



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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AUGUST 6, 2023 / 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 8) **Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

FESTAL ANTIPHONS

First Antiphon:

v. Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

v. The voice of Thy thunder was in the whirlwind; Thy lightning lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook. *Repeat Refrain.*

v. Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. *Repeat Refrain.*

v. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. *Repeat Refrain.*

Second Antiphon:

v. Mount Zion in the far north is the city of the Great King.

Refrain: O Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to Thee. Alleluia!

v. And He brought them to the mountain of His sanctuary, this mountain which His right hand had won. *Repeat Refrain.*

v. The Mount Zion which He loved, He built as His sanctuary with mighty strength. *Repeat Refrain.*

v. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

- *Now sing "O Only-begotten Son ..."*

Third Antiphon:

v. Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

FESTAL TROPARION IN TONE SEVEN

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!

v. As the mountains are round about it, so the Lord is round about His people, from this time and forevermore. *Repeat Festal Troparion.*

v. O Lord, who shall sojourn in Thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell on Thy holy mountain?
Repeat Festal Troparion.

v. Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? *Repeat Festal Troparion.*

Entrance Verse (intoned by priest):

Send out Thy light and Thy truth; they have led me and brought me to Thy holy mountain.

- *Choir repeats the Festal Troparion.*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

FESTAL KONTAKION IN TONE SEVEN

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.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all!
v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

THE EPISTLE

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

Brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease. For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. The heavens are Thine; the earth also is Thine.

v. Blessed are the people who know the festal shout!

THE GOSPEL

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

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down

from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

FESTAL MEGALYNARION

v. Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!

Thy childbearing was without corruption; God came forth from thy body clothed in flesh, and appeared on earth and dwelt among men. Therefore we all magnify thee, O Theotokos.

COMMUNION HYMN

O Lord, we will walk in the light of Thy countenance, and will exult in Thy name forever. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by Stephen Wasilewski in memory of Kelsey O'Donnell (40th Day). **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by the Wasilewski Family in memory of Mitrofan Wasilewski (anniversary of repose). **Triple Candelabra** offered by the Bavolar Family in memory of Thomas A. Bavolar (anniversary of repose). **Sacramental Bread** offered by Stephen Wasilewski for the health & salvation of Allison Lupo.

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

PARISH EVENTS

(1) The Parish Council's next meeting tomorrow at 5:00 PM, in the church hall.

(2) DDB donors are cordially invited to the DDB Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, October 8, 2023, 5:00 PM, at Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 605 Washington Avenue, Manville, New Jersey. Bringing family members and parish guests is encouraged. RSVP by Monday, September 25, 2023, to Fr. James Parsells at his email: frjames@ssppoc.org or phone (906) 685-1452.

(3) St. Tikhon's Seminary is planning a Tricky Tray/Basket Raffle fundraiser in Waymart, Pennsylvania on October 28, 2023. The Seminary is asking for your help by donating gift certificates or gift cards, any new merchandise items, or monetary donations to be raffled off at this event. Donations can be picked up or sent to St. Tikhon's Seminary, PO Box 130, 178 St. Tikhon's Rd., Waymart, PA 18472. For more information, contact Martha Spreen at martha.spreen@stots.edu or Kathy Kowalczyk at kathy.kowalczyk@stots.edu.

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