



# St. Michael Youth Program

August 2017

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

### Home Discussion

During the month of August 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 Holy Apostles: Peter, James and John on a mountain in Galilee. It was a "mountain=top experience;" a very special time away from the others. What do you remember as special times for you at summer camp or with your family at church? What made it 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 and dad an "intercessor" for you? What does an intercessor mean? How can you be an intercessor for someone in your life?

### Calendar

**The 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 13 - Jesus heals a young boy and teaches how faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains** [Matthew 17:14-23]

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

**August 20 - Jesus teaches in the Parable of a king who had no mercy: that God forgives us as we forgive others** [Matthew 18:23-35]

**August 27 - Jesus speaks to a young man who has many possessions and has difficulty in helping the poor** [Matthew 19:16-26] but declares: "...with God all things are possible!"

### Memory Verse

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

### Hymns 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.

More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim. Thou who without corruption nearest God the Word and art truly Theotokos we magnify thee!

### Activities

- There are different kinds of icons of the Virgin Mary. Identify the names of each and find out their meaning.
- The word "metamorphosis" is a Greek word for "Transfiguration." Nature shows us examples of how things change, i.e., a caterpillar to a butterfly. Can you identify others?
- Memorize the "Hymns of the Theotokos" and use one of them each day in your prayers.

### Special Events

**Barbecue at the Moujaes home - Saturday, August 12 at 3 p.m.** (24809 Los Altos Dr., Valencia, 91355)

**Vespertal Liturgy for the Feast of the Holy Dormition - Monday, August 14, 6:30 p.m.**

**Church School Registration - August 13, 20, 27**  
**Start of Church School - September 10th**