

A Feast Day RECIPE from ByziMom.com  
for the TRANSFIGURATION

# Mount Tabor Cupcakes



*When Peter, James, and John found themselves immersed in the presence of God, they could want nothing more. They were in the cloud of His presence. After having experienced that, they would never be the same. They would do things that would confound their friends and, quite frankly, terrify their enemies. Their devotion to Him would defy all logical reason, yet they would persevere. All they would ever want would be to convey that same love to others, let them feel what they felt, and know what they know, and they would begin to long for the day in which they could encounter Him like that again. At the feast of the Transfiguration, we gather fruit, historically the first fruits of the season (usually grapes), to take as an offering to the church to be blessed and distributed to the congregation. This recipe will help you remember Peter,*

*James, and John who witnessed the white sparkly light that surrounded Jesus on Mount Tabor that day!*

*Because this feast occurs during the Dormition Fast, the recipe is fast-friendly!*

## Ingredients

- One box of chocolate cake mix
- One can of soda, any flavor
- One can of non-dairy whipped topping
- Both green and red grapes
- A few sprigs of fresh mint
- 1 small jar of grape jam
- 2 Tbsp sparkly castor sugar

## Preparation

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Empty the contents of the cake mix into a large mixing bowl and slowly whisk in the can of soda. Line a muffin tin with paper cupcake liners and fill each  $\frac{2}{3}$  full with batter. Bake for 20 minutes at 350 degrees and allow to cool completely while you have dinner.

Immediately after dinner, when your cakes have cooled, remove the paper liners from each cake and turn each one upside down on a serving platter. These are little Mount Tabors! Place a spoonful of grape jam on top of each cake, and sprinkle a few mint leaves on top of each of our mountains. Now place 2 Tbsp of jam into a separate bowl and add  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of hot water. Mix this to make a syrup. Place three red grapes and one green grape into the syrup and mix to coat. These are Peter, James, John, and the green one is Jesus! Now, transfigure Him by dipping the green grape into the sparkly castor sugar! Place a “cloud” of whipped almond cream onto the top of your Mount Tabor cake (over the jam) and place your three red grapes (Peter, James, and John) on top, and the sparkly green grape in the center of the three (this is Jesus!) Repeat this process for each of your cupcakes and enjoy immediately!