

THE ORTHODOX WEEKLY BULETIN VESTAL, CLIFFWOOD, NEW JERSEY

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Jesus call Himself “The Light of the World.” The main hymn of this feastday call Christ “The Giver of Light.” Ever since the time of our Lord, this mysterious substance of light has been associated with divinity. While man’s pollution has profoundly affected the air, sea, and soil, light remains that pristine life-giving substance that reflect the glory of Christ.

The Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration in eloquent detail Jesus one day took three of His Apostles, Peter, James, and John up Mount Tabor and there He was profoundly transfigured befor them. The Greek wourd for this “METAMORPHOSIS” Matthew says “His face shone as the sun, and His clothing was white as light.” Standing beside Him were Moses the great law-giver, and the Prophet Elijah, who was taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire.

As the Apostles fell to the ground in awe, a great cloud encompassed the transfigured Lord, and a Vocie was heard proclaiming: This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased. Hear Him.” Peter said “Lord it is good for us to be here,” and suggested the bulding of tabernacles. Then the Lord touched His Apostles, taking away their fear and bid them return from the mount.

The Transfiguration of our Lord is a great feastday from antiquity in the Eastern Church. May we strive to see the light of our Master’s everlasting presence.