

CHRIST IS TRANSFIGURED ON MT. TABOR

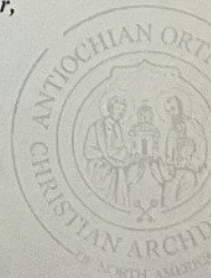
A spiritual highlight of the summer season is the Church's observance of the magnificent Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. Jesus spoke to His apostles several times about His upcoming suffering and death. And then, to prepare them for that heart-rendering event, He took the Apostle Peter, James and John to a mount to see Him in all the glory of His Divinity. When they would see Him in the crucifixion, they were to keep in mind His Transfiguration.

As Jesus prayed on that mountain, an amazing transformation took place. His face became as bright as the sun, His clothing became as brilliant as light. Christ was transfigured; His Divinity revealed through His Humanity.

Two Old Testament figures appeared with the Lord. One of them was Moses, writer of the first five books of the Holy Bible, the one who went up Mt. Sinai to receive the tablets of the 10 Commandments from God, the one who led the Hebrews out of Egyptian slavery and across the Red Sea as on dry land. The other figure was the great Prophet Elijah who lived over 800 years before the coming of Christ. He foretold much concerning the Messiah and was taken into heaven in a chariot of fire.

This feastday reminds us of our calling as believers in Jesus Christ – are we not to be transfigured during the course of our life? Is not our goal to be like Christ? “Come and follow Me,” Jesus once said. Again, He bid us: “Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven . . .”

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Welcome our Visitors! We invite you to venerate the cross at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. However, only Orthodox Christians who are in good standing and who have prepared by prayer, fasting, and Confession may receive Holy Communion.

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SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Very Rev. Father Gabriel Karam, Pastor

Saturday Great Vespers 6:00 p.m. - Sunday Orthros 9:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m. - Confessions: By Appointment

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES SUNDAY AUGUST 09, 2026

TONE 1/ EOTHINON 10

AFTER-FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliver of Captives: And defender of the Poor, Healer of the Infirm, champion of Kings, Victorious Great Martyr George, Intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

We Celebrate Today

On August 9 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Transfiguration of Christ, and we commemorate the holy **Apostle Matthias**.

Verses

Judas went out and was raised up on a halter
Matthias came in and was raised up on a scaffold.

On the ninth, single-hearted Matthias was raised on a scaffold.

Born in Bethlehem of the tribe of Judah, he was a pupil of St. Simeon the Host of God in Jerusalem. Matthias was among those who loved the Lord with all their hearts. Matthias was at first included among the "Seventy" Apostles of Christ, but, after the Lord's Resurrection, because the place of Judas the betrayer fell vacant, the apostles chose Matthias to take his place as one of the twelve Great Apostles (Acts 1:23). Receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Matthias began to preach the Gospel, first in Judea then in Ethiopia, where he suffered greatly for the sake of Christ. In Judea, he was arrested and taken for trial before Ananias the High Priest, before whom he fearlessly

witnessed to Christ. Ananias—the same who had earlier killed the Apostle James—condemned Matthias to death. Thus, the Apostle went to the eternal joy of his Lord.

On this day, we also commemorate the translation of the relics of **Venerable Herman** of Alaska, wonderworker of America. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+Healing & Recovery Bishop Nicholas, Fr. Paul, Dea Terry, Kh. Janet, Joy Logue, Dolores Nosser, Rick Collins, George Michael Nasif, Lynne Abraham, Pam Smith, Irene Tzotzolas, Michael Farris, Athena, Georgia, Andrea Simon, Chuck Abraham, Carla Leese, Drew Anderton, Robert Taylor, Michael Lekas, Gregory Thomas, Janice Strickland.

+Birthdays & Anniversaries. August Ross Henley, Elizabeth Abraham (9), Sandra Evans, Chuck & Terri Abraham (10), Denise Scott (11), George Henry Jabour (12), Stephen Thomas, Jenny Jabour (13), Lillian Mackay, Ivan Kabanova, Diala Maida (14), Marissa Jabour (15), Buddy & Janice Strickland (16), Mary Martha Ellis (18), Christian Abraham (21).

+Keep in your prayers. Our Catechumens, Cole Gary, Who is preparing himself for the Holy Sacrament of Chrismation.

+Dormition Lent. A strict lent, abstaining from meat, seafood and any dairy product started on Saturday August 1 till Friday the 14. **Paraklesis Service on Every week day @ 5:30 pm.**

+Parish Council Meeting. Tuesday August 11 @ 6:30 Pm.

+Celebrating. Dormition Feast of the Theotokos August 15

Friday, Great Vespers, and Artoklasia Aug. 14 @ 5:30 PM

Saturday, Orthros and Divine Liturgy Aug. 15 @ 9:30 AM

The Church Fathers Teach

This is My Beloved Son, Listen to Him (Matt 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35)

[Jesus] Is unique.... This who Is of one substance with Me (God), His Father, in every way—He is not like those whom some heretics have reduced to a slave! This one pre-existed along with Me, before the ages. This one put the world together by His Spirit. This one shaped Adam, when He and I together planned to make human beings. This one took mud from the earth and formed the human person. This one transported Enoch in a marvelous way from human company. This one is seen and understood. This one exists with Me, and stands on the mountain. This one has walked in your company, and is not separated from the One who begot Him. This One is without time, without beginning, without successor, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, ineffable beyond thought. This one Is; He did not come to be, He was not created. He is by nature, not by grace. He is, without having His being in time. He is, for He also was and existed before. For I did not become Father in time, but I always exist as Father. And if I am always Father, then this one is always Son, and the Holy Spirit also always is—who is adored along with Me and with the Son, and glorified along with Us, always and to the unending ages of ages. Amen. **"Timothy of Antioch, on affirming Jesus's Divine sonship".**

DIVINE LITURGY AUGUST 09, 2026

"DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM"

AFTER-FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST

THE EPISTLE

(For the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Tenth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:14-23)

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day."