

✠ ✠ OUR LORD'S TRANSFIGURATION ✠ ✠

Although not specifically mentioned in any of the 3 Gospels that describe this event, MT. TABOR has long been revered as the site of our Lord's Transfiguration. The first church was built upon it in the 4th century and today, both the Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches have a presence there. Located in the region of Lower Galilee, the mountain rises to an elevation of nearly 2,000 feet. Although this is not considered to be terribly high, its size dominates the level landscape around the Jezreel Valley, which it overlooks. The view from the top of Mt. Tabor is breathtaking, but reaching it is a grueling task - even today. Tour buses are permitted to only go so far; then pilgrims proceed by foot, or catch a ride with local drivers. With its winding trails and rugged terrain, one can only imagine how difficult it was for our Lord - accompanied by Peter, James and John - to make that challenging climb.

What occurred on Mt. Tabor is shrouded in mystery. While praying there, Jesus was suddenly joined by Moses and Elijah. The symbolism here should be quite clear to us: our Lord was the fulfillment of the Law - represented by Moses and the words of the Prophets - represented by Elijah. The Apostles present were privileged to catch a glimpse of Christ's glory, as ". . . His Face shone as the sun and His garments became white as snow." (Matt 17:2) Adding to the drama of the Transfiguration was the Voice of the Father, Who proclaimed: "This is My Beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased." (Matt 17:5) This heavenly happening was all too brief; in an instant it was over, and Christ would come down from the mountain and embark upon an even more grueling walk to Golgotha.

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ABOUT COMMUNION

We are happy that you have joined us today. Indeed, we pray for the "unity of the Faith" for the day when all of Christianity are united as ONE and can share a common Chalice. However, this is not the case as yet. Please note that Holy Communion, the actual Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, is only for Members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and confession, & arrived before the Gospel reading. However, everyone is welcome to partake of the blessed bread and receive a blessing from the pastor at the dismissal. If you are interested, you may inquire with the pastor how you can become a member.

If you are a guest or otherwise not a regular communicant, please give your baptismal name when receiving.



TRANSFIGURATION



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WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY'S

Where people from around the world come together to serve God and our community. We are glad you are worshipping with us today! This Church is one community of many in the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. The Church of Antioch belongs to two thousand years of evangelization, teaching, history, and tradition which expresses the continued commitment of its members to the Orthodox Christian faith in the Lord Jesus Christ!

St. Anthony Church is a Pan-Orthodox community, under the omophorion of His Beatitude Patriarch JOHN X within the Self-ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. If you are a first time visitor, please fill out the guest form located on the literature table. We want you to feel at home in prayer and worship. Please submit your names to the ushers and introduce yourself to Fr. Elia at the end of the service so he may welcome you personally.

Following services, please join us for sharing of fellowship, coffee, and food.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON AUGUST 06 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Who settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded about with power.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for He cometh; yea, He is come to judge the earth. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... (*Refrain*)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. (*Refrain*)

A man will say: Mother Zion; and: That man was born in her; and: The Most High Himself hath founded her.

(*Refrain*) Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints. Blessed is the people that knoweth jubilation. O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance shall they walk, and in Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day long.

~ *During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of the Transfiguration.*

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE FEAST

For in Thee is the fountain of life, and in Thy light shall we see light. Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

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St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

Sunday School

Sunday School A Ministry of Christian Education at St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church.

“Let everything take second place to our care of our children, to the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” - St. John Chrysostom

Registration Form for 2023-2024 Sunday School Year

(Please Fill and Return by August 27th)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

STUDENT NAME First _____ Last _____ Baptismal name _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ Age _____ Grade Level _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ Zip _____

FATHER _____ Cell _____

MOTHER _____ Cell _____

HOME PHONE _____ Other _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (ES) _____

ALLERGIES/CONDITIONS _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME _____ NUMBER _____

TALENTS/HOBBIES/SKILLS (i.e. musical INFORMATION HELPFUL TO TEACHER)

VOLUNTEER (i.e. PARENT(s) chaperone, pageant, decorations, etc.) YES _____ NO _____

Do you have a reliable internet connection? YES _____ NO _____

Do you have a webcam available? YES _____ NO _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ Date _____

Students are expected to arrive on time every Sunday for the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m., receive the Holy Eucharist, proceed to their classroom, and remain until the class session concludes at 12:00 p.m.

