

August 6

**Feast of the Holy Transfiguration
of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ**
(1st Class)

ORTHROS

PSALM 117 (Tone 7)



The Lord is God and has ap-peared to us.



Bles-sed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

TROPARION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (Tone 7) [3 times]

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, showing Your Disciples as much of Your glory as they could hold. Let Your eternal light shine also upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Giver of light, glory to you!

SESSIONAL HYMNS (Tone 4)

You were transfigured on Mount Tabor, showing the exchange mortal men will make with Your glory at Your second and awesome coming, O Savior. Elijah and Moses talked with You; and the three disciples whom You had invited gazed upon Your glory, O Master, and were struck with wonder at Your blinding brightness. As You once shone upon them with Light, so now send Your radiance upon our souls.

- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and to the ages of ages. Amen.

You were transfigured on Mount Tabor, O Jesus, and a shining cloud spread out like a tent, covering the Apostles with Your glory, Lord. They fell down prostrate on the ground, unable to bear the unapproachable glory of Your radiant face, O eternal Savior, Christ our God! As You once shone upon them with Light, so now send Your radiance upon our souls.

Today the Polyeleos is sung instead of the Evlogitaria of the Resurrection.

SESSIONAL HYMN AFTER THE POLYELEOS (Tone 8)

Going up the mountain with Your disciples, You shone with the glory of the Father. Moses and Elijah stood at Your side, for the Law and the Prophets minister to You as God. And the Father, acknowledging Your sonship according to Your divine nature, called You His beloved Son. We praise Him in song together with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

After the Sessional Hymn, immediately Psalm 50. After Psalm 50:

v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
Through the intercession of the Apostles...

v. now and always and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Through the intercession of the Theotokos...

v. O God, have mercy on me in the greatness of Your love...

(Tone 2)

O God of goodness, You sanctified the whole world with Your Light when You were transfigured on a high mountain, showing Your disciples Your power that You might deliver the world from sin. Therefore, we cry out to You: "O compassionate Lord, save our souls!"

CANON (Tone 4)

Ode 1:

THE CHOIRS OF ISRAEL passed dryshod through the abyss of waters in the Red Sea and saw the enemy host of Pharaoh swallowed up by the flood. They chanted in joy: "Let us sing to our God, for He is gloriously triumphant!"

v. Glory to Your holy Transfiguration, O Lord!

~Addressing to His friends the words of life concerning the Kingdom of God, Christ said to them: "When I shine with the unapproachable Light, you shall know that the Father is in Me; and in joy, you shall intone, 'Let us sing to our God, for He is gloriously triumphant!'"

~"O My disciples and friends, you shall eat the wealth of the nations and boast of the riches from them, for you will be filled with glory when I appear more brilliant than the sun; and you shall cry out in joy, 'Let us sing to our God, for He is gloriously triumphant!'"

~Today, as He promised, on Mount Tabor Christ shines and discloses to His disciples a reflection of His divine splendor. Filled with that divine Light, they say in joy: "Let us sing to our God, for He is gloriously triumphant!"

Katavasia

When Moses traced the Cross with his staff, the Red Sea parted for the people of Israel, who crossed dryshod; then he closed the immense flood over the noise of Pharaoh's chariots, inscribing the invincible weapon upon it; thus, we sing to Christ our God, for He is gloriously triumphant.

KONDAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (*Tone 7*)

On the mountain You were transfigured, O Christ our God, and Your Disciples saw as much of Your glory as they could hold, so that when they should see You crucified, they would know that You suffer willingly, and would proclaim to the world that You are verily the Splendor of the Father.

IKOS

Come, stay awake! If we let laziness chain us to the ground, our spirits will never rise to lofty matters! Let us rise and go up the slope of the divine Mount. Let us hasten to join Peter and the two sons of Zebedee on Tabor, that with them we may see the glory of our God and hear the voice they heard

from Heaven; and they proclaimed that this is verily the Splendor of the Father!

SYNAXARION

On August 6, we commemorate the holy Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In a glory surpassing all earthly desire, Tabor was able to see the Light emitted by the divine nature in its infinite glory. On the sixth, Christ was transfigured, altering His appearance.

To Him be the glory and power throughout the ages. Amen.

