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9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE VOICE

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Scheduled Readers 2026

Sunday, August 2 – Sue Ellen Turscak
Sunday, August 9 - Hours: Subdeacon Terrence
Epistle: Anastasia Bohush

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

THE DORMITION FAST

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8

Translation of the Relics of the Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen from JerusalemtoConstantinople

Saturday, August 1

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, August 2

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Subd. Terrence Bilas

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush

Epistle: 1 Cor. 3:9-17 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Wednesday , August 5

6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. ***Blessing of Grapes and other fruits***

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration. Glorification of Saint Herman of Alaska

Saturday, August 8

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, August 9

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sue Elle Turscak

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Turscak

Epistles: 1 Cor. 4:-16 Galatians 5:22-6:2

Gospels: Matthew 17:14-23 Luke 6:17-23

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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.

August 6th
FEAST OF THE HOLY
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ is one of the central events recorded in the Gospels. When our Lord was recognized by His apostles as the Christ, 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 from the dead.*** *(Matthew 16)*

The announcement of Christ's approaching passion and death upset the disciples. And then after correcting them, the Lord took Peter, James and John up to the high mountain, by tradition Mt. Tabor, and was "***transfigured before them and His Face shown like the sun and His garments became white as snow and behold there appeared to them Moses and Elia talking withHim."***

The event of the Transfiguration teaches us that God fulfills Hs promise to man. But the fulfillment is greater than any man could possibly realize. The Savior was sent not just as a messenger but the Son of God in human flesh. The mystery of the Transfiguration teaches us that the foulness of the Godhead is fond in Jesus and that the ***dwelling place of God is with man.***

In the Transfiguration, the apostles see the glory of God present in majesty and in the person of Jesus Christ.

They see this before the Crucifixion so that in the Resurrection they might know Who He is Who suffered for them, and what it is that this Jesus – Who is both God and Man – has prepared for those who love Him and His Heavenly Father.

The glory of God has appeared in Jesus!

Before Your precious Cross and Your Passion,
You took the holy Disciples whom You had especially chosen,
and went up, O Master, onto Mount Tabor
wishing to show them Your glory.
When they saw You transfigured, shining more brightly than the sun,
they fell on their faces, struck with amazement at Your might, and they cried aloud:
"O Christ, You are the timeless light and the brightness of the Father,
even though, of Your own will, You are manifested in the flesh without change."

The Feast of the Transfiguration will be celebrated at St. Elia with the Vesperal Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, August 5, at 6:00 pm followed by the Blessing of Grapes, other fruits and herbs. Please bring your baskets and bowls and place them for blessing on the table by the Icon of St. Herman.

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The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at the Monastery of the Transfiguration in Elwood City, Pa. on Thursday, August 6, at 9:30 am in the outside chapel.

FREE Parish Outing:
An Evening of Outdoor Classical Music

On **Sunday evening, Aug. 9, t**he Akron Symphony Orchestra will once again perform a free outdoor concert less than a mile away from St. Elia at Firestone (City) Park. Included this year will be familiar classics from Aaron Copland, George Gershwin, Scott Joplin, and Charles Ives, as well as Akron's own Stephanie Childers-White as guest vocalist for a selection of soulful pops.

Anyone who would like to meet up for an informal parish get-together is welcome. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, and feel free to pack a picnic, and enjoy an evening of music in a relaxed, family-friendly setting.

Look for Deacon Aaron and other members of our parish so we can all sit together. No tickets are needed. See you there!

What: Akron Symphony Free Summer Parks Concert
Date: Sunday, Aug. 9
Time: 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Location: Firestone Park Community Center, 1480 Girard Street, Akron

OUR STEWARDSHIP, July 26, 2026

Candles:	**37.00**
Bookstore:	**25.00**
Tithely Offerings:	**248.25**
Sunday Tray Offerings:	**745.00**
TOTAL:	**$1,055.25**

ST. HERMAN'S MEN'S HIKING CLUB

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 – 9:00 AM
Meeting at WORDEN'S LEDGES
985 Ledge Road, Hinckley, OH 44223
For prayer, fellowship, hiking
Please contact Jefferson Hodge for details:
757-374-3491

PAN ORTHODOX GOLF OUTING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
Elsworth Meadows Golf Club
1101 Barlow Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236
Check-in: 12:00 pm
18 holes Tee Off: 1:03 PM - $125 per person
9 Holes Tee Off: 3:18 PM - $85 per person
Sponsored by COCA

PARISH PICNIC: COLUMBIA WOODS PARK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Please check for the covered dish sign-up sheet

5K MARATHON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
IOCC -INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES
St. Elia in conjunction with COCA

HOLY TRANSFUGURATION MONASTERY
Elwood City, Pa.
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PATRONAL FEAST
Annual Pilgrimage

Presiding Hierarch
His Eminence, **the Most Reverend Daniel**
Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest
The Orthodox Church in America

Wednesday, August 5 – Eve of Transfiguration
6:00 pm Festal Vigil Service

Thursday, August 6 –
Feast of the Transfiguration

9:00 am Akathist – Glory to God for All Things
9:30 am Procession and Hierarchical Liturgy
12:00 Noon Catered Lunch
2:00 pm Memorial Service in the Cemetery
2:30 pm Holy Unction with Paraclesis

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