First Day of Sunday School Classes is September 10.

~ Now sing these hymns in the following order.

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.

~ Do NOT sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.

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.

THE EPISTLE (For the Transfiguration)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Peter. (1:10-19)

Brethren, be the more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore, I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased,” we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made surer. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

THE GOSPEL (For the Transfiguration)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:1-9)

At that time, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is well that we are here; if Thou wilt, I will make three booths here, one for Thee and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; hear Him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is risen from the dead.”

MEGALYNARION FOR THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT

Now the unheard-of is heard; for the Son, Who without father came forth from the Virgin, is gloriously testified by the Father's voice to be God and man, the same unto the ages.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE EIGHT

O Lord, in the light of the glory of Thy face shall we walk, and in Thy Name shall we rejoice forever. Alleluia.

Instead of singing “We have seen the true light”, sing the Apolytikion of the Transfiguration.

After "Blessed be the Name of the Lord", the clergy gather on the solea in front of the table where the grapes are placed for blessing. "The Prayer for the Blessing of the Grapes", along with the rubrics, appears in The Liturgikon (fourth edition) on Pgs. 454-455.

ABOUT THE DIVINE LITURGY

The Divine Liturgy expresses the entire Christian faith in a continuous song of praise and prayer addressed to God. It is focused on God, not on us. There is nothing just for amusement or entertainment. Since much of the service is the same every week, worshippers know it and can participate personally, either by singing along or just by prayerful attention. Worshippers are surrounded by icons (pictures of Christ and the saints), which remind us that we are participating, while on earth, in the worship of all the angels and saints in heaven. The entire service (except for the sermon) is sung. The words are all from Scripture or ancient Christian texts. Please follow the service in the books available in the pews. Weekly changes will appear below and marked with a corresponding letter in the service book.

Announcements



August 6th
August 13th
August 20th
August 27th

Epistle Readers
Holly Dick
Zachary Ferrell
Jennifer Riter
Isaac Vaughn

DORMITION FAST TUESDAY AUGUST 1ST UNTIL AUGUST 14TH.



Dear parents, please fill out the Sunday School registration form for your children ASAP, so we can plan classes.

Sunday, September 3

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at the Henegar Center.

Fish luncheon served by AWO

Join us after the Liturgy to Celebrate the Feast of Transfiguration.

Suggested donation Adults- \$10, Children - \$5

We wish all of the students a very Blessed School year.
May God guide you on your journey!



We are so blessed to have more children!

Last night we had "Bowling with Abouna". Our total expense was \$108.

We will appreciate your support in replenishing our Teen SOYO funds. Thank you, we had a Ball!



Please pray for the healing of Michealle and Tyrone Carrie, Jennifer Glass, Beverly Delida, Lisa Zolton, Tatiana Jones, Ted Theodoropoulos, Susan Perers, Alix Hall, Nina and Diogo Penas, Beth Manzini, John Archambeau, Alex & Soula.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH 2023
9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD AND
SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Our Lord had spoken to His disciples many times not only concerning His Passion, Cross, and Death, but also concerning the coming persecutions and afflictions that they themselves would endure. Since all these evils were near at hand, but the enjoyment of good things which they hoped to receive in their stead was yet to come, our Savior desired to give them full assurance, evidently and openly, concerning that glory which is prepared for those who endure to the end. Therefore, fulfilling that which He had promised shortly before, that "there be some standing here which shall not

taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom" (Matt. 16:28), He took His three foremost disciples and ascended Mount Tabor, where He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as the light. Suddenly, together with this dread and marvelous effulgence of light, there appeared those pinnacles of the Prophets, Moses and Elias, who spoke with the Lord Jesus concerning His saving Passion which was about to take place. Standing before Him as reverent servants, they showed that He is the Lord of both the living and the dead, for Moses came forth from Hades, having died many centuries before, and Elias, as it were from heaven, whither he had been taken up while yet alive. After a little while a radiant cloud overshadowed them and out of the cloud they heard that same voice which had been heard at the Jordan at the Baptism of Christ, testifying to the Divinity of Jesus and saying: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased; hear ye Him" (Matt. 17: 5).

