksetich Family; St. Archangel Gabriel: Dragoljub Grujic

Marriage – венчање: Tristan & Jasmina Nyysella

Healing prayers – молитве за здравље: Jelena Stojakovic

Pomens / Parastoses – Помени - Парастосе: Angel Angelov, Zora Spasic, Valentina P. Saoli, Branka Vuckovic

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Serbian Days Celebration – July 23-24, 2011

This year’s celebration was blessed with the presence of parishioners from Portland and Vancouver. On Saturday, July 23, thanks to organizer Dejan Jankovic, a mini soccer tournament took place with Portland FC Obilic taking first place. PFC Seattle took 2nd place and FC Slavija took 3rd place. The best player was Jan Komarica from Portland. The folklore group from Portland also performed to the delight of all present. The rest of the day was spent in a relaxed picnic atmosphere with live music from “Tri Šeširi” Orchestra, and delicious barbecued food. On Sunday after Divine Liturgy, picnicking continued with beautiful weather.

We are grateful for the following individuals who helped before and during Serbian Days and all the Sisters who brought deserts:

<p>Snezena Banjanin Milorad Blagojevic Stevo Bursac Aleksandar Dozic Olja Djudjevac Zorica & Susana Dukic Georgi Georgiev Darko Hrle Dejan Jankovic Radomir & Janja Jasika Djordje & Milica Kablar Neven & Bogdanka Kablar Vojislav & Julija Kokeza Goran Krstic Rada Manojlovic Vjera Melton Zmajko Milosavljevic</p>	<p>Budimir Nikolic Spomenka Novakovic Milos Pesic Danijel Plavsic Milan Radic Vladimir & Aleksandra Radojevic Jovica Spasic Milan Stefanovic Mile & Slavka Stevanovic Nada Stojkovic Tamara Supica Dejan Subotic Tihomir Tepsa Lidija Todorovic Jovo & Aleksandar Trbic Djoko Trifkovic Andjelko Vasic Family</p>
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New Property Update



We are close to paying off the mortgage on the new property. If we can pay off the mortgage this month, we can save over \$70,000 in interest payment over the next four years. For those who have not contributed yet, search your hearts and ask yourself if you want to be part of the legacy of the growth of St. Sava Church for generations to come for the glory of God. If you do, then give what you can, for no gift is too small. You may bring or mail your checks to St. Sava Church, P.O. Box 2366, Issaquah, WA 98027 and note on the check "property." You may also use 'PayPal' [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd= s-xclick&hosted button id=UNKW7Y4WSFG9U](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=UNKW7Y4WSFG9U) .

Новости о купљеном имању

Близу смо да исплатимо хипотеку на ново имање. Ако би исплатити хипотеку овог месеца, уштедили би преко 70.000\$ на интересу који би плаћали у преостале 4. године. За оне који још нису ништа дали, потражите ваше срце и запитајте се да ли желите да будете део исторског раста цркве Св. Саве, за генерације које долазе у славу Бога. Ако желите то, онда дајте шта можете, јер ниједан дар није сувише мали. Можете донети или послати ваш чек St. Sava Church, P.O. Box 2366, Issaquah, WA 98027 и назначити да је за имање. Можете и употребити „PayPal“ [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd= s-xclick&hosted button id=UNKW7Y4WSFG9U](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=UNKW7Y4WSFG9U) .

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Thank you - Хвала

Sunday Lunches: Church Board, KSS, Beaty Family, Silvija Jakovljevic, Dj. Kablar & D. Plavsic Families, Protinica Carole.

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KSS

The KSS is planning to provide food catering services as a fund raising activity. Contact Julia Kokeza at 425 – 837 8702 if you would like to help.
Annual membership dues are \$20.

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Choir

The church choir had a very difficult winter this year. What with broken bones, commitments to care giving to elder parents, typical winter health issues, etc. etc. etc. a sobering thought came to mind. Who will, as the Prokeimenon in Tone 3 states, "Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!" , sing these praises during the divine liturgy when we are not able to do so? Every hymn the choir sings is a prayer to God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit and/or Saints. This is true from the first Amen to the last Amen.

As Stewards of our FAITH it should be the responsibility of all of us to make certain that these songs/hymns do not become silent. Please come join us for weekly practices on Wednesday's at 7:00 pm or after liturgy twice per month (see church calendar for specific dates). Let us together sing praises to our God now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Please call Vjera Melton at 206 612-9171 for more information.

