

AUGUST 6

The Holy Transfiguration of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ

"Lord I Call..." Tone 4*

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!
Hear me, O Lord!
Lord, I call upon You, hear me!
Receive the voice of my prayer,
when I call upon You!//
Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise
in Your sight as incense,
and let the lifting up of my hands
be an evening sacrifice!//
Hear me, O Lord!

- v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!*
v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.
v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!
v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.
v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.
v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

Tone 4 *Idiomela* (by Cosmas the Monk)

Before Your Crucifixion, O Lord,
the mountain became as heaven,
and like a tabernacle the cloud spread itself out,
when You were transfigured, and the Father bore witness to You.
Peter was present with James and John,
since they were to be with You at the time of Your betrayal,
that, having seen Your wondrous works,
they might not be afraid of Your sufferings.//
Grant us to venerate Your sufferings in peace, through Your mercy!

* Music for the Feast of Transfiguration from the Department of Liturgical Music and Translations can be downloaded at www.oca.org.

v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Before Your Crucifixion, O Lord,
You took Your Disciples to a high mountain
and were transfigured before them,
illuminating them with bright rays of Your pow'r.
From love of mankind and in Your sovereign might,
it was Your desire to show them the splendor of Your Resurrection.
In peace count us also worthy of this splendor, O God, //
in Your mercy and Your love for mankind!

v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

The mountain that once was veiled in gloom and smoke,
is now holy and revered,
since Your feet, O Lord, had stood upon it.
For by Your dread Transfiguration,
the mystery hidden before the ages
has been made manifest in the last times to Peter, James, and John.
Unable to endure the shining of Your face and the brilliance of Your garments,
they fell to the ground upon their faces.
Seized with wonder and amazement, they saw Moses and Elijah
talking with You about the things that would befall You;
and a voice came in testimony from the Father saying:
"This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him! //
It is He Who grants the world great mercy!"

v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

When You were transfigured upon a high mountain, O Savior,
having with You the chief Disciples,
You shone forth in glorious majesty,
proving that those who excel in the height of their virtues
shall be made worthy of divine glory.
Moses and Elijah, talking with Christ,
showed that He is Lord of both the living and the dead,
the God Who spoke of old through the Law and the Prophets.
The voice of the Father testified to Him from the cloud of light, saying:
"Listen to Him, Who through the Cross has despoiled hell //
and has given the dead eternal life!"

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Tone 6 *(by Anatolius)*

Prefiguring Your Resurrection, O Christ our God,
You took with You in Your ascent of Mount Tabor
Your three Disciples, Peter, James and John.
When You were transfigured, O Savior,
Mount Tabor was covered with light.
Your Disciples, O Word, threw themselves down upon the ground,
unable to gaze upon the form that none may see.
The Angels ministered in fear and trembling;
the heavens shook and the earth quaked, //
as they beheld on earth the Lord of Glory.

Old Testament Readings

Exodus 24:12-18

Composite 15 (*Exodus 33:11-23; 34:4-6, 8*)

Composite 23 (*1 Kings 19:3-9, 11-13, 15-16*)

Aposticha

Tone 1 *Idiomela*

He Who of old spoke through symbols to Moses on Mount Sinai saying:
"I am He Who is,"
was transfigured today upon Mount Tabor before the Disciples.
In His own person He showed them the nature of man
arrayed in the original beauty of the Image.
Calling Moses and Elijah to be witnesses of this surpassing grace,
He made them partakers of the gladness, //
foretelling His death on the Cross and His saving Resurrection.

*v. The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; the world and all that is
in it, You have founded them! (Ps 88/89:11)*

David, the ancestor of God,
foresaw in the Spirit the sojourn with men of the only-begotten Son in the flesh,
and from afar, called the creation together to rejoice with him,
prophetically lifting up his voice to cry:
“Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in Your name!”
For You went up to this mountain with Your Disciples and were
transfigured, O Christ,
making the image that had grown dark in Adam to shine once
again like lightning,
and transforming it into the glory and splendor of Your own Divinity.
Therefore we cry aloud to You://
“O Lord and Creator of all things, glory to You!”

v. Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in Your name! (Ps 88/89:12)

When the chosen Apostles beheld upon the mountain of the Transfiguration
the overwhelming flood of Your light,
O Christ who hast no beginning,
and Your unapproachable Divinity,
they were caught up in a divine trance.
The cloud of light shone around them on every side,
and they heard the voice of the Father
confirming the mystery of Your incarnation,
that even after taking flesh,
You remain the only-begotten Son//
and the Savior of the world!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Tone 6

Today on Mount Tabor, O Lord,
You have shown the glory of Your divine form
to Your chosen Disciples, Peter, James and John.
For they looked upon Your garments that gleamed like the light
and at Your face that shone more than the sun.
Unable to endure the vision of Your brightness that none can bear,
they fell to the earth, powerless to gaze at the sight,
for they heard a voice that bore witness from above:
“This is My beloved Son//
Who has come into the world to save mankind!”

Tone 7 Troparion

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,
revealing Your glory to Your Disciples as far as they could bear it.
Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners,
through the prayers of the Theotokos!//
O Giver of Light, glory to You!

(sung once at Great Vespers, thrice at Vigil)

(at the Divine Liturgy)

The First Antiphon

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His
praise! (Ps.65/66:1)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; Your lightning lighted up the
world; the earth trembled and shook. (Ps.76/77:18) *(Refrain)*

Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, Who cover Yourself with light as with
a garment. (Ps.103/104:2) *(Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and
unto ages of ages. Amen. *(Refrain)*

The Second Antiphon

Mount Zion in the far north is the city of the great King. (Ps.47/48:2)

Refrain: O Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing
to You: Alleluia!

And He brought them to the mountain of His sanctuary, this mountain which
His right hand had won. (Ps.77/78:54) *(Refrain)*

The Mount Zion which He loved, He built as His sanctuary with mighty
strength. (Ps.77/78:68) *(Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and
unto ages of ages. Amen.

(“Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God ...”)

The Third Antiphon

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Ps.124/125:1)

Tone 7 Troparion

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revealing Your glory to Your Disciples as far as they could bear it.
Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners,
through the prayers of the Theotokos!//
O Giver of Light, glory to You!

As the mountains are round about it, so the Lord is round about His people, from this time and forevermore. (Ps.124/125:2) Troparion of the Feast

*O Lord, who shall sojourn in Your tabernacle? Who shall dwell on Your holy mountain?
(Ps.14/15:1) Troparion of the Feast*

*Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place?
(Ps.23/24:3) Troparion of the Feast*

Entrance Verse

Send out Your light and Your truth; they have led me and brought me to Your holy mountain. (Ps.42/43:3)

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revealing Your glory to Your Disciples as far as they could bear it.
Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners,
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Tone 7 Kontakion

On the mountain You were transfigured, O Christ God,
and Your Disciples beheld Your glory as far as they could see it;
so that when they would behold You crucified,
they would understand that Your suffering was voluntary,
and would proclaim to the world//
that You are truly the Radiance of the Father.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; / in wisdom have You made them all!
(Ps 103/104:24)

v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great! (Ps 103/104:1)

Epistle

2 Peter 1:10-19

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: The heavens are Yours; the earth also is Yours. (Ps 88/89:11)

v: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout! (Ps 88/89:15a)

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)

Tone 4

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!

Your childbearing was without corruption;
and appeared on earth and dwelt among men.//
Therefore we all magnify you, O Theotokos.