

On the Transfiguration

By St. Gregory Palamas

“What does it mean to say: He was transfigured?” asks the Golden-Mouthed Theologian (Chrysostom). He answers this by saying: “It revealed something of His Divinity to them, as much and insofar as they were able to apprehend it, and it showed the indwelling of God within Him.” The Evangelist Luke says: “And as He prayed, His countenance was altered” (Luke 9:29); and from the Evangelist Matthew we read: “And His face shone as the sun” (Mt.17:2). But the Evangelist said this, not in the context that this Light be thought of as subsistent for the senses (let us put aside the blindness of mind of those who can conceive of nothing higher than what is known through the senses). Rather, it is to show that Christ God, for those living and contemplating by the Spirit, is the same as the sun is for those living in the flesh and contemplating by the senses. Therefore, some other Light for the knowing the Divinity is not necessary for those who are enriched by Divine gifts.

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Sunday, August 6th, 2017

Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

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Readings

Epistle

2 Peter 1:10-19

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Tone 7 Troparion

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

Tone 7 Kontakion

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 should 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.



This Week at St. Herman's

Sunday, August 6th - Transfiguration

Fish Wine & Oil

- 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, August 8th - St. Emilian the Confessor

- 7:00 PM - Vigil for St. Herman of Alaska

Wednesday, August 9th - St. Herman of Alaska

Fish Wine & Oil

Parish Altar Feast

- 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 12th - Martyrs Anicetus and Photius

Wine & Oil

- 6:30 PM - Jesus Prayer
- 7:00 PM - Great Vespers