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AFTERFEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:23-35

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

Troparion (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

Troparion (Afterfeast)

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos! O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

Kontakion (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Kontakion (Afterfeast)

On the mountain Thou wast 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.

Prokiemenon - Psalm 117/118:4

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

"Through long meditations, long reading of the Bible and the Fathers, St. Gregory Palamas came to a conclusion: he placed the Transfiguration above all acts of Jesus – even above the Eucharist. 'The light of Tabor is the Kingdom of God.' ... So the disciples standing on Mt. Tabor had seen the Light and became celestial beings ... This blinding Light was seen by St. Paul at Damascus, by Elijah when he was lifted up in a chariot of fire, and by Moses when he stood beside the burning bush. And how shall one see this Light? Above all, by repentance, by calling on the Name of Jesus." ~ *The Holy Fire* by Robert Payne, p 279



Welcome to everyone praying with us today in person. Thank you for helping our efforts to ensure a safe environment by wearing face masks, maintaining distance, using hand sanitizer, and refraining from touching common objects. May all who are in the Church and those livestreaming experience the great joy of the Liturgy.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, August 26 – 7PM

Everyone is welcome to join in the intriguing study of "The Great Divorce" by C.S. Lewis. Watch for Fr. John's email with the Zoom sign-in information.

Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos – Friday, August 28

The Dormition Fast continues through Thursday the 27th. The Dormition Feastday Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:30AM on Friday. Consider keeping the tradition in our homes of the Blessing of Fragrant Flowers and Herbs on this day. Contact Fr. John if you will attend in person. Watch: [St. Luke YouTube channel](#).

St. Luke Faith in Action: Disaster in Lebanon - Thank You!

Thanks to the generosity of donors, IOCC moved quickly going door to door in Beirut's hardest-hit neighborhoods to provide food and hygiene supplies. They will help in rebuilding homes and the St. George University Hospital. Donations will be needed long-term. If you can help, go to ioccc.org/beirut or 877.803.4622.

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja ljeta!

Grant, O Lord, a peaceful life, health, salvation and furtherance in all good things to Fr. John and Hunter Whitestone as they celebrate their birthdays.