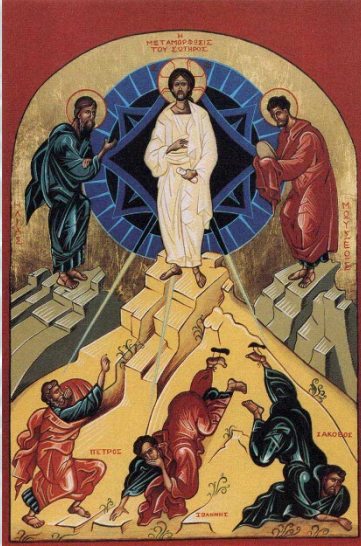


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2/25/24 - The Transfiguration of Our Lord



For the Eastern Church, the encounter with God is like our climbing a mist-covered mountain and we find ourselves standing on a precipice of a bottomless abyss. Suddenly a flash of lightning causes us to stagger backwards in momentary blindness. We awake to the mystery of God where all the familiar footholds vanish and we can find nothing upon which to cling. The Transfiguration experience is a means of grace — a mysterious signpost to the future of God. This was the experience of Peter, James and John on the Mount of Transfiguration. Peter and John passed on the experience to their disciples: John — *“God is light and in him is no darkness at all!”* [I Jn 1:15]; Peter — *“It was not any artfully devised fable that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we ourselves were eyewitnesses of his majesty. He received honor and glory from the Father, when the sublime glory itself spoke to him and said, ‘This is my Son the Beloved, in whom I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.”* [II Peter 1:16-18].

It is not the function of the Christian faith to provide easy answers to our every Question, but to nudge us little by little into eternity.

Silently now I wait for thee
ready my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, my ears and heart.
Illumine me,
Spirit divine!
~ Clara H. Scott