

AUGUST, 2017							GREGORIAN
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
06 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 Nn Transfiguration	07	08	09 Brandon: 9 am Health of Pat Synchshyn Offering: UCWLC Brandon	10 Brandon: 9 am + Louise Kostenchuk Offering: George Kostenchuk	11  Brandon: 9 am + Anna Dauk Offering: Barbara MacKalski	12 Brandon: 5 pm	
13 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 Nn 10 th Sunday After Pentecost	14	15 HDO Brandon: 9 am Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary	16 Brandon: 9 am	17 Brandon: 9 am + Louise Kostenchuk Offering: Beverly Litkovich	18  Brandon: 9 am	19 Brandon: 5 pm Les & Pat Synchshyn 25 th Anniversary Offering: UCWLC Brandon	

It Is Good For Us To Be Here

Upon Mount Tabor, Jesus revealed to His disciples a heavenly mystery. While living among them He had spoken of the kingdom and of His second coming in glory, but to banish from their hearts any possible doubt concerning the kingdom and to confirm their faith in what lay in the future by its prefiguration in the present, He gave them on Mount Tabor a wonderful vision of His glory, a foreshadowing of the kingdom of heaven.

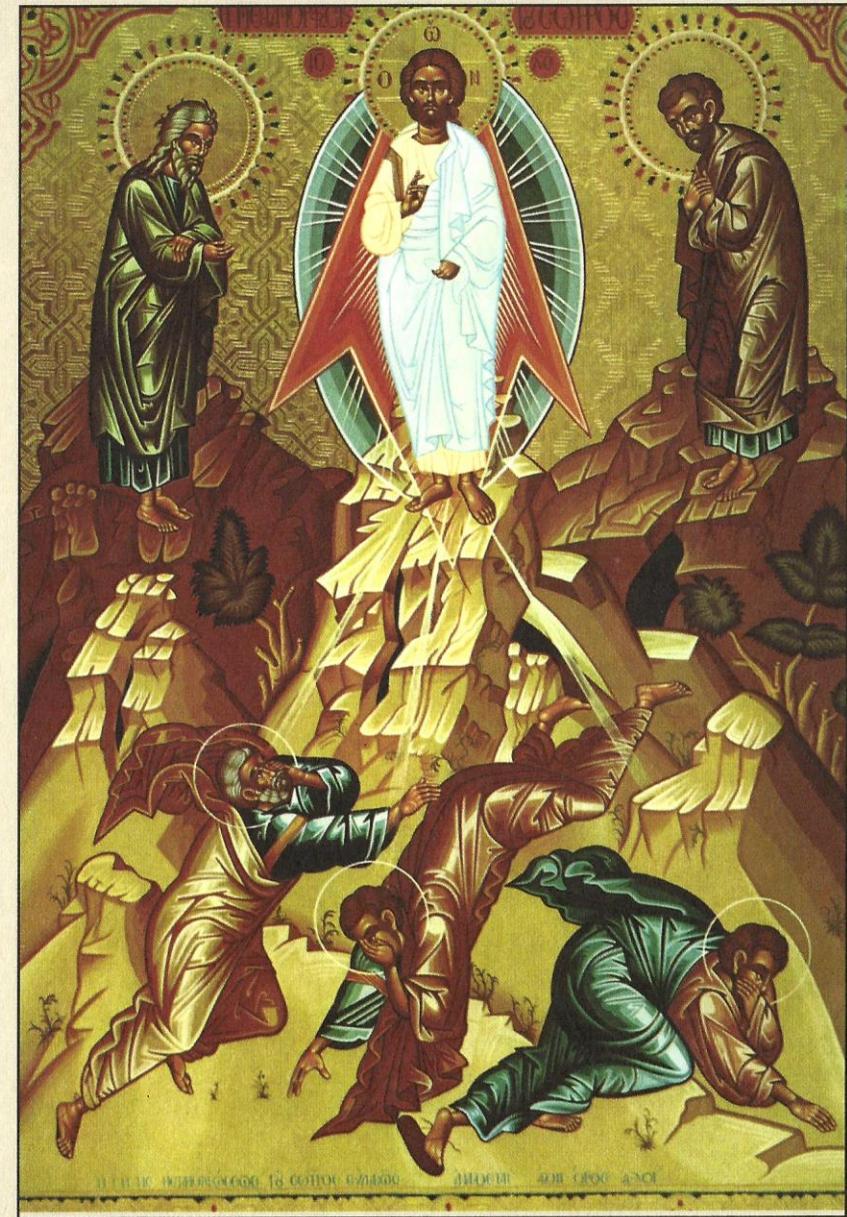
It was as if he said to them: "As time goes by you may be in danger of losing your faith. To save you from this I tell you now that some standing here listening to me will not taste death until they have seen the Son of Man coming in the glory of His Father." Moreover, in order to assure us that Christ could

command such power when He wished, the evangelist continues: Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John, and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. There, before their eyes, He was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as light. Then the disciples saw Moses and Elijah appear, and they were talking to Jesus.

