You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, revealing as much of your glory to your disciples as they could behold. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, let your everlasting light shine upon us sinners.

O Giver of Light, glory to you.

O Theotokos, we sing your praises, for you were a virgin before conceiving, and remained a virgin after giving birth. And since you have given birth to our Salvation, Jesus Christ, you have become a treasury of assistance for all who seek resurrection and eternal life. Therefore, lift
us up from the depths of our transgressions, for we place our hope in you.

Sessional Hymn 1: Tone 4 Troparion

Showing the change that mortals will undergo, O Lord, when they enter your glory at your second and awesome coming, you were transfigured on Mount Tabor. Elijah and Moses conversed with you; and seeing your glory, the three disciples whom you had chosen were struck with your splendor, O Lord. As you covered them with your brightness, also send your light up on our souls.

Cantor: Glory...now and ever... (Repeat "Showing the change...")

Sessional Hymn 2: Tone 4 Troparion

You were transfigured on Mount Tabor, O Jesus; a bright cloud
cov ered your apostles with your glory as with a tent, O Lord. They cast
their fac es to the ground, un a ble to gaze upon the inaccessible glory of your
re splend ent face, O Christ our God and e ter nal Sav i or. As you
cov ered them with your bright ness, al so send your light up on our souls.

Cantor: Glory...now and ever... (Repeat "You were transfigured...")

The Polyeleos is sung. (page 16)

Exaltation

Verse: The Lord is great and worthy to the praised in the city of our God and on his holy mountain.
Verse: Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent and dwell on your holy mountain?
Verse: Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?
Verse: Glory...now and ever...

Three times

Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! Glo ry to you, O God.
Jesus, my Lord, is transfigured upon Mount Tabor, showing forth his glory.

When you went up to the mountain with your disciples, O Lord, and you were resplendent with the glory of the Father, Elijah and Moses stood there with you; for the Law and the Prophets serve you as God.

The Father attested to your divine filiation and called you his beloved Son.

With you we praise him in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Verse: Glory...now and ever...
Through the splendor hidden under the flesh of your nature, you showed the disciples the splendor of your divine beauty on Mount Tabor. Thus you enlightened the disciples who were with you, O Christ our Benefactor. Realizing that our beauty was unbearable, they cried out: Holy are you! For you are the One whom no one can approach; yet the world has seen you in the flesh.

And you alone are the Lover of all of us.

The Gradual Hymns are sung in Tone 4 (page 312).

Matins Prokeimenon: Tone 4

Ta-bor and Her-mon shout with joy at your name, shout with joy at your name.

Verse: The heavens are yours; the world is yours.
To day the whole world is filled with joy, for Christ
is transfigured before his disciples on Mount Tabor.

Having revealed a small ray of your divinity to those
who climbed the mountain with you, O Savior, you made them partakers
of your boundless glory. Therefore, they cried out in awe to you:

It is good for us to be here. Together with them, we shall forever
praise you, O Christ our Savior, who was transfigured
Christ spoke to his apostles the words of life concerning the kingdom of God by saying: When you see me shining with the unapproachable light, you shall know that the Father is in me, and you will joyfully cry out: Let us sing a hymn of victory to God. *Refrain*
My friends and disciples, you shall overcome the power of the Gentiles, and their riches shall be your boast; for when I appear shining more brilliantly than the sun, you shall be filled with glory and joyfully cry out: Let us sing a hymn of victory to God.

Katavasia: Tone 8 samopodoben

Just as he promised, Christ appeared in glory today on Mount Tabor, clearly revealing to his disciples the image and reflection of his divinity. Filled with the divine brightness and splendor, the disciples cried out: Let us sing a hymn of victory to God.

Moses took his staff and marked a straight line before him and divided the sea, thereby opening a path for Israel, who walked across dry shod. Then he marked a second line over the waters and united them again, thereby overwhelming the chariots of Pharaoh. Thus Moses inscribed the invincible
weapon of the Cross upon the waters. Therefore, let us praise Christ our God, for he has been glorified.

