

Hymns and Readings for Sunday 6th August 2023

The Transfiguration of Our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ

THE HOURS

TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT BOTH HOURS

Troparia: Glory ... Transfiguration; Both now ... From the Horologion

Kontakion: Transfiguration

THE DIVINE LITURGY

FIRST ANTIPHON

[Music on website / White Book page 115]

Choir: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name, give glory to His praise!

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

Choir: The crash of Thy thunder was in the whirlwind; Thy lightning lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

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

Choir: Thou art clothed with honour and majesty, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment.

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

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

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SECOND ANTIPHON

[Music on website / White Book page 116]

Choir: Mount Zion in the far north, the city of the great King.

Refrain: **O Son of God Who wast transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Choir: And He brought them to the mountain of His holiness, this mountain which His right hand had won.

Refrain: **O Son of God Who wast transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Choir: The Mount Zion which He loved, He fashioned for His holy abode.

Refrain: **O Son of God Who wast transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Choir: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O only-begotten Son and Word of God. O Thou Who art Immortal, yet for our salvation didst deign to be incarnate of the holy Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary; and without change wast made man; Who also wast crucified for us; and by death didst overcome death: save us, O Christ, our God; one Person of the Holy Trinity, glorified together with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

THIRD ANTIPHON

Reader: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

Troparion of the Transfiguration in Tone 7

[Music on website / White Book page 118]

Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it.

Let Thine everlasting Light shine upon us sinners!//

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

Reader: As the mountains are round about Him, so the Lord is round about His people, from this time forth and forevermore.

Choir: **Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God ...**

Reader: O Lord, who shall sojourn in Thy tent? Who shall dwell on Thy holy hill?

Choir: **Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God ...**

Reader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place?

Choir: **Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God ...**

ENTRANCE HYMN

The Reader intones the Introit of the Little Entrance; and the Choir responds with the Refrain of the Second Antiphon. [Music on website / White Book page 116]

Reader: O send out Thy light and Thy truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to Thy holy mountain.

Choir: **O Son of God Who wast transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

TROPARION & KONTAKION

Troparion of the Transfiguration in Tone 7 [Music on website / White Book page 118]

Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God,
revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it.
Let Thine everlasting Light shine upon us sinners!//
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

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

Kontakion of the Transfiguration in Tone 7 [Music on website / White Book page 120]

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

THE TRISAGION

PROKEIMENON

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone.

Reader: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all!

Choir: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all!

Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

Choir: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all!

Reader: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works;

Choir: in wisdom hast Thou made them all!

EPISTLE

The Reading from the Second Catholic Epistle of the Holy Apostle Peter.

Ye Brethren: Be 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 Saviour 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 honour 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. [2 Peter 1:10-19]

ALLELUIA

Priest: Peace be to thee that redest, and to all the people.

Reader: And to thy spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: The heavens are Thine; the earth also is Thine.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout!

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

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 you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you 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; 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." [Matthew 17:1-9]

THE ZADOSTOYNIK

Magnify, O my soul,
the Lord was transfigured on Mount Tabor!
Thy birthgiving was incorruptible!
God came from thy body,
and appeared on earth in flesh dwelling among men.//
Therefore we magnify thee, O Theotokos.

[Music on website / White Book page 124]

COMMUNION HYMN

O Lord, we will walk in the light of Thy countenance, and will exult in Thy Name forever. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: "O God, save thy people ..."

Choir: *Instead of "We have seen the True Light ...":*
Troparion of the Transfiguration

[Music on website / White Book page 118]

Priest: "Always, now and ever ..."

Choir: "Let our mouths be filled ..."

AFTER THE PRAYER BEHIND THE AMBON

*A table is placed in the middle of the church, with a bowl of grapes on it. Preceded by the Servers carrying the censer, a candle, and the Holy Water vat, the Priest goes out of the Altar through the Royal Doors, to the West side of the table. While the Choir sings the **Troparion of the Transfiguration** [White Book page 118] **Glory ... Both now, and the Kontakion of the Transfiguration** [White Book page 120], the Priest, with a server carrying a candle facing him, censers around the table three times, The Priest says the Prayer for the Blessing of the Grapes, and sprinkles them with Holy Water. The Liturgy concludes with **Blessed be the Name of the Lord ...***