These are the divine wonders we celebrate today; this is the saving revelation given us upon the mountain; this is the festival of Christ that has drawn us here.

St. Anastasius of Sinai, Bishop

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Icon of the Holy Transfiguration -- August 6th

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DIVINE LITURGIES

Wednesday - Friday - 9:00 AM
Saturday (English) - 5:00 PM
Sunday (Bilingual) - 9:00 AM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
Sun Aug 06	P. Zaliskyy	L. Halchyshak / D. Shwaluk
Sun Aug 13	O. Stevenson	A. Todosichuk / S. Kachur
Sun Aug 20	P. Todoruk	M. Sheeshka / D. Kostiw
Sun Aug 27	T. Yuriy	L. Halchyshak / D. Shwaluk

COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:

Saturday, Jul 29	\$ 192.00
Sunday, Jul 30	\$ 621.00
Total	\$ 813.00
Candles	\$ 23.30

QUOTE OF THE DAY

The first step in conforming our intellect to God's truth is to die to our vanity, pride, and craving for respect from colleagues and the public. We must let go of the worldly motivations that drive us, praying to be motivated solely by a genuine desire to submit our minds to God's Word – and then to use that knowledge in service to others.

- Nancy Pearcey

COOKS CREEK - AUGUST 18-20, 2017

The 63rd three-day Annual Pilgrimage is set to take place at the "Prairie Cathedral" of the Immaculate Conception and Grotto at Cooks Creek. For further information and schedule, please check their website at www.immaculate.ca

K OF C EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Canon Luhovy Assembly Educational Foundation provides financial assistance to Ukrainian Catholic students, seminarians and religious sisters who attend post-secondary institutions, seminaries and private Catholic secondary schools. If anyone wishes to apply for a bursary, please see Fr. Michael for an application form. The closing date for receipt of applications is September 30th, 2017.

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH GARAGE SALE

St. Augustine's Church will hold a garage sale at the St. Augustine's School Gymnasium on Saturday, August 26th from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Vendor tables are available for rent (\$15.00/table). Donations (nearly new/like new, clean, in good working order) include: kitchen and household items (small appliances, dishes, cookware, etc.) home décor (wall art, candle holders, clocks, etc.) yard and garden (yard ornaments, lawn furniture, etc.) vintage and antique items collectibles (music albums, stamps, coins, etc.) baby gear (swings, strollers, toys, etc.) toys (not broken), bicycles (ready to ride), puzzles tools and power tools (saws, drills, etc.) camping and fishing gear (coolers, lanterns, tents, etc.) sports equipment (golf clubs, workout equipment) fashion jewelry small furniture items (chairs, tables, etc.) photography, video and audio equipment, guitars. Donations (no clothes please) can be dropped off after 6:30 PM on Thursday, August 24th, 2017. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact St. Augustine's Parish Office (204-727-4728) or Brian (204-725-3174).

CHRIST OUR PASCHA

There are still two books available of the adult catechism "Christ Our Pascha". The cost is \$20.00 per copy. Please see Fr. Michael if you would like to purchase one.

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O, FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD!

One of God's servants had walked so blessedly and so long in the King's highway that the glow and glory of the Yonderland shone on his face. Having held converse with his Saviour during the long span of years, he was on the friendliest of terms with his Lord. As he closed his eyes in sleep, he would serenely say, "Good night, dear Jesus!" Awakening in the morning, he would joyously exclaim, "Good morning, dear Jesus!" Oh, that more of us knew Him so intimately that we, too, thus enjoyed the preciousness of a friendly and familiar, though not irreverent, relationship to Him!