Ode 3
Irmos

The bow of the mighty has become feeble and the weak have girded themselves with strength: therefore my heart is established in the Lord.

Refrain

Glory to your holy Transfiguration, O Lord.

O Christ, you have clothed yourself completely in the nature of Adam, thereby refashioning what had been corrupted. Through your becoming human, you transfigured and glorified our nature.
Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it; now and ev-er

In ancient times Christ led Israel through the desert by means of a pillar of fire and a cloud; today he brilliantly shines forth in glory upon Mount Tabor.

Katavasia: Tone 8 samopodoben

When the rod of Aa-ron bud-ded, it was an image of this mys-try; it made known who was to be priest.

Like-wise in the Church that former-ly was bar-ren, the wood of the Cross has now blos-somed, en-dow-ing her with stead-fast-ness and might.

The Small Litany is found on page 32.
Ode 4
Irmos

Refrain

You appeared upon Mount Sinai, O Christ our God, in the midst of a cloud, the fire and darkness, the thunder and storm. It was there you revealed the written Law. Glory to your power, O Lord. Refrain

O Christ, as eternal God you make your dwelling in the heavens; as a sign of your glorious plan of salvation, you brilliantly shone forth in glory on Mount Tabor. Refrain

In ancient times you appeared to your servants amid clouds of fire, darkness, and the whisper of the wind, and spoke with them, O Christ our Master. Glory to your power, O Lord!

Refrain

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it; now and ev - er
and forever. Amen.

Moses, who had previously recognized you in the fire of the burning bush, and Elijah, who was taken up into heaven in a fiery chariot, appeared with you on Tabor and revealed your death upon the cross.

Katavasia: Tone 8 *samopodoben*

You have parted the light from the original Chaos, that your works might celebrate you in light, O Christ, as their Creator; now guide our paths in your light.

Refrain

Glory to your holy Transfiguration, O Lord.
When you deigned to transform our human nature, O Christ, the mountains prostrated before you; and the sun placed its brilliant rays of light, which fill the heavens, at your feet. *Refrain*

Moses and Elias praised the Savior on Mount Tabor, and their words lingered in the ears of the disciples: Behold Christ whom we have proclaimed in former times as our God. *Refrain*

The unchangeable nature of God, when united with human nature, shone forth with a brilliant light. It revealed to the apostles of Christ a reflection of the immaterial divinity.

When the disciples beheld you, O Christ the eternal Light, radiating the splendor of the Father, they cried out to you: Guide our steps in the light of your paths.

*Katavasia: Tone 8 samopoden*

O Cross, triple-blessed Tree on which Christ our King and Lord was crucified, it was through you that the Evil One, who tempted our first parents with the tree, was destroyed. He was ensnared by the trap set by God, who was crucified
up on you in the flesh. Through this mystery, peace has been granted to our souls.

Ode 6
Irmos

In my affliction I cried out to the Lord, and the God of my salvation heard me.

Refrain

Glory to your holy Transfiguration, O Lord.

Christ our Savior, shining forth on Mount Tabor as the Light surpassing even the brightness of the sun, has enlightened us. Refrain

You were transfigured on Mount Tabor, O Christ, thereby overcoming the darkness of error with the glory of your light.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and forever. Amen.
The glorious apostles recognized you as God on Mount Tabor, O Christ; and, struck with fear and awe, they fell to their knees before you.

Katavasia: Tone 8 samopodoben

Joannah stretched out his hands in the form of a cross when he was in the belly of the whale. When he was cast forth after three days, he prefigured the glorious resurrection of Christ our God who was crucified in the flesh and granted life to the world by his resurrection on the third day.

The Small Litany is found on page 33.

Kontakion: Tone 7

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, and your disciples...
be held as much of your glory as they could bear, that when they would
see you crucified they would understand that you suffered willingly,
so they would preach to the world that you are truly the radiance of the Father.

