



ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 5TH , 2018

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FORE-FAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST;
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; COMMEMORATION OF THE CONSECRATION OF
THE HOLY RESURRECTION PATRIARCHAL SOBOR; HOLY MARTYR EUSIGNIUS (360-63)

Antiphon 1

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; Your lightning lit up the world.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

You have clothed Yourself in praise and splendour; You robe Yourself in light as with a cloak.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Glory... Now... Only-begotten Son...

Antiphon 3

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Entrance:

Lord, send forth Your light and Your truth, these have guided and led me to Your holy mountain.

Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world,* all the powers of heaven cried out:* "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

Troparion: You were transfigured on the mount, O Christ God,* showing Your glory to Your disciples as much as they could bear.* Make Your

eternal light shine* also on us who are sinners,* through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Giver of Light, glory to You!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

Kontakion: You were transfigured on the mount, O Christ God,* and Your disciples saw Your glory as much as they could,* that when they saw You crucified* they might know that You suffered willingly*, and might proclaim to the world* that You are truly the brightness of the Father.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: The Synaxis of the faithful in the Cathedral of the Resurrection,* shines as a multitude of stars in heavens,* and as we offer our prayers we exclaim:* "This is the house the Lord has made."

Prokeimenon:

The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

Prokeimenon:

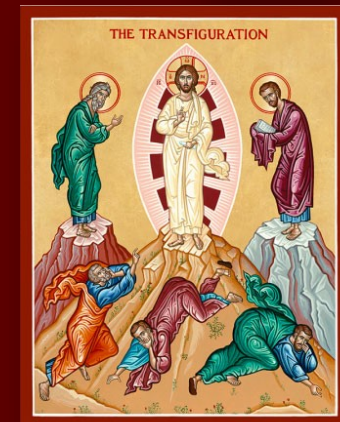
How great are Your works, O Lord, You have made all things in wisdom.

Epistle

A reading from the Second Universal Epistle of St. Peter

Brothers and Sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble. For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

Therefore I intend to keep on reminding you of these things, though you know them already and are established in the truth that has come to you. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.



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DIVINE LITURGIES

Sunday Services:
8:30am - Ukrainian
10:30am - English
1:00pm - Arabic / English [Melkite]
5:00pm - English

Weekday Services:
Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday
English @ 9:00 am

Friday at Westview Lodge-
English @ 10:00 am

HOLY MYSTERIES

Confession:

*Weekdays: Before or after
Liturgies or by appointment.
Sundays: Before and during
liturgy*

Marriage, Baptism-Chrismation- Eucharist, Funerals :

Arrangements with the office

Anointing of the Sick:

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Arrangements with the office

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For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. (2 Peter 1:10-19)

Alleluia

verse: Yours are the heavens, and Yours the earth.
verse: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, they will walk in the light of Your countenance, O Lord.

Gospel according to St. Matthew

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as dazzling as light. And suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus, "Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here; if you want

me to, I will make three shelters here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and suddenly from the cloud there came a voice which said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him."

When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them, saying, "Stand up, do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, "Tell no one about this vision until the Son of man has risen from the dead." (Matthew 17:1-9)

Hymn to the Mother of God:

O my soul, magnify the Lord transfigured on the mountain.

Irmos: Your giving birth was revealed as incorrupt; for it was God who came forth from your womb; He appeared on earth in the flesh, and made His dwelling among us. Thus, O Mother of God, all of us magnify you.

Communion verse:

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.

Second verse: We will walk in the light of Your face, O Lord,* and rejoice in Your name forever. Alleluia (x3).

Liturgical HELP

AUGUST 5

EPISTLE READERS

8:30 am: Gerald Strashok
10:30 am: Bill Lewchuk
5:00 pm: Cynthia Tremblay

HOSTS/USHERS

8:30 am— Gerald Strashok
10:30— —

ROSARY 10:00 Donna Korchinski
ARK STORE: Popel

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EPISTLE READERS

8:30 am: Del & Donna Yaskiw
10:30 am: Walter Machny
5:00 pm: Christina Knight

HOSTS/USHERS

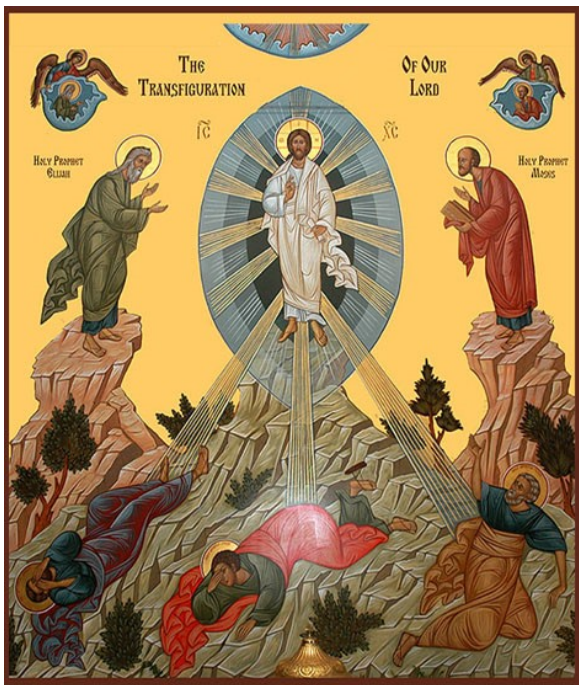
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ROSARY 10:00 —
ARK STORE: Lewchuk

Transfiguration by Brent Kostyniuk

As a writer, some of the most interesting columns to do are the ones which respond to questions from readers. This is one of them. Marie approached me regarding confusion about the Transfiguration. Was Christ's divinity truly revealed? The question is a timely one. Now, as we prepare for the Nativity, the celebration of Christ entering the world in human form, it is worthwhile to re-examine that moment when He first revealed his divine nature.

