

The Leave-taking of the Transfiguration of our Lord August 11, 2024

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.

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.

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...

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. (Sing the troparion)

The Entrance Hymn

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

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb. And the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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.

Troparion for St. Raphael of Brooklyn (Tone 3)

Rejoice, O Father Raphael, Adornment of the holy Church! Thou art Champion of the True Faith, Seeker of the lost, Consolation of the oppressed, Father to orphans and Friend of the poor, Peacemaker and good Shepherd, Joy of all the Orthodox, Son of Antioch, Boast of America. Intercede with Christ God for us and for all who honor 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.

Prokeimenon

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Brethren, I appeal to you, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:14-22

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

Today's Saints: Martyr and Archdeacon Euplos of Catania in Sicily; Niphon, patriarch of Constantinople; New-martyrs Anastasios and Demetrios of Lesbos

Holy Bread: Kh Meleah Palke/Carol Ofiesh

Commemorations(Living): Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, John, Corgie, Karen, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, George, Joan, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Carol, Michael, Joel, Lisa, Danny, Asa, Cody, Max, Levi, Courtney, Nina, Kenneth, Alex, Christina, Beth, Janni, Dominick, Yina, Lauren, Rashid, Hala, Irina, Alex, Lauren, Aaron, Adam, Atticus, Gabriela, Antonina, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers everywhere.

Departed: James, Laura, Jean, Fran, Kendall

The Church observes the Dormition fast from August 1 to August 14. The full traditional fasting practice (i.e., no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy products, fish, wine or olive oil) is observed on all days of the fast from August 1st to 14th. Wine and oil are permitted on Saturdays and Sundays.

Synaxarion. On August 11 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the feast of the Holy Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ; and we commemorate the Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Euplos of Catania in Sicily.

The Emperor Diocletian dispatched Commander Pentagurus to Sicily to exterminate any Christians he found there. Pentagurus did not find a single Christian, for the few that were there, hid from the persecutor and did not reveal themselves. Then someone accused Euplos of taking a book—the Book of the Holy Gospels—to secret Christians and reading to them. They soon brought him to court, hung that book around his neck and led him to prison. After seven days of imprisonment and hunger Euplos was handed over for torture. While they were beating him with iron rods, Euplos mockingly said: “O ignorant one, do you not see that because of God’s help, these tortures are for me as a cobweb? If you can, find other harsher tortures, for all of these are as toys.” Finally, they led the martyr of Christ out to the scaffold. Then Euplos opened the Holy Gospel and read from it to the people for a long time. Many converted to the Faith of Christ. Euplos was beheaded in the year 304 and took up habitation in the Kingdom of Heaven. His miracle-working relics repose in a village near Naples called Vico della Batonia.

On this day, we also commemorate Niphon, patriarch of Constantinople; and New-martyrs Anastasios and Demetrios of Lesbos. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Know your faith. Who continued the ministry of Elijah after he was taken up into heaven? _____. What did Elijah give him as a sign of his ministry? _____. Who asked God for the gift of wisdom? _____. Who asked God for physical strength? _____. What was the sign of his strength? _____. Who lead the children of Israel into the Promised Land? _____. Who wrestled with God? _____. Who was the first apostle to become a martyr for the sake of Christ? _____ Who baptized Saul (Paul)? _____. The word “Trisagion” means _____. The three liturgies of the Church are _____.



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Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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