Reader’s Vespers on Wednesday, August 19th, 2020

Postfeast of Transfiguration -- Holy Monk Martyr Dometius (August 7th/20th)

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, O Lord, Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Glory to Thee O God, glory to Thee!

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of Life: come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One!

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. ***(Thrice)***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord have mercy. ***(Thrice)***

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in the Heavens, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, O Lord, Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Lord have mercy. ***Twelve Times***

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O come, let us worship God our King.

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and God.

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and God.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou hast been magnified exceedingly. Confession and majesty hast Thou put on, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment, Who stretchest out the heaven as it were a curtain; Who supporteth His chambers in the waters, Who appointeth the clouds for His ascent, Who walketh upon the wings of the winds, Who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire, Who establisheth the earth in the sureness thereof; it shall not be turned back for ever and ever.  The abyss like a garment is His mantle; upon the mountains shall the waters stand.  At Thy rebuke they will flee, at the voice of Thy thunder shall they be afraid.  The mountains rise up and the plains sink down, unto the place where Thou hast established them.  Thou appointedst a bound that they shall not pass, neither return to cover the earth.  He sendeth forth springs in the valleys; between the mountains will the waters run.  They shall give drink to all the beasts of the field; the wild asses will wait to quench their thirst.  Beside them will the birds of the heaven lodge, from the midst of the rocks will they give voice.  He watereth the mountains from His chambers; the earth shall be satisfied with the fruit of Thy works.  He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and green herb for the service of men, To bring forth bread out of the earth; and wine maketh glad the heart of man.  To make his face cheerful with oil; and bread strengtheneth man's heart.  The trees of the plain shall be satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon, which Thou hast planted.  There will the sparrows make their nests; the house of the heron is chief among them.  The high mountains are a refuge for the harts, and so is the rock for the hares.  He hath made the moon for seasons; the sun knoweth his going down.  Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night, wherein all the beasts of the forest will go abroad.  Young lions roaring after their prey, and seeking their food from God. The sun ariseth, and they are gathered together, and they lay them down in their dens. But man shall go forth unto his work, and to his labor until the evening. How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is filled with Thy creation. So is this great and spacious sea, therein are things creeping innumerable, small living creatures with the great. There go the ships; there this dragon, whom Thou hast made to play therein. All things wait on Thee, to give them their food in due season; when Thou givest it them, they will gather it. When Thou openest Thy hand, all things shall be filled with goodness; when Thou turnest away Thy face, they shall be troubled.  Thou wilt take their spirit, and they shall cease; and unto their dust shall they return.  Thou wilt send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created; and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.  Let the glory of the Lord be unto the ages; the Lord will rejoice in His works.  Who looketh on the earth and maketh it tremble, Who toucheth the mountains and they smoke. I will sing unto the Lord throughout my life, I will chant to my God for as long as I have my being.  May my words be sweet unto Him, and I will rejoice in the Lord.  O that sinners would cease from the earth, and they that work iniquity, that they should be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The sun knoweth his going down, Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night.  How magnified are Thy works, O Lord!  In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  Glory to Thee, O God. ***Thrice****.*

Lord, have mercy. ***Forty Times***

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

In the 4th Tone: Lord, I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me.

Lord, I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me. \* Hearken unto me, O Lord. \* Lord, I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me; \* attend to the voice of my supplication, \* when I cry unto Thee. \* Hearken unto me, O Lord.

Let my prayer be set forth \* as incense before Thee, \* the lifting up of my hands \* as an evening sacrifice. \* Hearken unto me, O Lord.

Set, O Lord, a watch before my mouth, and a door of enclosure round about my lips.

Incline not my heart unto words of evil, to make excuse with excuses in sins.

With men that work iniquity; and I will not join with their chosen.

The righteous man will chasten me with mercy and reprove me; as for the oil of the sinner, let it not anoint my head.

For yet more is my prayer in the presence of their pleasures; swallowed up near by the rock have their judges been.

They shall hear my words, for they be sweetened; as a clod of earth is broken upon the earth, so have their bones been scattered nigh unto hades.

For unto Thee, O Lord, O Lord, are mine eyes, in Thee have I hoped; take not my soul away.

Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and from the stumbling-blocks of them that work iniquity.

The sinners shall fall into their own net; I am alone until I pass by.

With my voice unto the Lord have I cried, with my voice unto the Lord have I made supplication.

I will pour out before Him my supplication, mine affliction before Him will I declare.

When my spirit was fainting within me, then Thou knewest my paths.

In this way wherein I have walked they hid for me a snare.

I looked upon my right hand, and beheld, and there was none that did know me.

Flight hath failed me, and there is none that watcheth out for my soul.

I have cried unto Thee, O Lord; I said: Thou art my hope, my portion art Thou in the land of the living.

Attend unto my supplication, for I am brought very low.

Deliver me from them that persecute me, for they are stronger than I.

Bring my soul out of prison:  that I may confess Thy name.

The righteous shall wait patiently for me until Thou shalt reward me.

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice.

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee there is forgiveness.

Before Your precious Cross and Passion,

You took the holy disciples whom especially You had chosen.

You went up, Master, into Mount Tabor

wishing to show them Your glory.

When they saw You transfigured, shining more brightly than the sun,

they fell on their faces, struck with wonder at Your power,

and they cried aloud:

Christ, You are the timeless Light and brightness of the Father,//

yet of Your own will without change You are manifested in the flesh!

