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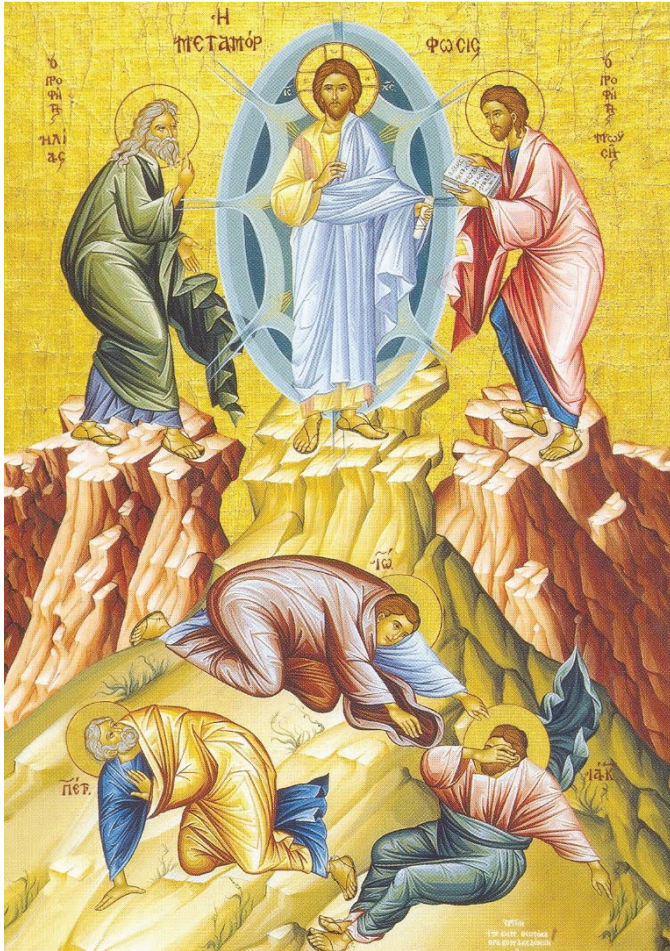
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5:00 pm (Sat);
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Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

VESPERS Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm
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ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

THE PLEDGE OF FUTURE GLORY

by Erica Tice

Each year the 2nd Sunday of Lent presents us with the account of Christ's transfiguration on the mountainside. Seeing as the Lenten season has just begun, it seems to be an interesting vignette in the life of Christ to be recalling when, ordinarily, we might think that focussing on Christ's suffering and death might be more appropriate to the season. A closer look, however, allows us to see that the account of Christ's transfiguration has deep significance for us early in this season of Lent as it focuses on the sister virtues of hope and perseverance.

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The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that *“hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit”* (CCC 1817). It is precisely this virtue that Christ wants to strengthen in Peter, James, and John and, by virtue of our baptism, in us as well. He knows that His friends will abandon Him in His hour of need, not because they no longer love Him, but because they are weak and fearful. This transfiguration into glory on the mountainside serves as a foreshadowing of the glory of the life to come in the kingdom of heaven. We are meant to recall this glory, and the promise of our future glory, when we are in the midst of our own penance and suffering.

Perseverance is the virtue by which we maintain our hope and carry out our objectives to attain holiness in spite of difficulties. Holiness is earned, not bestowed. In today’s Gospel, we understand that Peter, James, and John will need to persevere not only through Christ’s suffering and death, but also their own tribulations and martyrdom to attain holiness. We, too, strive to persevere through the wear and tear of daily life, always keeping the goal in mind: eternal life. St. Thomas Aquinas, a 13th century Dominican friar and theological giant, phrased it beautifully when he penned a prayer relating to the virtue of perseverance: *“O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is recalled, the soul is filled with grace, and the pledge of future glory is given to us.”*

This week, let us anchor our hope in God and recall the pledge of future glory that Christ has promised to all those who persevere in the life of grace: eternal happiness in heaven with the Trinity and all the saints.

SUNDAY’S READINGS:
 GENESIS 22.1-2, 9.-13, 15-18
 PSALM 116
 ROMANS 8.31B-35, 37
 MARK 9.2-10

THE LITURGY CORNER

With the start of Lent, you might have noticed that there are several changes to music in the Mass: there are no “alleluias” and no solo organ music (i.e. preludes/postludes). The Church calls on us to refrain from singing “alleluia”, and from using the organ in any solo capacity in Lent. The only exceptions to this rule are the Fourth Sunday of Lent and feasts/solemnities such as the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on March 19. You may have also noticed that there are no flowers or plants in the Church. This starkness is meant to remind us of Christ’s journey through the desert.

The sung Lord’s Prayer, which we began to introduce last week on the First Sunday of Lent, will continue to be introduced throughout Lent & Easter. As we journey together through these forty days, let us sing together the Lord’s Prayer remembering the words of Saint Augustine: *the one who sings, prays twice.*

JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Next weekend, **March 3/4**, is the John Ford First Sunday Food Drive. Although all donations are most certainly welcome, we are most in need of:

- Canned Fruits
- Canned Tuna, Chicken, Ham
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Soups
- Cookies
- Family-Size Juices
- Vegetable oil
- Granola Bars

Thank you for your continued support of the Out of the Cold and Miller Group Outreach Ministries.

DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made in 2017 were mailed last week. Kindly inform the parish office if you have a change in address or contact information. Additionally, if you do not receive a tax receipt by March 1, please notify the office.

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at St. Basil's will collect gently used items for families in need, on the weekend of **March 10-11**. We accept clothes, footwear, blankets, sheets, towels and drapery, as well as new or nearly new toys, and small household goods. We don't collect appliances, baby or other furniture, dishes, books or video/audio cassettes. We donate the goods to families in need, exchange them for vouchers to help the needy, or sell them to support our charitable works.

Volunteers will be present before and after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please tie up your donation bags to make handling easier, and to prevent spoilage.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us on **Fridays during Lent** for the Stations of the Cross. Each week we will join in prayer beginning with Vespers, at 5:10PM followed by the Stations of the Cross. Each week during Lent, we will use a different variation of the Stations of the Cross.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Michael at (416) 926-1300 x.3210 or michael.pirri@utoronto.ca

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Sunday, February 18, 2018 \$ 4,949.70



MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 25TH — MARCH 3RD

SUNDAY 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am Thomas Machala (+)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm David Robert Weiner (+)
4:30pm Helen Agard (liv.)

MONDAY

7:30am Janet Lau (liv.)
12:10pm Eydie Guimba (liv.)

TUESDAY

7:30am John and Kathleen Davis (+,+)
12:10pm Peggy Dolan (+),
William Deslauriers (+)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am Rosario E. Alfonso (+)
12:10pm Liam Dolan (+)

THURSDAY

7:30am *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
12:10pm *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

FRIDAY

7:30am Marion Bernard (liv)
12:10pm *Vocations*

SATURDAY

5:00pm David Robert Weiner (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Rita Moran, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Donna Wood, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Paul and Filomena Larocca, Joseph Troncone, Helen Agard, Sally Roche, Rebecca Beaton, Paul O'Brien, Carry Eillen, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, and Alexander Wu.

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