



## **BELOVED,**

**do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.**

1 PETER 4:12-13



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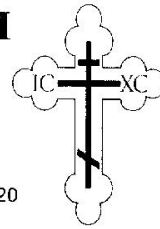
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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020 – 9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8.**

**The Transfiguration of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. Glorification of Ven. Herman of Alaska.**

**SERVICES HAVE RESUMED!  
PLEASE REGISTER BEFOREHAND  
IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND.**

SAT. Vespers 4PM or SUN. Liturgy 10AM

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Please identify yourself as a Saint  
Raphael parishioner.

*We are asking  
parishioners to please  
respect the fact that  
Fr. Sergious is on  
medical leave and not  
try to contact him. He  
is to be fully away from  
the church at this time.  
He is not answering his  
phone or reading texts  
or emails sent from  
parishioners, as is  
required.*

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 1 Corinthians 15:12-19, Matthew 21:18-22

Tue: 1 Corinthians 15:29-38, Matthew 21:23-27

Wed: 1 Corinthians 16:4-12, Matthew 21:28-32

Thu: Proverbs 3; 8; 10, Solomon 4:7-15, John  
10:9-16, Hebrews 7:26-8:2, Matthew  
5:14-19; 21:43-46, 2 Corinthians 1:1-7

Fri: 2 Corinthians 1:12-20, Matthew 22:23-33

Sat: Genesis 28:10-17, Ezekiel 43:27-44:4,  
Proverbs 9:1-11, Luke 1:39-49; 56; 10:38-42;  
11:27-28, Romans 15:30-33, Matthew  
17:24-18:4, Philipians 2:5-11

+EPISTLE, *Transfiguration*+ (2 Peter 1:10-19) Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease. For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

+EPISTLE, *Saint*+ (Galatians 5:22-6:2) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

**+GOSPEL, Transfiguration+ (Matthew 17:1-9)** Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

**+Gospel, Saint+ (Luke 6:17-23)** And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out of Him and healed them all. Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets."

*Vespers in The Villages resumes this Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 6:30 PM  
at St. George Episcopal Church, 1250 Paige Place.*

<p><b>THE GIFTS- AUG. 2</b></p> <p>Attendance – 21</p> <p>Regular Offerings    624</p> <p>Candles                78</p> <p>Charity – St. Raphael</p> <p>Parishioner Aid    156</p> <p><i>We sincerely thank and bless Charles and Lou Ellen Davis for their ongoing generous donations.</i></p>		<p><b>CHOIR PRACTICE AT 9:00 AM ON SUNDAY MORNING</b></p> <p>Please consider using the <a href="http://dasoca.org">dasoca.org</a> website to make on-line donations with a credit card send your weekly offering to: St. Raphael , 1277 N. Paul Dr., Inverness, FL 34453</p>
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## GROWTH THROUGH TRIALS

**T**here is a wise saying that claims: "Into each life some rain must fall." We all realize that we are instruments of God. His plan for us includes birth, growth and maturity. God uses the Bible, the Church and other believers to help shape us. He also uses TRIALS in our life to mold us.

Why does Mankind face trials? It is because we live in a sinful world. It is written in Romans 3:10-23 that we are all part of a fallen race and fall short of the glory of God. Our world is filled with turmoil, crime and sickness. Our adversary is Satan. He tempts us to be unfaithful and to do evil. Our goal must be to strive to overcome this evil with good.

But why are CHRISTIAN TRIALS different? We are aware that we do not suffer alone. There is a design to our difficulties. We look to JESUS, the One Who cares and understands. Through Him will come our glory.

Let us examine how Christians should react to several tribulations. Perhaps we have financial troubles, maybe not of our doing. These trials may teach us to care and show gratitude for the assistance the Lord gives. Sometimes, health problems get in our way. They teach us to sympathize, pray and lean on Jesus. Maybe we have family concerns. Rejoice in the fact that you are part of a larger family of God and seek out help from Christian counselors. The question is this: How are you doing in God's School of Trials? Let's hope these trials are making you BETTER and not BITTER.

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