

We have put on Christ!

On **August 6th**, we celebrate the **Transfiguration of the Lord**. Jesus brings Peter, James and John up to the mountain and at the moment when the Father reveals that He is His Son, **the face of Christ is filled with light and His clothing is glowing with whiteness**. White is the color of the clothing of God, “white like snow.”

Throughout the year, we have meditated on the mystery of Baptism with the theme “in you I find my joy.” Let us pause now to reflect on the wearing of a **white garment** which is one of the three rites of this sacrament after the anointing with the Chrism oil and before reception of the lighted candle.



The celebrant tells the baptized that he has **put on Christ** as symbolized by the white garment. The newly baptized person wears this because he or she has become a child of God.

This child of God is thus a new person, and the garment of light signifies the requirement of spiritual purity, and of making light shine through their works.

What does this mean for us? What have we done because of our baptism? In our way of living and behaving towards those around us, do we show the face of Christ which should shine through us? Let us allow the light of Christ to dwell within us and to thus make us radiant children of God.

May we, during these months of July and August, witness to those around us that we are happy to be beloved children of the Father and share with them the joyful hope which fills us.

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