Celebrated on August 6, The Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is documented in all three synoptic Gospels. Accompanied by Peter, John and James, Jesus went up a mountain to pray. Then, as we read in Luke 9, "...the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus." Luke records that the apostles were very sleepy, but awoke and "saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, 'Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'" A cloud then appeared and enveloped them. At that moment a voice came from the cloud, saying,



“This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.”

The Transfiguration was clearly intended to reveal the divinity of Christ to Peter, James, and John so they would understand who it was that would be crucified for them and that his Passion was voluntary. Transfiguration comes forty days before the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The two feasts are thus connected to remind us of Christ’s voluntary suffering. Eastern theology also tells us that the Transfiguration shows the possibility of our own *theosis*, or transformative process whose goal is likeness to or union with God. We accomplish this through the effects of *katharsis*, the purification of mind and body. Moreover, we are taught that *theosis* is the purpose of human life.

Interestingly, the Transfiguration was witnessed by three disciples and three heavenly witnesses, Moses, Elijah, and the voice of God from heaven. This was in keeping with the Old Testament law of three witnesses required to attest to any fact. “A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established” ([Deuteronomy 19:15](#)). Thus, Jesus’ divinity was authenticated both in earth and in heaven.

The Greek word for transfigured is *metamorpho*. It is a verb that means to change into another form, also to change the outside to match the inward reality. Until the Transfiguration, Jesus’ divine nature had been “veiled” ([Hebrews 10:20](#)) in human. At the Transfiguration, Peter, James, and John were shown a unique display of Jesus’ divine character and a glimpse of the glory, which Jesus had before all time.

How was this possible? How could human eyes gaze upon God? What form did Jesus take to reveal His divinity? One explanation came from Gregory Palamas (1296–1359) a monk who lived at Mount Athos in Greece, later becoming Archbishop of Thessaloniki. While some theologians believed the light shining from Jesus was created light, Gregory had a different explanation which explained how the apostles were able to actually see God. Gregory maintained Peter, James, and John were given the grace to perceive the uncreated light of God. This theology is in keeping with a further argument of Gregory’s that although we cannot know God in His *essence*, we can know Him in his *energies*, as He reveals Himself. Moreover, Gregory held that the prophets in fact had greater knowledge of God, because they had actually seen or heard God himself. Moses and the burning bush is a case in point.

In the Divine Liturgy, shortly before the consecration, the priest prays, “...for you are God—ineffable, inconceivable, invisible, incomprehensible, always existing and ever the same.” Yet for the three apostles and, according to Gregory Palamas, the unknowable was made known. In keeping with Eastern theology he maintained it remains impossible to know God in his essence—God in himself. However it is possible to know God in his energies (to know what God does, and who he is in relation to the creation and to man), as God reveals himself to humanity.

At the Transfiguration, the three apostles experienced the uncreated light of God as Jesus revealed his true divine nature. It was an experience so powerful Peter wanted to set up camp and never leave the spot. The theology of *theosis* calls us all to transform ourselves and seek to be god-like. Ultimately, according to Gregory Palamas, it is possible to see that same uncreated light of God with the help of repentance, spiritual discipline and contemplative prayer, and according to God’s will.

During this season of preparation for the Nativity, it is worthwhile to reflect on the Transfiguration and our own transformation, our own *theosis*.

This piece first appeared in [The Prairie Messenger](#).

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 5: 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30am – for the repose of the soul of +Barrie Gillam

10:30am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

5:00pm – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Monday, August 6:

NO DIVINE LITURGY

Tuesday, August 7:

NO DIVINE LITURGY

Wednesday, August 8:

9:00am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Nadia Ilnycky

Thursday, August 9:

9:00am – in memory of the repose of the souls of +Roman & +Ewrozyna Drynych and +Anne & +Michael Rebenchuk

Friday, August 10:

10:00am (West View): for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Saturday, August 11:

9:00am – for the repose of the soul (40-days) of +Barrie Gillam (w/ panakhyda)



Sunday, August 12: 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30am – for the repose of the soul of +Barrie Gillam

10:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Mykola Chobych

5:00pm – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ♦ 8:30 am Divine Liturgy Ukrainian ♦ 10:30 am Divine Liturgy No Sunday School ♦ 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy <i>Please note there will be NO COFFEE CLUTCH after all Sunday Liturgies</i>	6 FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD ♦ No Divine Liturgy	7 ♦ No Divine Liturgy	8 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	9 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	10  ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge	11 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
12 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ♦ 8:30 am Divine Liturgy Ukrainian ♦ 10:30 am Divine Liturgy No Sunday School ♦ 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy	13 ♦ No Divine Liturgy	14 ♦ No Divine Liturgy	15 DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 7:00 pm Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos	16 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	17  ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge	18 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Fundraising Gala
Banquet & Dance

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 25, 2018
6:00 p.m.**



Croatian Cultural Centre
3010-12 St. NE, Calgary

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Reception & Dinner, Live Music, Silent Auction & much more!
Proceeds in Support of "Hero's Companion" – a dog therapy program for soldiers & victims of the war in Ukraine

6:00 p.m. Reception & Cocktails
7:00 p.m. Dinner & Programme
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In support of UCU Scholarships and Exchange Agreement with St. Mary's University, Calgary and UCU scholarships

Venue: St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Cultural Centre,
4903-45th St SW, Calgary

5:30 PM reception
6:30 Program and Dinner catered by "Halya"
Dress: Business/Ukrainian attire
RSVP by September 1
Tickets: Use Reply Card or order online at ucef.ca