Ode 9:

v. O my soul, magnify Christ our God, who was gloriously transfigured on Mount Tabor!

YOU GAVE BIRTH WITHOUT STAIN, for it was God incarnate in the flesh who came forth from your womb. He was seen on earth and conversed with men. Wherefore, O Mother of God, we all exalt you!

~Struck with common fear before the strange Light which illumined them, the disciples looked at one another and fell face downwards upon the ground in awe, worshipping You, O Master of All!

~Confirming the wonder, the voice of God was heard from the cloud, for the Father of Lights addressed the Apostles and said: "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!"

~Seeing that strange and new wonder, then hearing the voice of the Father on Tabor, the servants of the divine Word cried out: "Behold the Image of the Archetype! Behold, our true Savior!"

~O faithful Image of He-Who-Is, O Seal that cannot be changed or altered, Son and Word, Wisdom and Arm, Power of the right hand of the Most High: we sing to You and to the Father and the Spirit.

Katavasia

Today the death that came to our race through eating from the forbidden tree is made ineffective through the triumph of the Cross. The curse of our mother Eve that fell on the human race is destroyed by the pure fruit of the Mother of God, whom all the powers of Heaven magnify.

EXAPOSTILARIA (*Tone 3*)

Today, O Word, You reveal Your light on Tabor, O Unaltered Light of the eternal Father's Light! And in Your light, we see the light of the Father and the Holy Spirit, guiding all creation with eternal uncreated Light.

PRAISES (*Tone 8*)

Stichera of the Resurrection (*Tone 8*)

8. Lord, although You appeared before Pilate to be judged at his tribunal, You never left the throne where You are seated with the Father. Risen from the dead, You set the world free from its slavery to the Enemy for You are the Lover of mankind!
7. Lord, although You were laid as a dead man in the tomb, the soldiers kept their watch as though You were a sleeping King. As though guarding the Treasure of Life, they secured You by seals. But by Your Resurrection, You have obtained immortality for our souls.
6. Lord, You have granted us Your holy Cross as a weapon to defeat the Devil. Before it, he trembles and quakes, unable to look upon its might, for it has raised the dead and trampled down Death. Therefore we worship Your burial and Your holy Resurrection!
5. Lord, as he proclaimed Your Resurrection, Your angel filled those who were guarding You with terror; but in speaking to the holy women, he asked: "Why are you seeking the Living One among the dead? He is risen as our God, granting life to the whole world!"

Stichera of Anatolios the Patriarch

4. Un suffering in Your Divinity, You suffered on the Cross. You remained three days in the tomb to free us from slavery to the enemy. By Your Resurrection, You grant us life and immortality, O Lord, who are the Lover of Mankind!

Stichera for the Transfiguration (Tone 4)

3. Before Your Passion and Cross, O Lord, taking with You those whom You had chosen from among Your holy disciples, You climbed up Mount Tabor, in order that Your glory might appear to them. When they saw You transfigured and shining more brilliantly than the sun, they fell down upon the ground. Struck with wonder at Your power, they proclaimed: "O Christ, You are the timeless Light; You are the Reflection of the Father; yet You have freely manifested Yourself in our flesh without undergoing change!"
2. You exist before all ages in eternity and are arrayed with light as with a cloak: You were transfigured before Your disciples, shining more brightly than the sun, O Word of God. Moses and Elijah stood at Your side, revealing You to be the Lord of both the living and the dead. They glorified Your ineffable saving Economy as well as Your love and the infinite condescension by which You saved the world which had been lost in sin.
1. O Lord, who were incarnate and born of the Virgin Cloud, You were transfigured on Mount Tabor, covered by a radiant cloud. In the presence of Your disciples, the voice of the Father clearly proclaimed You as His beloved Son, one in essence with Him and sharing the same throne. Struck with wonder, and not knowing what he said, Peter cried out: "It is good for us to be here, O Lord, whose immense mercy fill us with blessings!"

- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion (Tone 8)

Christ took Peter, James and John aside; going up with them on a high mountain, He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothing became whiter than snow. Moses and Elijah appeared and spoke with Him. Then a radiant cloud covered them, and a voice was heard from the cloud: "Behold, this is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

Great Doxology. Troparion of the Feast.