

**August 9**  
**Post-Feast of the Transfiguration**  
**Holy Apostle Matthias**

**VESPERS**

**At Psalm 140**

*In Tone 2*

8. Come, let us faithfully celebrate the brilliant, divine Transfiguration.  
Having been renewed in spirit,  
we shall climb to the summit of virtue;  
and having learned with the apostles  
the revelation of the strange mysteries,  
we shall glorify the Lord and Saviour.

7. Rejoice and be happy, O faithful!  
The Church now celebrates this precious and bright feast.  
The Master of all is transfigured.  
He is resplendent in the dawn of ineffable splendour,  
shining more brightly than the sun.

6. This is the God and the Creator of all.  
Through his great mercy He took on the appearance of a slave.  
He now heals the wounds of ancient times.  
By his gleaming countenance  
He revealed the glow of divinity in his body.  
The terrified apostles fell to the ground;  
they bowed before the Master of all.

*In Tone 1*

5. O holy apostle Matthias,  
you filled the choir from which Judas fell away.  
You cast out the darkness of idol-worship  
with the splendour of your wise words.  
Now pray that Christ may grant peace and great mercy to our souls.

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3. O blessed Matthias,  
you flowed like a river filled with divine water  
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1. O God-inspired Matthias,  
the universe shines in the brightness of your inspired teaching;  
for your instructions have illumined and enlightened all.  
They have guided all to an understanding of God;  
they have transformed into dwellings of brightness  
those who had lived in the darkness of vain illusions  
and in the darkness of life without God.

*In Tone 6, Glory...*

Grace was poured out through your lips, O glorious apostle Matthias.  
You were a luminary in the Church of Christ.  
You taught the disciples to believe in the consubstantial Trinity,  
in the one divinity.

*In Tone 2, Now...*

O God of goodness, your light has sanctified the whole universe,  
and You were transfigured on the high mountain,  
revealing your power to your disciples.  
You have redeemed the world from sin.  
Therefore, we cry out to You:  
O Lord of mercy, save our souls!

### **Readings**

Acts 1:15-26

1 John 3: 21 through 4: 6

1 John 4: 11 -16

### **Aposticha**

*In Tone 6*

In your compassion, O Christ,  
You appeared from the Virgin  
in the humanity of the first Adam;  
indeed, You became the new Adam.  
O my Saviour, You were transfigured on Mount Tabor,  
and thus You revealed your divinity.

*The heavens are yours; the world is yours.*

The crowns of grace and the law  
were amazed to see your holy Transfiguration  
on Mount Tabor, O Christ.  
Together with them we bow down to You,  
to the Father, and the Divine Spirit.

*Tabor and Hermon shout with joy at your name.*

Creation is brightly illumined by your Transfiguration  
in the presence of the holy apostles on Tabor, O Christ.  
Indeed, You revealed to Moses and Elijah  
that You are God, more radiant than the sun.

*In Tone 2, Glory...*

Filled with divine ambition, O apostle Matthias,  
you laboured zealously for God the almighty  
who revealed you worthy of divine miracles.  
Now you abide with the heavenly hosts and behold our God.  
Pray to the Word, Christ our God,  
to grant his great mercy to us.

*Now...*

You were transfigured in glory on Mount Tabor, O Christ our God,  
and You showed your disciples the glory of your divinity.  
Now also pour out the light of your knowledge upon us  
and, in your goodness and your love for all of us,  
guide us in the way of your divine commandments.

## **Troparia**

*In Tone 3*

O holy apostle Matthias, intercede with the all-merciful God\* that He may grant us forgiveness of our sins.

*In Tone 7, Glory... Now...*

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!

## **DIVINE LITURGY**

### ***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.

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### ***Entrance***

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

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### ***Troparia and Kontakia***

*Troparion, Tone 7:* 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!

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

*Kontakion, Tone 4:* Your radiant message,\* O wondrous apostle Matthias,\* has shone like the sun throughout the world\* enlightening the Church of the nations with grace.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

*Kontakion, Tone 7:* 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.

***Prokeimenon, Tone 4***

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

*verse:* Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord, my God, You are exceedingly great. (Psalm 103:24,1)

***Epistle***

Acts 1:12-17,21-26

***Alleluia, Tone 8***

*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. (Psalm 88:12,16)

***Gospel***

Luke 9:1-6

***Hymn to the Mother of God***

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

*And the Irmos, Tone 4:* Your forgiving birth was received 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 Hymn***

We will walk in the light of Your face, O Lord,\* and rejoice in Your name forever.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia. (Psalm 88:16,17)