



St. Michael Youth Program

August 2016

My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour!

Home Discussion

During the month of June, we celebrate two Feasts: **The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ** and **The "falling asleep" of the Holy Virgin.**

Christ's Transfiguration: Jesus' face was like the sun and his clothes became white as the light as He revealed His glory before the Apostles: Peter, James and John on a mountain in Galilee. It was a "mountain-top experience;" a very special time away from others. What do you remember as special times for you at summer camp or with your family at church? What made it very special?

The Holy Virgin Mary: The Virgin Mary died in Jerusalem with all of the Holy Apostles around her. We remember her "falling asleep" on August 15. She is called an "intercessor;" one who prays with us. She represents us as human beings, but more importantly as the person who was called to give birth to our Lord Jesus Christ. How is your mom or dad an "intercessor" for you? What does being an intercessor mean? How can you be an intercessor for someone in your life?

Calendar

Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6) Jesus takes Peter, James and John to the mountaintop and is revealed as the Divine Son of God [Matthew 17:1-9]

August 7 - Jesus heals and drives out demons [Matthew 9:27-35]

The Feast of the Holy Dormition (falling asleep) of the Holy Virgin Mary [August 15] - celebrated on August 14. The Apostles surround the Holy Virgin who is received by Christ in Heaven [Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28]

August 21 - Jesus walks on the water and teaches Peter to have courage [Matthew 14:22-34]

August 28 - Jesus heals a young boy and speaks of nothing being impossible with faith [Matthew 14-23]

Memory Verse

"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it." (Luke 11:28)

Hymn of the Theotokos

Rejoice, O Virgin, Theotokos, Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb; for thou hast born the Saviour of our souls.

The Ordination of a Deacon

Who is a Deacon? A deacon is ordained by the bishop to assist the priest in his work in the church. Read Acts 6:1-7 and learn about seven men who were chosen to serve the church and by helping the priests helped the church to grow.

What do deacons do? The word "deacon" means "one who is dedicated in service. Read Acts 6:1-2, 7 and discover why deacons were needed in the church.

How are deacons described in the Bible? Read: I Timothy 3:8-10; 12-13; I Corinthians 3:5; Mark 10:43; Matthew 23:11

Be sure to be present for the Ordination of Deacon Andrew Monsue by Metropolitan JOSEPH.

Upcoming Events

Metropolitan JOSEPH's Ordination of Deacon Andrew: Sunday, August 28, 2016

First Day of Church School: Sunday, September 11, 2016

Festival Awards Luncheon and Presentations: Sunday, September 18, 2016