

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Leave-Taking of the Transfiguration of our Lord**  
**August 13, 2023**

Righteous Maximos the Confessor; Eudokia and Irene (Xenia) the empresses;  
Venerable Dorotheos of Gaza and his disciple Dositheos

**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.

*(Refrain)* Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O 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. *(Refrain)*

Glory... Both now... *(Refrain)*

**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.

*(Refrain)* Save us, O Son of God, Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing unto Thee. Alleluia.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. *(Refrain)*

Zion is our mother, a man shall say, and such a man was born in her; and the Most High Himself hath established her. *(Refrain)*

Glory... Both now... Only begotten Son and Word of God...

**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. *(Now sing the Troparion of the Transfiguration.)*

**The Entrance Hymn**

For in Thee is the fountain of life, and in Thy light shall we see light. O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee. Alleluia.

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1)**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

**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 Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

**Prokeimenon**

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

**The Epistle**

**1 Corinthians 4:9-16**

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 17:14-23**

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to

Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” Jesus said to them, “Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting.” As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day.”

#### **Megalynarion for the Leave-Taking (Tone 4)**

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor. Thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, has been shown free of corruption; for God did come forth from thy womb putting on flesh; and on earth did He appear, and walked among men. Wherefore, thee do we all magnify.

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**Holy Bread:** Kh Meleah Palke

**Commemorations(Living):** Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, Katherine, John, Corgie, Karen, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, George, Joan, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Sagi, Sky, Carol, Natalia, Alexander, Anthony, Jim, Laura, Michael, Joel, Lisa, Danny, Asa, Cody, Max, Levi, Courtney, Nina, Kenneth, Alex, Christina, Beth, John, Dominick, Yina, Michael, Debra, Lauren, Rashid, Hala, Irina, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers everywhere.

**Departed:**

**Know your faith.** In today’s Epistle Peter proclaims that “we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.” In today’s Gospel we learn that the following men were witnesses of Christ’s transfiguration: Peter, James, John, Moses, and Elijah. The Father proclaimed: “This is my beloved Son...., hear him.” When Jesus’ face shone like the sun, he revealed his divine glory. Who offered to build three booths? Peter (“let us make three here three tabernacles”). They would be built for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. The disciples were commanded by Jesus to tell no man until He is risen from the dead. In the Old Testament, whose face shone with brightness in the presence of God? Moses. Which Old Testament saints were taken directly into heaven? Enoch and Elijah. Jesus said “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to Father but by me.” (John 14:6). Which saint saw the glory of God, and Jesus Christ standing at the right hand of God?” St. Stephen, the proto-Martyr. St. Cyprian of Carthage said: “You cannot have God as your Father unless you have the Church as your Mother.” “I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.”

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