Ikos Awake from the lethargy that has overcome you, do not lie there on the ground; and you thoughts which weigh heavily upon my soul, arise and ascend to the summit of godliness. Let us hasten to join Peter and the sons of Zebedee, that we may behold with them the glory of God on Mount Tabor and hear the voice from heaven which they themselves heard. It impelled them to proclaim to the world that they had witnessed the glory of the Father.

Ode 7
Irmos The sons of Abraham, the Children of Babylon,

once trampled upon the flame of the furnace, and they sang

this song of praise: O God of our fathers, blessed
are you.
Refrain

When the apostles were clothed in the brilliance of your dazzling radiance on Mount Tabor, O Christ, they cried out: Blessed are you, O God of our fathers! *Refrain*

O Christ, the apostles rejoiced in your glorious majesty, in the revelation of the divine voice, and in the cloud that rained dew, and they sang: Blessed are you, O God of our fathers! *Refrain*

When Peter beheld your unapproachable glory on Mount Tabor, O Christ, he cried out: Blessed are you, O God of our fathers!

The sons of Zebedee were with Christ, the Source of life, when he shone with divine brightness, and they sang out: Blessed are you, O God of our fathers!

*Katavasia: Tone 8 samopodoben*

Yet neither the raging beasts nor the roaring fire could frighten the three youths.
They stood together in the fire, refreshed by the wind as though it were dew, and they sang: You are praised and blessed above all, O God of our fathers.

Ode 8
Irmos

In Babylon, the children, burning with zeal for God, bravely trampled upon the threat of the tyrant and the fire; and, thrown into the midst of the flames but refreshed with dew, they sang: O all you works of the Lord, bless the Lord!
Glory to your holy Transfiguration, O Lord.

Your feet have ascended Mount Tabor, O Lord, even though you keep all things in existence by your will. At that time your face became brighter than the light of the sun; and present with you were the chosen of the Law and the Prophets, singing: All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord! Refrain

When the glory of the Father who bestows majesty to all creation, the infinite Light that knows no evening, indescribably appeared in brilliant glory on Mount Tabor, he deified our human nature so that all may sing: All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord! Refrain

Overcome with awe, Moses and Elijah clearly witnessed the appearance of Christ on Mount Tabor. Seeing his divine person brilliantly shining with the brightness of the Father, they sang: All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord! Refrain

In times past, the face of Moses was radiant when he heard the divine voice in the darkness, but Christ clothes himself with light and glory as with a robe. For he who is the Creator of light by nature gives light to those who sing: All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord!

Let us bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Lord. Now and ever--

and for--ever. Amen.

When the disciples beheld Christ on Mount Tabor surrounded by a cloud of light, they fell to the ground. Filled with spiritual brightness, they praised him, together with the Father and the Spirit, by singing this hymn: All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord!

Let us praise, bless, and worship the Lord, singing and highly exalting him forever.

Katavasia: Tone 8 samopodoben

O you children, equal in number to the Trinity, O bless the
Fa-ther and Crea-tor of all; sing the pra-is-es of the Lord

who came to earth and changed the flames to dew; and ex-alt a-bove

all for-ev-er the most Ho-ly Spir-it who gives life to all.

The Magnificat is not sung.

Ode 9
Irmos

Your child-birth was shown to be in-cor rupt, for it was God

who came forth from you, ap-pear-ing on earth in the flesh

and dwell-ing a-mong us. There-fore, O The-o-to-kos,

we all ex-tol you.

Refrain

Glo-ry to your holy Trans-fig-u-ra-tion, O Lord.
Overcome with awe and enlightened with a heavenly brightness, the disciples looked at one another and fell to the ground in their fear and worshipped you, O Master of all.

Refrain

Confirming this mystery, the voice of God was heard from the cloud; for the Father of lights spoke to the apostles and said: This is my beloved Son. Hear him! Refrain

The disciples of the Word beheld an extraordinary mystery on Tabor; and when they heard the voice of the Father, they cried out: This is our Savior, the image of the Father.