Such are the marvels, truly worthy of God, celebrated in this present feast, which is an image and prefiguring of the future state of the righteous, whose splendor the Lord spoke of, saying: "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun" (Matt. 13:43). It is because of this that the Kontakion of this Feast is said daily (when there is not a great feast) in the Service of the Typica in perpetual commemoration of the glory that will be the lot of the Saints. According to tradition, the Lord's Transfiguration came to pass forty days before His Crucifixion; this is why the Transfiguration is celebrated forty days before the Exaltation of the Cross.

"Subsequential Internal Non-morality," more commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed.

Some of the symptoms include:

- 1. Loss of direction
- 2. Foul vocal emissions
- 3. Amnesia of origin
- 4. Lack of peace and joy
- 5. Selfish or violent behavior
- 6. Depression or confusion
- 7. Fearfulness
- 8. Idolatry
- 9. Rebellion

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect. The Repair Technician, JESUS, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required. The number to call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R. Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component.

No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with:

- 1. Love
- 2. Joy
- 3. Peace
- 4. Patience
- 5. Kindness
- 6. Goodness
- 7. Faithfulness
- 8. Gentleness
- 9. Self control

Please see the operating manual, the B.I.B.L.E.(BEST Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of these fixes.

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list, and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on Jesus.

DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility. Thank you for your attention!- GOD

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice, and you may contact the Father any time by 'Knee mail'! Because HE Lives!
Working for God on earth doesn't pay much...but His retirement plan is out of this world!



CHILDREN CAMP DAY



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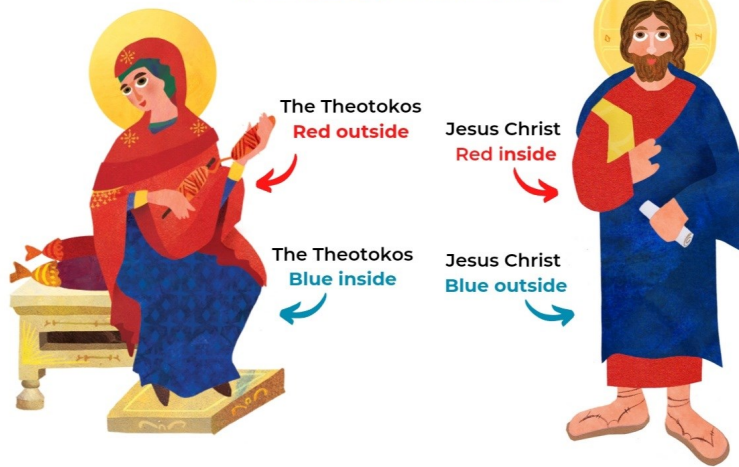
Holy icon colors



Red = Divine nature



Blue = Human nature



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The event of the Transfiguration is recorded in three of the four Gospels: Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-8, and Luke 9:28-36. Jesus took the Apostles Peter, James, and John with Him up upon a mountain, and while they were on the mountain Jesus was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and His garments became glistening white.

Moses and Elijah appeared with Christ, talking to Him. Peter declared how good it was for them to be there and expressed the desire to build three booths for Moses, Elijah, and Christ. This reference to the booths could imply that this occurred during the time of the Feast of Tabernacles when the Jews would be camping out in the fields for the grape harvest; for this Feast had acquired other associations in the course of its history, including the memory of the wanderings in the wilderness recorded in the Old Testament book of Exodus.

While Peter was speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." When the disciples heard this they fell on their faces filled with awe. Jesus came to them and told them to not be afraid.

When the three looked up they saw only Jesus.

As Jesus and His disciples came down the mountain, He told them not to speak of what they had seen until He had risen from the dead.

In Christ,
Fr. Elia Shalhoub
Very Rev. Fr. Elia Shalhoub, Pastor

RECALL



The Maker of all human beings (GOD) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been identified as