- Rev. Harold Walker

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HUMOR

A young man with a few hours to spare one afternoon figures that if he hurries and plays very fast, he can get in nine holes before he has to head home. As he is about to tee off, an old gentleman shuffles onto the tee and asks if he can join him. Although worried this will slow him up, the younger man says, "Of course." To his surprise, the old man plays quickly. He doesn't hit the ball very far, but it goes straight. Furthermore, the old man moves along without wasting any time. When they reach the 9th fairway, the young man is facing a tough shot. A large pine tree sits in front of his ball, directly between it and the green. After several minutes pondering how to hit the shot, the old man says, "You know, when I was your age, I'd hit the ball right over that tree." With the challenge before him, the young man swings hard, hits the ball, watches it fly into the branches, rattle around, and land with a thud a foot from where it had started. "Of course," says the old man, "when I was your age, that tree was only three feet tall."

2) *The Works of Christ*

- 211 In addition to the words of his preaching, Christ points to other signs that indicate the arrival of God's kingdom: "The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up" (Lk 7:22; see Is 35:5-6; 61:1). The works of Christ witness to the presence and action of God among his people. "As a man, he fasted forty days and became hungry, and as God he defeated the tempter. As a man he went to the marriage in Cana of Galilee, and as God he turned the water into wine. As a man he slept on the ship, and as God he rebuked the wind and the sea and they heeded him."¹⁷³
- 212 Human ailments, suffering, and death are consequences of the Fall. Christ came to conquer sin, the cause of all our woes. Only Christ, as the God-man, has the power to free us from sin. He accomplishes this by means of forgiveness: "Friend, your sins are forgiven you" (Lk 5:20). Quite often, a physical cure or healing—as a result of forgiveness—becomes the visible sign of a spiritual change (in Greek, *metanoia*) within a person: "Stand up and take up your bed and go home" (Lk 5:24). Christ heals us by forgiving our sins and restoring our physical health.
- 213 Healing is only possible when faith—one's openness to God—is present: "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" (Mt 9:28). Faith opens a person to receive God's gift, whereas unbelief becomes an obstacle to the reception of this gift: "And [Jesus] did not do many deeds of power [in Nazareth], because of their unbelief" (Mt 13:58).
- 214 As the signs of God's action in the time of Christ were his miracles, so in the life of the Church the signs are the Holy Mysteries. The grace of God acts in the Holy Mysteries through external signs such as water, oil, bread, and wine, as well as various liturgical gestures and actions. By receiving the Holy Mysteries, a person conquers sinful inclinations and grows in virtue.

¹⁷³ ILARION, METROPOLITAN OF KYIV, Sermon on Law and Grace, 26.

*He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day, he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. (Symbol of Faith)*

*And when he had descended through the Cross into Hades,
so that he might fill all things with himself, he loosed the pangs of death
And rising on the third day
and making a way for all flesh to the resurrection of the dead.,,
He became the first fruit of those that sleep, the first-born of the dead
so that he might have pre-eminence in all things.
And he ascended into heave
and took his seat at the right hand of your majesty on high,
(Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great)*

3. 'The Pascha (Passover) of Christ

- 215 the word Pascha, derived from the Hebrew, Pesach, means to pass by, to pass through. The Pascha of Jesus Christ is his passing through suffering and death to his glorification in the Resurrection and Ascension. In the deepest sense, Christ himself is the Pascha (Passover) (see 1 Cor 5:6-8), for the passage from death to life takes place in him: "Pascha, Pascha of the Lord, for from death to life, and from earth to heaven Christ God has led us."¹⁷⁴ Without him, all the efforts of the human race to free itself from slavery to sin and death would be in vain.
- 216 In the Old Testament, the celebration of Passover commemorated the liberation of God's People from the slavery of Egypt. When Pharaoh refused to let the people go, an angel of death took the lives of the Egyptian first-born. He passed by the Israelite homes, the door-posts o which by the directions of Moses had been anointed with the blood of a sacrificed lamb, so that no first-born Hebrew child would die (see Ex 12:12-13). In the celebration of Passover, the Jews also commemorated the passing through the Red Sea, when the Lord God saved the people of Israel from Pharaoh's army (see Ex 14).
- 217 The Old Testament Passover was a prefiguration of Christ's Passover (Pascha). It prepared the People of God for final liberation and salvation in the kingdom of God: Christ—the Lamb of God—by his Blood (see 1 Pt 1:19) leads the human race in an exodus from slavery to sin and the dominion of death, bringing us to resurrection and eternal life

¹⁷⁴ Floral Triodion, Sunday of Pascha, Paschal Matins, Canon of Pascha, Ode 1, Irmos.