We praise you, along with the Father and the Spirit, O faithful Image of the One-Who-Is, O Seal that cannot be taken away or changed, Son and Word, Wisdom and Arm of God, Right Hand and Power of the Most High.

Katavasia: Tone 8 samopodoben

As we now ex-alt the cross and bow beefore it,
we proclaim your greatness.

Let ev'rything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights. To you is due a hymn, O God. Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his host. To you is due a hymn, O God.

Praise him, sun and moon,* praise him, shining stars.
Praise him, highest heavens* and the waters above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the Lord, * He commanded; they were made.

The service continues with the Small Litany, found on page 36.

Hymn of Light

O Word and unchangeable Light, O Light of the unbegotten Father, today we see your light on Tabor, the light of the Father and the light of the Spirit, which gives light to the whole world. (Three times)

The Psalms of Praise

Psalm 148 Tone 4

Praise him, sun and moon,* praise him, shining stars.
Praise him, highest heavens* and the waters above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the Lord, * He commanded; they were made.
He fixed them forever, *
gave a law which shall not pass away.
Praise the Lord from the earth, *
sea creatures and all oceans,
fire and hail, snow and mist, *
stormy winds that obey his word;
all mountains and hills, *
all fruit trees and cedars,
beasts, wild and tame, *
reptiles and birds on the wing;
all earth's kings and peoples,
earth's princes and rulers.
young men and maidens, *
old men together with children.
Let them praise the name of the Lord *
for he alone is exalted.
The splendor of his name *
reaches beyond heaven and earth.
He exalts the strength of his people, *
he is the praise of all his saints,
of the children of Israel, *
of the people to whom he comes close.

Sing a new song to the Lord, *
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker, *
let Zion's sons exult in their king.
Let them praise his name with dancing *
and make music with timbrel and harp.
For the Lord takes delight in his people. *
He crowns the poor with salvation.
Let the faithful rejoice in their glory, *
shout for joy and take their rest.
Let the praise of God be on their lips *
and a two-edged sword in their hand,
to deal out vengeance to the nations *
and punishment on all the peoples;
to bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles in fetters of iron.
to carry out the sentence pre-ordained: *
this honor is for all his faithful.

Psalm 150  Praise God in his holy place, *
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Cantor: Praise him for his powerful deeds,
(on 4) praise his surpassing greatness.

Cantor: O praise him with sound of trumpet
(on 3) praise him with lute and harp. (Repeat "Before your noble suffering...")

Cantor: Praise him with timbrel and dance,
(on 2) praise him with strings and pipes.

O God the Word, you are from all eternity, and you are clothed with light
as with a robe. Trans-figured before your disci-ples, you shone more bright-ly
than the sun. Mo-ses and E-li-jah stood at your side re-vealing you as Lord
of the living and the dead. They glo-ri-fied your ineffable work of sal-va tion,
your mer-cy and your great com-pas-sion, by which you saved the world,
which was lost in sin.

Cantor: O praise him with resounding cymbals,
praise him with clashing of cymbals.
Let everything that lives and that breathes
give praise to the Lord.
(on 1)

You were born of a virginal cloud and be-came flesh and were transfigured on
Mount Ta-bor, O Lord. A bright cloud sur-round-ed you; the voice of the Father
clearly told the disciples that you are his be-lov-ed Son, for you are the same
essence as he and you share his throne. At this sight, Peter spoke with wonder
and said: It is good for us to be here. He did not realize what he said,
O most merciful Benefactor.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...now and ever...

Doxastikon

Christ took his disciples, Peter, James, and John, and was transfigured on a high mountain in their presence. His face became as bright as the sun, and his garments were whiter than the snow. Moses and Elijah appeared and spoke with him, and a bright cloud came over them; a voice was heard from the clouds, saying: This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Hear him!

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