

We celebrate the Transfiguration!



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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Do you believe?



Have you ever said something you didn't really believe? Maybe your parents made you say you were sorry for something that you didn't really regret. Maybe you said something so you could get a treat or a special privilege.

In today's Gospel reading, our Lord Jesus Christ meets two blind men who wanted to be healed. These men followed Him, and they begged Him, "Have mercy on us!" Jesus had compassion on these poor men, and He wanted to help them. But first, He asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" And they answered, "Yes, Lord."

One of our great Church Fathers, Saint John Chrysostom, wrote about this same Gospel reading that we hear today. He said that it was important for the two men to show they believed that Christ could do this. 1. He wanted to show their faith. 2. He wanted the men to participate in the good work too. And 3. He wanted to show that the blind men weren't just saying something to flatter Him or that they just wanted to get something out of Him.

It's important to believe before we ask for something! In our prayers, when we ask God for help, we want to show God we believe He can do it! And if we have trouble believing, our Lord can help us with that too.

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Believe
- Blind Men
- Change
- Chrysostom
- Elijah
- Faithful
- Great Feast
- Moses
- Mount Tabor
- Transfiguration

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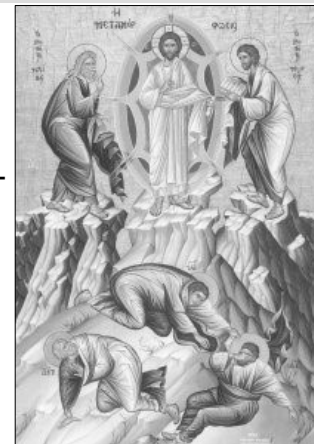
On another Sunday, we hear about another blind man Jesus healed.

We can learn something different from both of these stories!



JESUS WAS ALWAYS GOD! THE TRANSFIGURATION

Do you know when Jesus became God? That's a trick question, of course! Jesus was always God, and He always will be. The Bible even tells us, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."



This Saturday, we celebrate a great feastday of our Church. It's the Holy Transfiguration, the day that our Lord went up to the top of a mountain with some of His disciples. The Gospel reading says, "And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as light."

The word, "transfigure" means change, or transform. Christ looked different to His disciples! They even fell to the ground because He looked so different!

Some people in history have said some things we don't believe as Orthodox Christians. Some people thought that before, Jesus wasn't God...then, at the Transfiguration, He was God. Some people thought He turned into God at His baptism. We don't believe that! We believe that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Jesus Christ was God before He was born, and He is God today.

The special feast of the Holy Transfiguration showed the disciples the glory of God. But we know that our Lord Jesus Christ always has that glory! And He always will!

We celebrate this great feast on Saturday, Aug. 6th (OC: August 19th).