For Thy name’s sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath patiently waited for Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From all eternity You are God the Word,

covering Yourself with light as with a garment!

You were transfigured before Your disciples,

shining more brightly than the sun.

Moses and Elijah stood by Your side,

making it plain that You are the Lord both of the dead and the living.

They glorified Your ineffable dispensation,

Your compassion and Your great condescension,//

by which You have saved the world utterly lost in sin.

From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope in the Lord.

Lord, born and made flesh from the Virgin Cloud,

You were transfigured on Mount Tabor,

surrounding Yourself with a bright cloud.

The voice of the Father in the presence of the disciples

plainly declared You to be the beloved Son,

one in essence and sharing the same throne.

Therefore Peter spoke in wonder, not knowing what he said://

It is good for us to be here, Benefactor, rich in mercy!

In the 6th Tone: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption; and He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

Having set aside all the enchantment of sorcery, \* and the abomination of the Persians, \* and their vile worship, \* thou didst hasten to God \* Who sustaineth mankind \* by His wise providence; \* and, like the apostles, by His name thou didst heal \* both the afflictions of animals \* and the ailments of the all \* who earnestly have recourse to thee, O favored one of Christ.. \* Him do thou entreat with boldness, \*\* on behalf of our souls.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye peoples.

Thou didst offer thy whole life to the Lord, \* and didst fervently apply thyself \* to the course of fasting, O venerable one, \* showing forth unfaltering prayer, \* all-night vigilance, \* unceasing hymnody, \* and a life angelic and immaculate. \* Hence thou hast been enriched \* with the ability to work miracles; \* for thou didst tell thy servants to glorify the Lord. \* Him do thou entreat with boldness, \*\* on behalf of our souls.

For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us, and the truth of the Lord abideth forever.

Wholly arrayed in the armor of the Cross, \* and equipped with the unbreakable shield of faith, \* thou wast terrifying \* to the adverse hordes of the demons, \* and, anointed with the wounds of faith \* and divine invocations, \* didst drive them away; \* and hast saved those who tread \* the path of piety from being harmed, \* O Dometius, thou favorite of Christ. \* Him do thou entreat with boldness, \*\* on behalf of our souls.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen:

Prefiguring Your Resurrection, Christ our God,

You took with You in Your ascent upon Mount Tabor

Your three disciples, Peter, James and John.

When You were transfigured, Savior,

Mount Tabor was covered with light!

Your disciples, Word, threw themselves down upon the ground,

unable to gaze upon the form that none may see.

The angels ministered in fear and trembling;

the heavens shook and the earth quaked//

as they beheld on earth the Lord of glory!

O Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father, O Jesus Christ: Having come to the setting of the sun, having beheld the evening light, we praise the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: God.  Meet it is for Thee at all times to be praised with reverent voices, O Son of God, Giver of life.  Wherefore, the world doth glorify Thee.

The Great Prokeimenon in the 7th Tone: Our God is in the heavens and on earth; He does whatever He pleases.

 **Verse**: When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became His sanctuary!

 **Verse**: The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back!

 **Verse**: What ails you, sea, that you flee; Jordan that you turn back?

Our God is in the heavens and on earth; \* He does whatever He pleases.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this evening without sin.  Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name unto the ages.  Amen.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee.  Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes.  Blessed art Thou, O Master, give me understanding of Thy statutes.  Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me by Thy statutes.

O Lord, Thy mercy endureth forever; disdain not the work of Thy hands.  To Thee is due praise, to Thee is due a song, to Thee glory is due, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.  Amen.

Lord, have mercy. ***Twelve Times***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

In the 6th Tone:

Today on Mount Tabor

Christ has transfigured

Adam's darkened nature.

Filling it with brightness,//

He has made it godlike.

Verse: The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; the world and all that is in it, You have founded them!

Moses and Elijah

saw God on Mount Tabor:

God Who became flesh

of a Virgin Maiden//

for the redemption of mortals!

## Verse: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in Your name!

Today on the mountain

Christ has shown His elect

a wondrous sign of His Divinity,

for before the Cross,//

He shone like the sun.

In the 8th Tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen:

Those who climbed the mountain with You

have been made partakers of Your glory, O Christ,

for they beheld Your divinity, as far as they were able to bear,

even as the dawn heralds the sun's dazzling splendor.

Therefore they cried out eagerly:

It is good for us to be here, Master!

Together with them, transfigured Savior,//

we praise You unto all ages!

Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, O Master, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples; a light of revelation for the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

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Tone 4:

Having struggled in fasting upon the mountain, \* thou didst destroy the noetic hordes of the enemy \* with the weapon of the Cross, O all-blessed one. \* And likewise didst thou manfully array thyself for battle, \* slaying Copronymus with the sword of faith. \* And for both thou hast been crowned by God, \*\* O evermemorable venerable martyr Dometius.

Tone 7: Glory … now and ever…:

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ, our God, \* showing to Thy disciples Thy glory as each one could endure. \* Shine forth Thou on us, who are sinners all, \* Thy light ever-unending. \* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, \*\* Light-Bestower, glory be to Thee.

Lord have mercy. ***Forty times***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim; who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos, thee do we magnify.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord bless!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, of the Holy Martyr Dometius, and all the saints, Lord, Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.