



# HOLY ASCENSION

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## August 6

# The Transfiguration of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS** – We are very happy to have you worshipping with us today. After the service, please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall so we can get to know you.

**RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION** – We believe that the reception of Holy Communion is the highest expression of our unity in the ancient Orthodox Christian faith. While we work and pray for true unity among all Christians, it is not a reality at this time. For this reason, Communion may only be received by members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting, and recent confession. Everyone, however, is welcome and encouraged to venerate the Cross and receive blessed bread following the dismissal.

**PARENTS & CHILDREN** – We enjoy having children with us in worship as much as possible. A little commotion is to be expected, but sometimes a child may need to be taken out of church so they don't become a distraction. In these situations, parents are welcome to use the alcove to the right of the sanctuary entrance, where there is a window that allows you to see the service. There is also an unstaffed nursery downstairs, which you are welcome to use as needed.

# VARIABLES IN TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY

## THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

*The service begins on page 37 in the red pew book ("Orthros and Divine Liturgy"); the letter symbols below are coordinated with the book, to help you follow along.*

### **A** The 1<sup>st</sup> Antiphon

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in his holy mountain. Who settest fast the mountains by thy strength, who art girded about with power.

**Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.**

Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for he cometh; yea, he is come to judge the earth.

**Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.**

Glory...Now...

**Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.**

### **B** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Antiphon

His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

**Save us, O Son of God, who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, as we sing to thee: Alleluia.**

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

**Save us, O Son of God, who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, as we sing to thee: Alleluia.**

A man will say: Mother Zion; and: That man was born in her; and: The Most High Himself hath founded her.

**Save us, O Son of God, who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, as we sing to thee: Alleluia.**

Glory...Now...

**O Only-Begotten Son...**

### **C** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Antiphon

Of thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. The heavens shall confess thy wonders, O Lord, and thy truth in the congregation of saints. Blessed is the people that knoweth jubilation. O Lord, in the light of thy countenance shall they walk, and in thy name shall they rejoice all the day long.

### **Troparion of the Transfiguration – Tone 7**

When thou, O Christ our God, wast transfigured on the mountain, thou didst reveal thy glory to thy disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos; O thou Bestower of Light, glory to thee.

## **D** The Entrance Hymn

For with thee is the fountain, the fountain of life. Save us, O Son of God, who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, as we sing to thee: Alleluia.

## **E** Troparion of the Transfiguration – Tone 7

When thou, O Christ our God, wast transfigured on the mountain, thou didst reveal thy glory to thy disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos; O thou Bestower of Light, glory to thee.

## **Kontakion of the Transfiguration – Tone 7**

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and thy disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see thee crucified, they would remember that all thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

## **F** The Thrice-Holy Hymn

*As usual...*

## **G**

### THE EPISTLE

O Lord, how manifold are your works.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**The reading is from St Peter's Second Universal Letter (1:10–19).**

Brethren, be the more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore, I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

### Alleluia Verses:

*v.* The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours.

*v.* Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew. (17:1–9)**

At that time, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elias, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is well that we are here; if thou wilt, I will make three booths here, one for thee and one for Moses and one for Elias.” He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead.”

### **H** The Megalynarion - Tone 8

Now the unheard-of is heard; for the Son, who without father came forth from the Virgin, is gloriously testified by the Father's voice to be God and man, the same unto the ages.

### **I** The Communion Hymn - Tone 8

O Lord, in the light of thy face shall they walk, and in thy name shall they rejoice all the day long. Alleluia.

### **J** Troparion of the Transfiguration – Tone 7

When thou, O Christ our God, wast transfigured on the mountain, thou didst reveal thy glory to thy disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos; O thou Bestower of Light, glory to thee.

**FASTING GUIDELINES:** The Dormition Fast continues through August 14. It is traditional to abstain from meat, dairy, fish, and alcohol, with these exceptions: on Saturdays and Sundays, moderate alcohol is allowed; and fish and alcohol are allowed today (August 6) for the Feast.