

FORE-FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION

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Verses for the Beatitudes *(Tone 1)*

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

Through food did the enemy lead Adam forth from paradise; but by the Cross hath Christ led back to it the thief who cried: Remember me when Thou comest in Thy kingdom!

***Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.***

O Sinless One, of Thine own will Thou was crucified and place in the tomb; yet Thou didst arise as God, raising up with Thyself Adam who crieth out: Remember me when Thou comest in Thy kingdom!

***Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you,
and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.***

Very early, the myrrh-bearing women arrived, weeping, at Thy tomb, O Christ God; and they found an angel sitting there, clad in white garments, who said: What seek ye? Christ is risen! Lament no longer!

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

When Thine apostles went to the mountain, whither Thou hadst commanded them to go, and saw Thee, O Saviour, they worshipped Thee; and Thou didst send them unto the nations, to teach and baptize them.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Let us worship the Father, let us glorify the Son, and together let us hymn the all-holy Spirit, crying out and saying: O most holy Trinity, save us all!

Now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Thy people bring Thy Mother before Thee to make supplication, O Christ. Through her entreaties grant us Thy compassions, O Good One, that we may glorify Thee Who hast shone forth upon us from the tomb.

Troparion & Kontakion

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone I —

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most-pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world; the powers of heaven, therefore, cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ: glory to Thy kingdom: glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind.”

Troparion, Tone IV —

Come, ye faithful, let us welcome the Transfiguration of Christ; and let us joyfully cry, as we celebrate the prefeast: “The day of holy gladness hath come; the Lord hath ascended Mount Tabor, to radiate the beauty of His Divinity.”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion of the Resurrection, Tone I —

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself; human nature praiseth Thee as God; for death hath vanished: Adam exulteth, O Master; Eve rejoiceth; for she is freed from bondage, and crieth to Thee: “Thou art the giver of resurrection to all, O Christ.”

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone IV —

Today, all mortal nature shineth with the divine Transfiguration, and crieth with exultation: “Christ the Saviour is transfigured to save us all.”

Prokeimenon & Epistle

Prokeimenon Tone 1: Let Thy mercy, O Lord be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, praise befits the just!

Epistle: (1 Corinthians 4:9-16) *Brethren*, I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. ¹⁰We *are* fools for Christ's sake, but you *are* wise in Christ! We *are* weak, but you *are* strong! You *are* distinguished, but we *are* dishonored! ¹¹To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. ¹²And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; ¹³being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the off-scouring of all things until now. ¹⁴I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn *you*. ¹⁵For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *you do* not *have* many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. ¹⁶Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Alleluia Verses:

(Tone 1) God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

(Tone 1) He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David,
His anointed, and his seed forever.

Gospel: (Matthew 17:14-23) At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down to Him and saying, ¹⁵“Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. ¹⁶ So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.” ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” ¹⁸ And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. ¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁰ So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. ²¹ However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.” ²² Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, ²³ and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up.” And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

