Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

A parish of the New England Diocese ✣ Orthodox Church in America

285 ALDEN AVENUE NEW HAVEN, CT 06515 (203) 397-9682 www.holytransfigurationnh.org

The Very Reverend Michael Westerberg, Rector

phone (203) 387-3882 *fax* (203) 387-3043 *email frwesterberg@sbcglobal.net*

Rectory and Parish Mailing address: 25 Kohary Drive New Haven, CT 06515-2418

Sunday, May 13, 2018 **Sixth Sunday after Pascha – *Sunday of the Blind Man***
Mother's Day

CHRIST IS RISEN!

ХРИСТОСЪ ВОСКРЕСЕ! ✣ *ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ* ✣ ***HRISTOS A INVIAT!***

Today's readings are:

Acts (of the Holy Apostles) 16:16-34 and Saint John 9:1-38

Weekly calendar:

Today				church school and coffee hour
May	14	Mon	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
May	15	Tue	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
May	16	Wed		*The leave–taking of Pascha*
			6:00pm	**Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord**
May	17	Thu	**9:00am**	**Divine Liturgy- *The Ascension of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ*** [Acts (of the Apostles) 1:1-12 and Saint Luke 24:36-53]
			5:30pm	Daily Vespers
May	18	Fri	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
May	19	Sat	3:00pm	Chrismation of William (Basil) Hunt
			4:30pm	choir rehearsal
			5:00pm	**Great Vespers – with Confessions afterward**
May	20	Sun	**9:00am**	**Divine Liturgy- Seventh Sunday after Pascha – *Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council*** [Acts (of the Apostles) 20:16-18, 28-36 and Saint John 17:1-13] church school and coffee hour

2018 Vacation Church School at Three Saints Park: July 9-13, 2018, at Three Saints Park, 112 Miller Road, Bethany, daily 9am to 4pm with Family Night on Friday starting at 5pm. Cost- $40 per child. Come for a week-long Vacation Church School for youth ages 5-15. Your child will experience fun, faith, friendship, swimming, games, bible study, religious education, worship and song. This year's theme is "The Living Word - the Bible in our lives". Questions? -call Mary Pagliaro at (203)513-2049 or Fr. Patrick Burns (203) 734-3988 Children of all faiths are welcome!

"I come to you, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, and call to you in repentance: You are the most radiant Light of those in darkness!" *(Kontakion of the Sunday of the Blind Man)*

A WORD ABOUT THE ASCENSION: The Ascension of Christ is his liberation from all restriction of time and space. It does not represent his removal from the earth, but his constant presence everywhere on earth. During his earthly ministry he could only be in one place at one time. If he was in Jerusalem he was not in Capernaum; if he was in Capernaum he was not in Jerusalem. But now he is united with God, he is present wherever God is present; and that is everywhere. Because he is in heaven, he is everywhere on earth; because he is ascended, he is here now. In the person of the Holy Spirit he dwells in his Church, and issues forth from the deepest depths of the souls of his disciples, to bear witness to his sovereignty.

∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞

The Days between the Resurrection and Ascension of Our Lord

–from a sermon by Saint Leo the Great of Rome (d. 461 AD)

Beloved, the days that passed between the Lord's Resurrection and his Ascension were by no means uneventful; during them great sacramental mysteries were confirmed, great truths revealed. In those days the fear of death with all its horrors was taken away, and the immortality of both body and soul affirmed. It was then that the Lord breathed on all his apostles and filled them with the Holy Spirit.

During these days the Lord joined two of his disciples as their companion on the road, and by chiding them for their timidity and hesitant fears he swept away all the clouds of uncertainty. Their lukewarm hearts were fired by the light of faith and began to burn within them as the Lord opened up the Scriptures. And as they shared their meal with him, their eyes were opened in the breaking of the bread, opened far more happily to the sight of their own glorified humanity than were the eyes of our first parents to the shame of their sin.

Throughout the whole period between the resurrection and ascension, God's providence was at work to instill this one lesson into the hearts of the disciples, to set this one truth before their eyes, that our Lord Jesus Christ, who was truly born, truly suffered and truly died, should be recognized as truly risen from the dead. The blessed apostles together with all the others had been intimidated by the catastrophe of the cross, and their faith in the resurrection had been uncertain; but now they were so strengthened by the evident truth that when their Lord ascended into heaven, far from feeling any sadness, they were filled with great joy.

Indeed that blessed company had a great and inexpressible cause for joy when it saw man's nature rising above the dignity of the whole heavenly creation, above the ranks of angels, above the exalted status of archangels. Nor would there be any limit to its upward course until humanity was admitted to a seat at the right hand of the Eternal Father, to be enthroned at last in the glory of him to whose nature it was wedded in the person of the Son.

∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞

Душевныма очима ослелен, к Тебе Христе прихожду, якоже слепый от рождения, покаянием зову Ти: Ты сущих во тьме Свет еси пресветлый. *(кондак Неделя о Слепом)*

Сегодня- 6-я Неделя по Пасхе – *Неделя о Слепом* / и Ден Матеры
[Деяния Апостолов 16:16-34 и от Иоанна 9:1-38]

Сред. *Отдание Пасхи, Предпраздн. Вознесения*
6:00чд Великая Вечерня с литей и Утреня

Четв. **9:00чу Литургиа- Вознесение Господне** [Деяния Апостолов 1:1-12 и от Луки 24:36-53]

Субб. 5:00чд Великая Вечерня и Исповедь

Воск. 9:00чу Литургиа- 7-я Неделя по Пасхе –*Неделя о Святых Отцев 1-го Вселенского Собора*
[Деяния Апостолов 20:16-18, 28-36 и от Иоанна 17:1-13]