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.

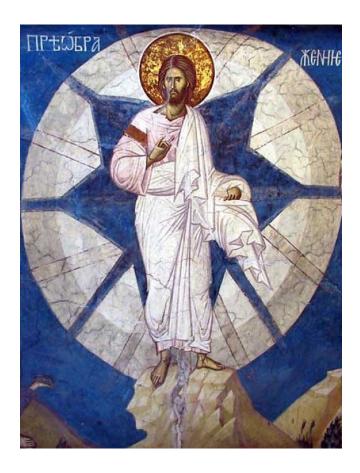
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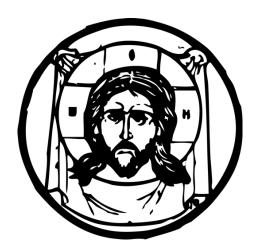
Epistle 2 Peter 1:10-19
Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

Tone 7 Troparion

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O <u>Christ God</u>, revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could <u>bear</u> it. Let Thine <u>ev</u>erlasting Light also shine upon us <u>sin</u>ners, through the prayers of the Theo<u>to</u>kos!//
O Giver of <u>Light</u>, <u>glory</u> to Thee!

Tone 7 Kontakion

On the <u>mountain</u> Thou wast transfigured, O <u>Christ</u> God, and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could <u>see</u> it; so that when <u>they</u> should behold Thee <u>cru</u>cified, they would understand that Thy suffering was <u>vol</u>untary, and would pro<u>claim</u> to the <u>world</u>// that Thou art truly the <u>Ra</u>diance of the <u>Fa</u>ther.



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 Anicletus and Photius Wine & Oil

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