

August 7

Second day of the Transfiguration; Commemoration of the Hosiomartyr Dometios (5th Class)

GREAT VESPERS

Stichera for the Transfiguration (Tone 4)

6. 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."
5. You exist before all ages in eternity and are arrayed with light as with a cloak, 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.
4. 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 fills us with blessings!"

For Dometios (Tone 6)

3. Totally renouncing the deceptions of magic, the abominations of the Persians and their monstrous stargazing, you took refuge in God, who governs the heavens with the wisdom of His Providence. In His name, like an Apostle, you healed the infirmities of animals as well as the sicknesses of the people who had recourse to you with their whole heart, O Dometios, servant of Christ. With confidence, pray to Him for our souls.
2. You surrendered your whole life to the Lord, O venerable Father Dometios; filled with fervor, you set out on the way of asceticism, giving yourself over to peaceful prayer, continuous praise, night-long vigils, and a life without reproach like an angel in Heaven. Thus you received the power to work countless miracles, for the Lord knows how to glorify His servants. With confidence, pray to Him for our souls.
1. Having put on the whole armor of the Cross, covered with the unbreakable buckler of the Faith, you caused terror in the hostile demons attacking you. You routed them by the sword of your Faith and your holy prayers. Now you save travelers from the evils which they can cause them, O Dometios, faithful servant of Christ. With confidence, pray to Him for our souls.
- 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

O Christ God, when You willed to prefigure Your Resurrection, You chose three disciples - Peter, James and John and went up with them to Mount Tabor. At the moment of Your Transfiguration, O Savior, the mountain was flooded with light, and Your disciples fell with their faces to the ground, for they could not bear the sight of

Your countenance upon which no one may look, O Word! Angels attended with trembling and awe; the heavens were afraid; and the earth shook to its very foundations when they saw the Lord of Glory come upon earth.

Entrance. "O Joyful Light..." Prokimenon of the day.

GREAT PROKIMENON (*Tone 7*)

Our God is in Heaven and on earth; whatever the Lord wills, He does.

- v. When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a foreign nation.
- v. The sea looked and ran away; Jordan turned back.
- v. Sea, what makes you run away? Jordan, why did you turn back?

APOSTICHA (*Tone 2*)

1. Today, on Mount Tabor, Christ has changed the darkened human nature; filling it with brightness, He has made it godlike.

All: Yours is the Heaven and Yours the earth.

2. On Tabor, Moses and Elijah saw God, who took flesh from a Virgin for the salvation of the human race.

All: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in Your name.

3. Before going to the Cross, today on the mountain Christ reveals to His disciples the radiant sign of His divinity, shining like the sun.

All: 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*)

Clearly revealing Your divine splendor to those who went up on to the mountain with You, You made them share in Your glory which surpasses all things. Then, filled with enthusiasm, they cried out: "It is good for us

to be here!" We, too, sing to You, O Christ our transfigured Savior, throughout the ages!

TROPARION OF DOMETIOS (*Tone 4*)

Having struggled to the mountain top by fasting, you destroyed the assaults of the spiritual enemy by the armor of the Cross. You girded yourself valiantly for martyrdom with the sword of Faith to cast down the apostate emperor. Because of these two exploits, you received a double crown from God, O blessed Dometios, monk and martyr.

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

TROPARION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (*Tone 7*)

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!