

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost; Post-feast of the Transfiguration; the Holy Martyrs Photius and Anicetas (284-305) – Aug 12

Text from [*"The Divine Liturgy: An Anthology for Worship"*](#); Pg. 333 (Tone 2)

First Antiphon

Verse 1: Shout to the Lord, all the earth,* sing now to His name, give glory to His praise (Ps 65:2).

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

Verse 2: The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind;* Your lightning lit up the world (Ps 76:19).

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

Verse 3: You have clothed Yourself in praise and splendor;* You robe Yourself in light as with a cloak (Ps 103:1-2).

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

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

If the second antiphon is sung: (Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God O Saviour, save us.) *Otherwise we sing:* Only-begotten Son...

Second Antiphon

Verse 1: Mount Zion, the northern slopes,* is the city of the great king (Ps 47:3).

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

Verse 2: And He led them to the mount of His holy place,* to this mountain, which His right hand had won (Ps 77:54).

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

Verse 3: Mount Zion which He loved, He made His holy place,* as steadfast as a monolith (Ps 77:68-69).

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

Glory... now... Only-begotten Son...

Third Antiphon

We sing the usual Third Antiphon, but with the festal refrain: Son of God, transfigured on the mount,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Troparion (Tone 2): 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 (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!

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

Kontakion (Tone 2): You rose from the tomb, O almighty Saviour,* and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose.* Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults.** And the world, my Saviour, sings Your praises forever.

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.

Prokimenon (Tone 2): The Lord is my strength and my song of praise,* and He has become my salvation (Ps 117:14).

verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death (Ps 117:18).

Prokimenon (Tone 4): How great are Your works, O Lord;* You have made all things in wisdom (Ps 103:24).

Epistle: (1 Co 9:2-12) *Brethren*, if I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defence to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who at any time pays the expenses for doing military service? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not get any of its milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law also say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, ‘You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain.’ Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Or does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was indeed written for our sake, for whoever ploughs should plough in hope and whoever threshes should thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful

claim on you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Alleluia (Tone 2):

verse: The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you (Ps 19:2).

verse: Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon you (Ps 19:10).

Gospel: (Mt 18:23-35): *The Lord Spoke this parable:* The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.

Instead of "It is truly...": O my soul, magnify the Lord transfigured on the mountain.

Irmos (Tone 4): 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 (Ps 148:1).

Second Communion Verse: We will walk in the light of Your face, O Lord,* and rejoice in Your name forever (Ps 88:16-17). Alleluia! (3x)