

**Sunday, August 6, 2023**  
**9th Sunday After Pentecost—Tone 8**  
**Holy Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ**

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Troparion:

Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

Kontakion:

On the mountain wast Thou transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would 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.

Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone:

O Lord how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all!  
(Vs.) Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

Epistle:

The reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Peter. (2 Pet. 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 more sure. 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.

Alleluia Verses:

The heavens are Thine; the earth also is Thine!  
(Vs.) Blessed are the people who know the festal shout!

Gospel:

The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew. (Chapter 17:1-9)

At that time Jesus took Peter, James and his brother John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves, and was transfigured before them. And His face shone as the sun, and His clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking together with Him. Then Peter addressed Jesus, saying, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you will, let us set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." As he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear Him." And on hearing it the disciples fell on their faces and were terrified. And Jesus came near and touched them, and said to them, "Arise, and do not be afraid." But lifting up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus cautioned them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one, till the Son of Man has risen from the dead."