

Holy Transfiguration

Greek Orthodox Church

The Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross

The Forefeast of the Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross

Consecration of the Church of the Holy Resurrection

September 13, 2020

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 5 (p 115): To the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Hymns after the Gospel Entrance

Resurrectional Apolytikion 5 (above)

Apolytikion of the Forefeast (chanter): The life-giving Cross of Your goodness, which we the unworthy have from You as a gift, we present to You, O Lord, as an intercessor. Save our leaders and our nation and keep them in peace, through the Theotokos, O only One who loves humanity.

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!

Consecration Kontakion (chanter): Lord, Your Church appears to us * to be like heaven * full of light, and guides with light * all who believe in You, O Christ. * And we who stand in it cry to You: * Savior, establish forever this holy house.

The Epistle Reading: Galatians 6:11-18. Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may

glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

The Gospel Reading: John 3:13-17. The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

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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