

August 6, 2023
Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord

1st 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*)

2nd 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 wast 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...

3rd 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 with Thee is the fountain, the fountain of life, and in Thy light shall we see light. O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, save us who sing unto Thee. Alleluia (3x).

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

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Epistle

2 Peter 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 surer. 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.

The Holy Gospel

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 Elijah, 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 Elijah." 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; hear 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 risen from the dead.”

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Holy Bread: Kh Meleah Palke

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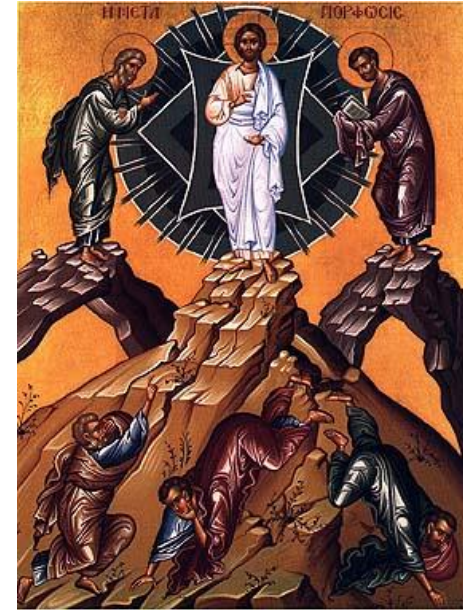
The Church observes the Dormition fast from August 1 to August 14.

The full traditional fasting is observed on all days of the fast from August 1st to 14th. Wine and oil are permitted on Saturdays and Sundays, and fish, wine and oil are permitted on the Great Feast of the Transfiguration.

Know your faith. In today’s Epistle Peter proclaims that “we were _____ of his majesty.” In today’s Gospel we learn that the following men were witnesses of Christ’s transfiguration: _____

The Father proclaimed: “This is my _____ Son...., _____ him.” When Jesus’ face shone like the sun, he revealed his _____. Who offered to build three booths? _____. They would be built for _____. The disciples were commanded by Jesus to _____ no man until He is _____ from the dead. In the Old Testament, whose face shone with brightness in the presence of God? _____. Which Old Testament saints were taken directly into heaven? _____ and _____. Jesus said “I am the way, the _____, and the _____. No man comes to Father but by _____. (John 14:6). Which saint saw the glory of God, and _____ standing at the right hand of God”? _____. St. Cyprian of Carthage said: “You cannot have _____ as your Father unless you have the _____ as your Mother.” “I acknowledge one _____ for the _____ of sins.”

Thanks to Father Michael and Presbytera Vicki for providing the grapes for our celebration of our Lord’s Transfiguration today. We are blessed by their participation in the life of St. Raphael parish!



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