

Holy Transfiguration

Greek Orthodox Church

The 4th Sunday of Matthew

July 5, 2020

The Venerable Athanasius of Mount Athos

The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

The Antiphonal Psalm verses are for a normal Sunday.

The 2nd Antiphon: Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to you: Alleluia!

Only begotten Son and Logos of God, being immortal, You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and, without change, became man. Christ, our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death. Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

3rd Antiphon: Resurrectional Apolytikion 3 (p 107): Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of His arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world His great mercy.

Hymns after the Gospel Entrance

Resurrectional Apolytikion 3 (above)

Parish Apolytikion: You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, showing Your glory to the disciples as much as they could bear. Shine on us also, the sinners, shine Your everlasting light, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Giver of Life; glory to You!

The Ordinary Kontakion (225): O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty; but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

The Epistle Reading: Galatians 5:22-6:2. Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:5-13. At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

The Cherubic Hymn: Let us who mystically represent the cherubim... and sing the thrice-holy hymn... to the life-giving Trinity... now lay aside every worldly care.... That we may receive the King of all....

After "Let us love one another that with oneness of mind we may confess": Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Trinity one in essence and undivided.

The Creed: I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not created, of one essence with the Father, through Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; and He rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures. And He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father; He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His Kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets. In one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come. Amen.

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*Do not wish for many things, whether they are within or out of reach.
Instead, take care to sanctify the little you have.*

Mother Gavrilia