

 **Holy Transfiguration
Orthodox Church**
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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 19, 2015

*Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils
St. Seraphim of Sarov, St. Macrina*

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Welcome! We are honored that you have joined us in our celebration of the Lord's resurrection this day.

If you are a first time visitor to our parish, we invite you to sign our guest book. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Marty, or with any parish member.

For our friends present with us who are not Orthodox Christians, please note that we have specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion. We ask that you refrain from going to Communion until you have spoken with Fr. Marty and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament and its implication for responsibility towards and membership in the Orthodox Church. The bread and wine offered after communion and the bread offered at the end of the service is available to all.

If you are an Orthodox Christian from another parish who has prepared in accordance with your discipline, and have a blessing from your home priest to do so, we invite and encourage you to partake of Holy Communion.

This booklet contains the variable hymns and readings specific to today. Please feel free to take it with you. There are coil-bound booklets with the text for the Divine Liturgy – if you find it useful, please feel free to take one of those as well, with our compliments.

We also hope you will stay and join us in our coffee and fellowship hour, which immediately follows the service. We want the opportunity to get to know you, and for you to get to know us. Again, welcome!

Regular services:

Great Vespers, Saturday at 6:30pm

Confession, immediately following Great Vespers, other times by appointment.

Third and Sixth Hour Prayers, Sunday at 9:40am

Divine Liturgy, immediately following the hours.

Music Rehearsals, Saturday at 6:00pm

621 Kellogg Avenue, Ames, Iowa 50010
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Troparion – Tone 6

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You took hell captive,//
not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life.//
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Troparion for the Holy Fathers – Tone 8

You are most glorious, O Christ our God!
You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

Troparion for St. Seraphim – Tone 4

You loved Christ from your youth, O blessed one,
and, longing to work for Him alone, you struggled in the wilderness in constant prayer
and labor.

With penitent heart and great love for Christ you were favored by the Mother of God.

Therefore we cry to you://

“Save us by your prayers, venerable Seraphim, our father!”

Kontakion for St. Seraphim – Tone 8

Forsaking the beauty as well as the corruption of this world,
you settled in the monastery of Sarov, O Saint.

There you lived an angelic life,
becoming for many the way to salvation.

Therefore, Christ has glorified you, Father Seraphim,
enriching you with abundant healing and miracles.//

So we cry to you: “Save us by your prayers, venerable Seraphim, our father!”

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Kontakion for the Holy Fathers – Tone 8

The Apostles’ preaching and the Fathers’ doctrines have established one Faith for the
Church.

Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology,//
it defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

now and ever and unto ages of ages, amen

Resurrectional Kontakion, Tone 6

When Christ God the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,

He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//

He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Epistle: (116) – Romans 15:1-7 and (334) Hebrews 13:7-16 (Fathers)

Deacon: Let us attend! *Priest:* +Peace be unto all!

Reader: And with your spirit!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Prokeimenon, Tone 6

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 6th Tone: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

Choir: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

Reader: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Choir: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

Reader: In the Fourth Tone, Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is your name forever!

Choir: (repeats)

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: **The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans.**

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, We then that are stronger ought to bear with the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of you please his neighbor for his good to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, “the reproaches of them that reproached Thee fell upon Me.” For whatsoever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another, according to Christ Jesus, that with one mind and one mouth you may glorify God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive ye one another, just as Christ also received you, to the glory of God.

Brethren, Remember your preceptors who have spoken to you the Word of God, and considering the outcome of this life, follow their faith: Jesus Christ, yesterday, and today; and the same forever. Do not be led away with various and strange doctrines. For it is best that the heart be established by grace, not with meats which have not profited those that have been occupied with them. We have an Altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the Holies by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people by His own Blood, suffered outside the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the one that is to come. By Him, therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise always to God, that is to say, the fruit of our lips, confessing to His Name. And do not forget to do good and to share, for by such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Priest: + Peace be unto you.

Alleluia: Tone 6

Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 6th Tone: Alleluia! He that dwells in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: He will say to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God. In Him will I trust!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: In the First Tone, The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (33) – Matthew 9:27-35 and (56) John 17:1-13 (Fathers)

Priest: Wisdom! Let us Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace be with you all!

Choir: And with your spirit.

Deacon: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. **Matthew**.

Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Deacon: Let us Attend!

At that time, when Jesus went forth, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Please join us in our fellowship hour immediately following the dismissal!
