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Translation of the Relics of the Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen from Jerusalem to Constantinople

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services	Wed., Aug. 5th	**Vespers with Litya of Feast of the Holy Transfiguration**	**7 pm**
	Thurs., Aug. 6th	**Feast of the Holy Transfiguration**	
		Hours	**8:45 am**
		Divine Liturgy	**9 am**
	Sat., Aug. 8th	**Great Vespers with Confession**	**6 pm**
	Sun., Aug. 9th	**Afterfeast of the Transfiguration Glorification of our Venerable and God-bearing Father Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of Alaska and Equal to the Apostles**	
		Hours	**9:15 am**
		Divine Liturgy	**9:30 am**

REMINDER: ***With the Dormition fast having started, prescribing those who are able to refrain from meat and dairy and to increase prayer and almsgiving until the Feast of the Dormition. See Fr. Evan if there are any questions.***

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for next Sunday's Liturgy.

- ***Epistle:*** 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 *(Resurrection)*
  2 Peter 1:10-19 *(Transfiguration)*
- ***Gospel Reading:*** Matthew 14:22-34 *(Resurrection)*
  Matthew 17:1-9 *(Transfiguration)*

Tone 8 Troparion *(Resurrection)* Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee! **Tone 4 Troparion** *(St. Stephen)* Thy relics have risen from the depths of the earth, like a treasury for the immortal life of all creation. The Church, rejoicing in the grace that she receives from them, dutifully honors thee, O Protomartyr Stephen. Preserve us from error and heresy by thy intercession!	**Tone 8 Kontakion** *(Resurrection)* By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One! **Tone 6 Kontakion** *(St. Stephen)* Thou wast the first to be sown on the earth by the Heavenly Husbandman, O all-praised one, and wast the first to shed thy blood on the earth for Christ, O blessed one. Thou wast the first to receive the crown of victory from Him in heaven, O Stephen, first of the suffering God-crowned martyrs.	**Tone 8 Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)* Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! *(Ps. 75:10a)* *V. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)*

Epistle

(1 Corinthians 3:9-17)

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, *you are* God's building.

According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward.

If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.

Gospel

(Matthew 14:22-34)

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.

And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, **"Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."**

And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

So He said, **"Come."** And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

But when he saw that the wind *was* boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

And immediately Jesus stretched out *His* hand and caught him, and said to him, **"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"**

And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

Announcements:

Festival Cooking Schedule:

Aug. 8th at 7 a.m.	**Potato & Cheese Perohi & Noodles**

A Note from Fr. Evan:

As part of our due honor, love, care, and reverence for the Mysteries, each person receiving Holy Communion is asked to wait for a server to wipe his or her mouth with the cloth before we do anything else (including venerating the chalice). I appreciate your love, care, and attention in this and please talk to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Your servant in Christ,

Fr. Evan

This month's Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **August 10th at 6:30 pm**.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – AUGUST 6.

It is customary to bring quantities of fresh fruit to be blessed on the Transfiguration. It is a harvest celebration when fruits are usually of high quality and availability. Grapes, melons and berries are popular as are bananas, pears, apples, plums and peaches.

In addition to the 2 pews in the basement of the rectory that are looking for a new home, there are also a few other items: 1 metal cabinet, 1 wooden chest, 1 wooden entertainment stand, misc. headboards and baseboards (not a complete bed set), misc. mirrors, a wooden highchair, 1 pulpit/display case, 1 jewelry box, 1 small round table, 1 coffee table, 1 large rug. If you are interested in any of these items, please let Father Evan or one of the Parish Council members know.

Did you lose something? If so, see Marie Dudzinski who is safely keeping it.

Note Date Changes!

HROC 2026 Festival

Mark your calendars for:

Sunday, September 20th starting at 12 noon until sell-out.

It's Festival time again! This year's **Annual Fall Festival** will be held on **Sunday, September 20th from 12 pm to 6 pm** or until we're sold out. This means that we are in need of volunteers to give of their time and talent at Saturday Sessions and especially on Festival day! Please become a member of our wonderful Kitchen Crew! Your help and cooperation is always needed and appreciated! All cooking sessions start at 7 a.m. on Saturdays unless otherwise noted. Come join in the fellowship while helping make Baba's specialties. See you then!

Festival Cooking Schedule: (all sessions begin at 7 am on Saturdays unless otherwise noted)

Aug. 8th, Aug. 22nd, Aug. 29th	**Potato & Cheese Perohi & Noodles**

Sept. 12th	Beef Stroganoff
Fri., Sept. 18th	Bread Baking & Pete Beans
Sept. 19th	Halupki Making & Festival Setup

ALSO -- When purchasing pop for your cookout this summer, please consider purchasing an extra case of pop and/or water and donating towards this worthy cause. ***Your donation(s) DIRECTLY contribute to the success of this endeavor!***

Very Important Note from Fr. Evan: Please drive carefully and reduce your speed. Its Summer and children are out playing and riding bikes. There are a lot of children in the neighborhood as well as in the Church. *Please take caution when driving to and around the Church.*

Looking for a wholesome family weekend getaway that everyone can enjoy? ***Registration opened July 1st*** for The Archdiocesan Youth Committee's **2026 HEART FULL OF LIGHT FAMILY RETREAT** being held at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA. It will be a weekend of prayer, reflection, fellowship and family centered activities beginning Friday evening, August 14th through Sunday Brunch on August 16th. Currently, there are openings for 18 families (2 per cabin). Please see the vestibule bulletin for more details. Pricing includes all activities, lodging and meals. To register or any questions, contact Kyra Mathewson at kyra@ocadwpa.org.