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Forefeast of the Transfiguration of Christ

Martyr Eusignios of Antioch; New-Martyr Habakkuk of Thessalonica

Resurrectional Apolytikion (Tone 1): 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 Forefeast of the Transfiguration (Tone 4): Come, let us all welcome the Transfiguration of Christ, and joyously celebrate the bright prefestival, O ye faithful, and let us cry: Nigh at hand now is the day of God-given gladness, as the Sov'reign Master goeth up on Mount Tabor to flash forth with the beautiful light of His Divinity.

Apolytikion of Sts. Peter & Paul (Tone 4): O first-enthroned of the Apostles, teachers of the universe, entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to thy souls.

Kontakion of Forefeast of the Transfiguration (Tone 4): All of mortal nature now divinely shineth on this day with the divine Transfiguration ere the time; and in great gladness, she crieth out: Christ is transfigured, and saveth the race of man.

✠ LITURGICAL SCHEDULE ✠

Saturday: 5:45 pm - 9th Hour // 6:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday: 9:00 am - Orthros // 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS: Our Sunday service is the Divine Liturgy. While all are welcome to attend this service, we ask that you refrain from coming to receive Holy Communion unless you are of the Orthodox Faith and are properly prepared through prayer, fasting and the Sacrament of Confession.

Epistle Reading

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.

Gospel Reading

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."

COMING UP

Tue, Aug 7 Paraklesis Service, 6:00 pm

Thur, Aug 9 Paraklesis Service, 6:00 pm