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**Sunday, 13 August, 2023
Divine Liturgy Sundays at 9:00 AM
Confessions 8:30 – 9:00 AM**

**Forefeast of the Procession of the Cross
Предпразд. Происхождения Креста
Господня**

>>>Upcoming Feast Day:<<<

Transfiguration of the Lord / Преображение Господне

Saturday, 19 August/ в Субботу, 19 Авг.

Divine Liturgy / Литургия 9:00 AM / 9 ч. у.

Vespers / Вечерня Friday 6:30 PM / в Пятницу 6:30 ч.в.

Today we heard the gospel reading

about such a person who sees the cause of his misfortune - the terrible illness of his son - in God's creation. The moon was the source of this man's misfortune. He comes to the Lord Jesus Christ after the glorious Transfiguration on Mount Tabor and says that his son "on the new moon is mad and suffers grievously, for he often throws himself into fire and often into water" (Mt. 17:14). The possession of the child seemed to this unfortunate father to be directly connected with the heavenly body - the Moon, to which the Lord gave "rules to illuminate the night" (Jer. 31, 35). He forgot that "The luminaries do not harm a person, for they were created by the Prime Artist - God." "But the unclean spirit looks after the moon in one way or another and comes up and attacks some, torturing unstable and weak people" Often the devil works under cover and finds accomplices among bad people, but he is "cast out only by prayer and fasting." (Mt. 17, 21). And this man of little faith, who endowed the heavenly luminary, the Moon, with divine properties to influence human health, turns to Christ with a request for his child: "Lord, have mercy on my son" (Mt. 17:14). Here is an example to follow for those parents who want the best for their children: to ask God not for their wealth and not glory, not

for healing and not for health, but to ask the Lord to forgive their sins. And this father of little faith is an example for all of us not to look for the causes of our troubles and misfortunes in the world around us, but to remember that "the source and root and mother of all evils" is sin. And each of us is drawn into sin, "who does not voluntarily move away from the causes of passions". (Fr. Silouan Nikitin)

В греческом Часослове 1838 года говорится следующее: «По причине болезней, весьма часто бывавших в августе, издавна в Константинополе утвердился обычай выносить Честное Древо Креста на дороги и улицы для освящения мест и отвращения болезней. Накануне, 31 июля, износя его из царской сокровищницы, полагали на св. трапезе Великой церкви (Софии). С настоящего дня и далее, до Успения Богородицы, совершали литии по всему городу и крест предлагали народу для поклонения. С этим обычаем соединялся другой — освящать в придворной Константинопольской церкви воду первого числа каждого месяца. Эти два обычая и легли в основу празднования 1 августа «Происхождения Честных Древ Креста Господня» и торжественного освящения воды