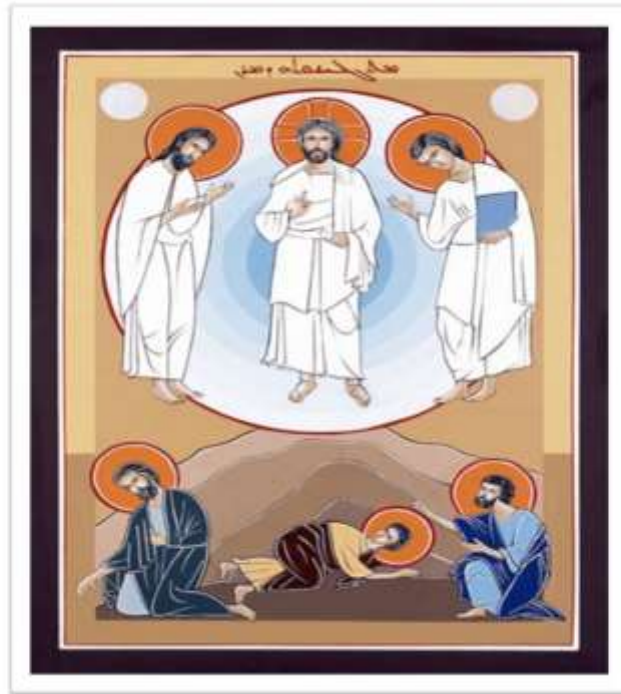


The Transfiguration



The transfiguration of Jesus Christ on mount tabor.

The word transfiguration means: trans (across) and figure (form or shape)

Jesus transformed, He became full of light, and usually when we have supernatural events, the evangelist uses comparison, here the evangelist Mark said: “His clothes became dazzling white, such as no bleach on earth could make them.” The shining light appeared on his clothes.

This focus on the clothes is amazing, is telling us that everything in Jesus transformed at this moment.

Even your clothes will be transformed and become holy when you receive Jesus Christ holiness.

This is the holiness that transforms, changes, and converts everything that it touches.

It reminds me of the philosopher’s stone or the elixir of life, the one that was the most sought goal in alchemy (the medieval forerunner of

chemistry) for many centuries. It is an alchemical substance capable of turning base metals into gold, symbolizing perfection at its finest enlightenment and heavenly bliss.

Why I mentioned that, because from long time ago, people were searching for a material substance to do the transformation work that leads to perfection and full happiness. Unfortunately, we are still searching to find our happiness in some kind of materials, living in an illusion that they are going to have that supernatural effect, thinking that our joy is coming from them.

My dear friends, transformation comes from Jesus and him only and exclusively.

Our problem is that we repeat the same mistakes again and again.

Jesus in the transfiguration scene shows his three disciples (Peter, James and John) his power of transfiguration and transformation.

He showed it to them in transfiguration. But in his death what had happened?

He touched death in his person (remember the philosopher's stone) and he transformed it to life.

Isiah, Saint Paul and many others even Jesus himself, talked about Jesus as the cornerstone. (in whom the whole Church is built upon)

In resurrection the effect of this touch was well seen and experienced.

Because we are talking about cloth, I should mention that Jesus left us his shroud when He resurrected from the death, the cloth that he was wrapped by in his burial. Also, his image itself was printed on the veil of Veronica which bears the likeness of the face of Jesus. These cloths were touched by Jesus and are signs seen of the biggest transformation which had happened in the human history.

This is what we say in the creed light from light, true God from true God.

However, Jesus cannot change you if you don't allow him to touch you.

Many of us nowadays are untouchable, proud and arrogant. First step to benefit of this touch is by humbling yourself.

All the past generation chemists and the ones living now, controlled by major powers, are using science and technology to dominate the world and unfortunately many times at the expense of our nature and the life of human beings.

Jesus Christ is the only one who uses his transforming power to dominate only the power of death.

we must decide with which ministry we are going to work:

The ministry of death or the ministry of life.

The fading glory or the enduring glory.

Are we going to turn, our face to the Lord, being transformed by his beauty or our turn our back to him being transformed to the world ugliness?

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