

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

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Sun. July 28, 2024 9:00am **5th Sunday after Pentecost:**

TODAY'S READINGS: Rom. 10:1-10 Matt. 8:28-9:1

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Today: Coffee Hour, **Parish Picnic**, 33 Wedgewood Lane, Woodbridge
Tue. July 30 5:30pm Daily Vespers
Thu. Aug. 1 **Beginning of Dormition Fast**, Elevation of the Cross
Sat. Aug. 3 5:00pm Great Vespers, Confessions
Sun. Aug. 4 9:00am **6th Sunday after Pentecost: Seven Sleepers of Ephesus**
Rom. 12:6-14 Matt. 9:1-8

Welcome to all our visitors who join us for services!

Celebrations: **Kalina** Uskokova on her *newly discerned* name's day, July 29th; **Suzanne** Odaynik, birthday, Aug. 1st. Many years!

Pray for: **Nancy** Muro who is at Artis Senior Living, Branford; **Tatiana** Oji is at Orange Care Center, **Maria** Scheirer is at Elim Long-term care, Cheshire. **Carole** Rossick and **George** Jafferis, continue in cancer treatment.

Orthodox Charity of the Month In July we will be supporting **St. Tikhon's Seminary**, in, South Canaan, PA, one of our three seminaries. To donate by check, simply put "Charity of the Month" in the memo line.

Coffee Hour: To assist in preparations for upcoming coffee hours, here is the link to the [sign-up sheet](#) Please communicate your plan to bring what you are able to in coordinating with others and share with parish faithful.

Parish Administration: As shared with our parish council, we have two deanery parishes without a priest at the present time, **St. Nicholas Church** in Norwich, and **Sts. Peter and Paul** in Springfield, MA. Fr. Steven is now assigned as administrator for both parishes in his role as dean of CT Deanery. As with parish administration of Holy Ghost parish, my hope is to keep disruptions to our parish life at a minimum, while acknowledging there will be periods, such as annual meeting times, when my attention will need to be on one of the administered parishes. I apologize in advance for any impacts you might experience during the coming months.

Men's Reading Group: Weekly **Men's Reading Group** is continuing on Thursday mornings at 7:15am. We are currently studying St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Just click on the link [here](#) to join us.



[Parish Picnic](#) sign-up: Cowan's Home
33 Wedgewood Lane, Woodbridge

Patronal Feast:

Please be reminded of, and make every effort to participate in services for our patronal feast on **Monday and Tuesday, August 5 and 6**. We will plan to celebrate Vigil on the eve, beginning at 6:00pm, and Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, at 9:00am. I will be inviting our deanery clergy and faithful to join us, so I hope we might plan for even a lite luncheon following Divine Liturgy.

Church Open House: Our church doors will be open to the neighborhood and other visitors from **3-5 pm on Saturday, August 10**, followed by an instructional Great Vespers. If you can come for all or part of this time to help host (invite people in, chat with guests), please do! Or if you have a friend you've been meaning to invite, this is a good opportunity.

Dormition Fast:

Begins on Thursday, August 1st and runs through the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos on August 15th. As with other fasting periods, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are all important pillars for our focus. "Isaiah taught us the grace of fasting, ... 'Do not fast to quarrel and fight, but loose every bond of iniquity.' (Is.58:4,6) And the Lord adds: 'Do not be gloomy, but wash your face and anoint your head.' (Matt. 6:16-17)

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Храмовые службы теперь благословляются дважды в неделю. Щелкните [здесь](#), чтобы запросить посещение церковной службы.

(Видеозаписи домашних вечерних служб доступны [здесь](#) на нашем сайте.)

Воск 9:00 Литургия - 5-я Неделя по Пятидесятница – (и приходской пикник)
[Послание к Римлянам 10:1-10 и от Матфея 8:28-9:1]

Су 17:00 Великая Вечерня, и Исповедь

Воск 9:00 Литургия – 6-я Неделя по Пятидесятница –
[Послание к Римлянам 12:6-14 и от Матфея 9:1-8]