Vesper Propers, August 6
THE TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005

Psalm 140, Tone 4 (begins on page 58)

Bring my soul out of this prison *
and then I shall praise your name.

Around me the just will assemble *
because of your goodness to me.

Cantor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Psalm 129
(on 8) Lord, hear my voice!

Psalm 129
Tone 4

O Lord, when you were transfigured before being crucified, Mount Tabor was
made to resemble heaven; for a cloud was extended as a canopy,
and the Father bore witness to you. Peter, James, and John were also there,
the same three apostles who were to be with you at the time of the betrayal
of Judas, so that, having seen you in glory, they would not
be dismayed at the time of your suffering. Likewise, O Lord, make us worthy to
recognize you as our God in the same sufferings you endured in your great mercy, and to adore you.

Cantor: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.
(on 7) All repeat "O Lord, when you were transfigured..."

Cantor: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

O Lord, as a preparation to your crucifixion, you led some of your apostles to a high mountain and became transfigured before them, enlightening them with the light of your glory. In this way, you showed the reality of the resurrection you are to grant to us in your love for all and in your almighty power as God. Make us worthy of this resurrection, O God, for you are gracious and the Lover of us all.
O Lord, when you were transfigured on a high mountain in the presence of your foremost disciples, you shone with glory, showing how those who lead an outstanding life of virtue will be made worthy of the glory of heaven. Elijah and Moses, conversing with the Lord, showed him to be the Lord of the living and the dead, God who spoke through the Law and the Prophets, the same to whom the Father's voice bore witness out of the bright cloud, saying: Hear him, for it is he who through his cross despoiled Hades and granted eternal life to the dead.
In deed, O Lord, the mountain that had been dark with smoke to - day becomes
honorable and holy be - cause you stood on it. The mystery hidden from the
beginning of the world be - comes man - ifest in your transfig - u - ra - tion
be - fore Pe - ter, James, and John. They fell with their faces to the ground,
un - a - ble as they were to bear the light of your coun - te - nance and the splen - dor
of your cloth - ing. A further marvel was the vision of Moses and E - li - jah,
con - vers - ing with you on your fu - ture, and the voice of the Father bearing wit - ness
and say - ing: This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Hear him!

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.
All repeat: "O Lord, when you were transfigured..."

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! Psalm 116
He is the One who will convey great mercy to the world.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.
(on 1) All repeat: "Indeed, O Lord..."

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...now and ever...

Doxastikon - Tone 6

O Christ our God, when you willed to prefigure your resurrection, you chose three disciples, Peter, James, and John; and you 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 gaze, O Word. The 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 the earth.

The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening (p. 12)

The Prokeimena for weekdays are found on page 114 in the Appendix. If this service is being sung on any other evening but Friday, please use the Prokeimenon proper to the day of the week. If, however, this service is sung on Friday, use the Great Prokeimenon provided below. It would normally be sung on the day after the feast; however, it cannot replace the Great Prokeimenon of Saturday. Therefore it is anticipated on Friday.

**Great Prokeimenon** (Psalm 113(2):3)

But our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he wills, he does whatever he wills.

Verse: When Israel came forth from Egypt, Jacob's sons from an alien people, Judah became the Lord's temple.

Verse: The sea fled at the sight; the Jordan turned back on its course.

Verse: Why was it, sea, that you fled, that you turned back, Jordan, on your course?

Readings: Exodus 24: 12 - 18
Exodus 33: 11 - 23 and 34: 4 - 6, 8
1 Kings 19: 3 - 9, 11 - 13, 15 - 16

The service continues with the Litany of Fervent Supplication, p.13
O God of goodness, your light has sanctified the whole universe,
and you were transfigured on the high mountain, revealing your power to your disciples. You have redeemed the world from sin. Therefore, we cry out to you:

O Lord of mercy, save our souls!

You were transfigured in glory on Mount Tabor, O Christ our God, and you showed your disciples the glory of your divinity. Now also pour out
the light of your knowledge upon us, guide us in the way of your divine commandments.

Christ, the light that shone before the sun, dwelt on earth in a human form. Wishing to fulfill the divine work of salvation before his Cross, today he mysteriously reveals the image of the Trinity on Mount Tabor. He took aside his three chosen disciples, Peter, James, and John; and for a short time he concealed his incarnation.

He was transfigured before them, showing forth the splendor of the original beauty. By this he strengthened them
in their faith; yet he spared them from losing their life at this sight, and so their eyes saw only as much as they could behold. He also called upon Moses and Elias, the most venerable of the prophets, to witness to his divinity, testifying that he is indeed the reflection of the Father, the Lord of the living and the dead. A cloud also enveloped them as a tent, and the voice of the Father bore witness on high, saying: This is my beloved Son; hear him! I have begotten him before the daystar in a virginal manner; I have sent him to save those baptized
in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, those who confess in faith

that the power of divinity is one and indivisible. O Christ out God,

you love all of us. make us shine in the brightness

of your inaccessible glory; and in your supreme

goodness, make us worthy to inherit your never ending kingdom.

Litany of the Litija, p. 116

Aposticha

Tone 1

He who mysteriously spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai and said: I am

who am, today manifests himself to his disciples on Mount Tabor

and reveals through his person that human nature is reestablished
in its original splendor. As witnesses to this grace and partakers of this joy,

he raised up Moses and Elias, the fore-runners of the glorious and saving resurrection made possible by the cross of Christ.

Cantor

The heavens are yours, the world is yours. You founded the earth and all it holds.

When David, the forefather of the Lord, foresaw in spirit your coming in the flesh, he invited the whole creation to rejoice,

crying out prophetically: O Savior, Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in your name, for indeed you ascended this mountain with your disciples.
Through your Transfiguration you returned Adam's nature to its original splendor, restoring its very elements to the glory and brightness of your divinity. Therefore we cry out to you:

O Creator of all, glory to you!

Cantor

Tabor and Hermon shout with joy at your name.

O Christ without a beginning, when on the Mount of the Transfiguration, your disciples saw the light that was yours and your unapproachable divinity, they were rapt in amazement and completely changed. They were enrobed in a radiant cloud, and they
heard the Father's voice confirming the mystery of your incarnation;

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for even after coming in the flesh, you remained the only-begotten Son and the Savior of all.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...now and ever...

Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 6

O Lord, today on Mount Tabor, you have manifested the glory of your divinity to your chosen disciples, Peter, James, and John;

they saw your clothing radiant as light and your face more brilliant than the sun.

Unable to bear your overwhelming radiance or look upon you,

they fell to the ground and heard a voice bearing witness from heaven: This is my beloved Son who came into the world to save his people.
The service continues with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon, p. 19.

**Troparion - Tone 7 (sung three times)**

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\[\text{YOU WERE TRANSFIGURED ON THE MOUNTAIN, O CHRIST OUR GOD, REVEALING AS}\\n\text{MUCH OF YOUR GLORY TO YOUR DISCIPLES AS THEY COULD BEHOLD. THROUGH THE PRAYERS}\\
\text{OF THE THEOTOKOS, LET YOUR EVERLASTING LIGHT ALSO SHINE UPON US SINNERS.}\\n\text{O GIVER OF LIGHT, GLORY TO YOU!}\\n```

The service continues with the Blessing of Bread, p.119.