

8th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 7)
Forefeast of the Transfiguration
1 Corinthians 1: 10 – 18 Matthew 14: 22 – 34

Beatitude Verses
6 from Octoechos for Resurrection
4 from Festal Menaion Ode 3 for Forefeast

People: In Your kingdom remember us, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom.
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted!
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth!

Reader: O Christ the Savior of the world, remember us as You remembered the robber on the Cross; and count us all worthy of Your heavenly kingdom, O You who alone are compassionate.

People: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled!

Reader: Listen, O Adam, and rejoice with Eve; for he who of old stripped you both naked, and took all of us captive by deception, has been defeated by the Cross of Christ.

People: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!

Reader: O our Savior, of Your own will You were nailed to the Tree of the Cross. You freed Adam from the curse which came through the tree of the fruit, and as You are compassionate, You rewarded Your creation made in Your image with a dwelling in paradise.

People: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God!

Reader: Today Christ is risen from the tomb, granting incorruption to all the faithful; and He renews the joy of the myrrh-bearing women after His suffering and resurrection.

People: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God!

Reader: Rejoice, O wise myrrh-bearing women, who were first to behold the resurrection of Christ, and who proclaimed to the apostles the glad tidings of the restoration of the whole world!

People: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven!

Reader: O apostles, you are manifestly the friends of Christ and are to be enthroned with Him in glory: entreat Him with boldness, that He intercede for us, for you are His disciples.

People: Blessed are you when people revile you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake!

Reader: He Who has dominion over all creation has become visible, assuming the form of a servant; and thereby He has shown to His disciples the unapproachable brilliance of His divinity, as far as they were able to perceive it.

People: Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven!

Reader: Christ the Sun comes to the mountain to shine forth glory, and to dim with His light the shining morning-star; and illumined by His rays, let us celebrate the forefeast today.

People: **Glory** to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Reader: He Who has dominion over all creation has become visible, assuming the form of a servant; and thereby He has shown to His disciples the unapproachable brilliance of His divinity, as far as they were able to perceive it.

People: **Now** and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Reader: Fulfilling the words of eternal life, Christ stood forth as one who shows things to others that they might understand; and He was well pleased to show forth in Himself the radiant glory of the Father.

Troparia & Kontakia

Resurrection Troparion Tone 7

People:
You destroyed death by Your Cross, /
You opened Paradise to the robber. /
You reversed the lamentation of the Myrrh-bearing Women, /
and You commanded Your Apostles to proclaim /
that You arose, O Christ our God, /
granting to the world //
Your great mercy.

**Troparion of the Forefeast of Transfiguration
Tone 4**

People:

Let us go forth to meet the transfiguration of Christ, /
splendidly celebrating the forefeast let us cry aloud: /
The day of divine gladness has arrived! /
The Master ascends Mount Tabor //
to shine forth the beauty of His divinity!

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**Kontakion of the Forefeast of Transfiguration
Tone 4**

People:

Human nature is made divinely luminous today /
by the transfiguration of God, //
and cries out in gladness: Christ is transfigured, saving us all!

People: Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**Kontakion of the Resurrection
Tone 7**

People:

No longer can the dominion of death keep mankind imprisoned; /
for Christ has descended into Hades, /
demolishing and destroying the power of death. /
Hades is now bound in chains; /
the prophets rejoice with one voice, saying: /
The Savior has come for those who have faith. //
Come forth, O faithful, for the Resurrection.

**Resurrection Prokeimenon
Tone 7**

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 7th Tone: The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

People: The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Reader: Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God, bring to the Lord the sons of rams.

People: The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

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Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading is from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Epistle
1 Corinthians 1: 10 – 18

Reader: Brethren, I beg you, brethren, through the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you. Instead, may you be perfected together in the same mind and opinion. As it is, those who are from Chloe's household have informed me concerning you my brethren, that there are quarrels among you. Now I mean this: that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," "I follow Apollos," "I follow Kephas," or, "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you, except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one should say that I baptized you into my own name. (I also baptized the household of Stephanas; besides them, I do not know whether I baptized any other.) Indeed, Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Good News—not in wisdom of words, so that the cross of Christ would not be made void. For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are dying, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Priest: Peace be to you the reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Alleluiarion Tone 7

Reader: Alleluia in the 7th Tone.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing to Your name, O Most High.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: To proclaim Your mercy in the morning and Your truth at night.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Gospel

Deacon: Bless Master, him who proclaims the Holy Gospel of the Holy, Apostle and Evangelist Matthew.

Priest: May God, through the intercessions of the holy, glorious, all praised Apostle and Evangelist Matthew, enable you to proclaim the Good News with great power, for the fulfillment of the Gospel of His Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon: Amen.

Priest: Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

Deacon: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

Priest: Let us attend.

Deacon: **Matthew 14: 22 – 34**

People: Glory to You, Lord, glory to You.

Communion Verse (Koinonikon)

People:

Sunday: Praise the Lord in the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.