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Shoreline Community College Students

A couple of Serbian exchange students have an opportunity to attend Shoreline Community College and play basketball. Because of their economic situation, they will need to have a place to live while in school. If you are in a position to help one of these students, contact Fr. Ilija.

Uros Cosic, 21 years old, Belgrade, Serbia
Predrag Stolica, 18 years old, Belgrade, Serbia

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Church Slavias

On August 14, 2011 **St. Protodeacon Steven the First Martyr** Church in Portland will celebrate their church slava – Transfer of the relics of St. Steven and 20 year anniversary. His Grace Bishop Maxim along with other clergy, including Fr. Ilija, will concelebrate. Everyone is encouraged to attend this slava since there will be no services at St. Sava on August 13 or 14.

On August 28, 2011, the **Dormition of the Mother of God** Church in The Dalles, OR will celebrate their church slava. This is a growing missionary parish and we need to support them in their efforts. There will be no vespers on August 27 at St. Sava and on August 28 there will be a reader's service at St. Sava since Fr. Ilija will be in The Dalles for the slava. Everyone is encouraged to attend this slava.

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What to do when –

expecting a birth: Notify your priest of your expected due date. When the baby is born call your priest to come and read the first day birth prayers. On the eight day the priest will come to read additional prayers and the child will receive its name. On the 40th day the mother and child come to church for prayers. The child should be baptized within a reasonable time.

planning a marriage: Notify your priest of your intentions and planned dates as soon as known. Don't wait until all 'arrangements' have been made. No marriages during lenten periods. Marriages should take place in church and it is not necessary to have a civil marriage first. Make arrangements with your priest to schedule pre-marital counseling sessions. Schedule the pre-nuptial prayers in church, which in effect is the engagement. One of the two witnesses has to be an Orthodox Christian. In a mixed marriage, the non-Orthodox person has to be a baptized Christian. The Bishop has to bless – give permission for a mixed marriage.

preparing for your family slava: All family members should fast on fasting days and have their confessions heard. All family members should come to church on the day of their slava and bring the kolach and zito, if a service is scheduled, and receive holy communion if baptized. If no service is scheduled, contact your priest as early as possible to arrange for the priest to come to your home. If no service is scheduled, come to church the Sunday before for confession and to receive holy communion.

Lectionary - Лекционариум

August 1 – 31, 2011

Monday: 1 Corinthians 9:13-18 • Matthew 16:1-6
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 10:5-12 • Matthew 16:6-12
Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 10:12-22 • Matthew 16:20-24
Thursday: 1 Corinthians 10:28-11:7 • Matthew 16:24-28
Friday: 1 Corinthians 11:8-22 • Matthew 17:10-18
Saturday: Romans 13:1-10 • Matthew 12:30-37

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 • Matthew 14:14-22
Monday: 1 Corinthians 11:31-12:6 • Matthew 18:1-11
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 • Matthew 18:18-22; 19:1-2, 13-15
Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 13:4-14:5 • Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday: 1 Corinthians 14:6-19 • Matthew 20:17-28
Friday: 1 Corinthians 14:26-40 • Matthew 21:12-14, 17-20
Saturday: Romans 14:6-9 • Matthew 15:32-39

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 • Matthew 14:22-34
Monday: 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 • Matthew 14:22-34
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 15:29-38 • Matthew 21:23-27
Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 16:4-12 • Matthew 21:28-32
Thursday: 2 Corinthians 1:1-7 • Matthew 21:43-46
Friday: 2 Corinthians 1:12-20 • Matthew 22:23-33
Saturday: Romans 15:30-33 • Matthew 17:24-18:4

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 • Matthew 17:14-23
Monday: 2 Corinthians 2:4-15 • Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 2:14-3:3 • Matthew 23:23-28
Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11 • Matthew 23:29-39
Thursday: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 • Matthew 24:13-28
Friday: 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 • Matthew 24:27-33, 42-51
Saturday: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 • Matthew 19:3-12

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 • Matthew 18:23-35
Monday: 2 Corinthians 5:10-15 • Mark 1:9-15
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 5:15-21 • Mark 1:16-22
Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 6:11-16 • Mark 1:23-28