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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
(corner of 7th and Kellogg)

Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion for the Archangel Michael – Tone 4

Michael, commander of the heavenly hosts,
we who are unworthy beseech you:
by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory,
and faithfully preserve us who fall down and out to you://
“Deliver us from all harm, for you are the commanders of the Powers on
high!”

Kontakion for the Archangel Michael – Tone 2

Michael, commander of God’s armies
and minister of the divine glory,
prince of the bodiless Angels
and guide of mankind;
ask for what is good for us, and for great mercy,//
as supreme commander of the Bodiless Hosts.

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever
and unto ages of ages, amen*

Resurrectional Kontakion, Tone 5

You descended into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man,//
and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

Epistle: (170) – 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

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

Reader: And with your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Prokeimenon, Tone 5

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 5th Tone: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

Choir: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

Reader: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

Choir: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

Reader: You, O Lord, shall protect us ...

Choir: ... and preserve us from this generation forever.

Deacon: Wisdom!

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, He Who hath established us with you in Christ and hath anointed us is God, Who hath also sealed us and given the pledge of the Spirit in our hearts. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more unto Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you, with many tears, not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

Priest: + Peace be to you.

Alleluia: Tone 5

Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 5th Tone: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: For You have said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (89) – Matthew 22:1-14

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

Choir: And with your spirit.

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

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

Priest: Let us Attend!

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding." ' But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his

servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Communion Hymn: Kontakion for the Archangel Michael – Tone 2

Michael, commander of God's armies
and minister of the divine glory,
prince of the bodiless Angels
and guide of mankind;
ask for what is good for us, and for great mercy, //
as supreme commander of the Bodiless Hosts.

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Announcements: Please feel free to light candles at the candlestands in the front when you arrive at Church and venerate the icons, and during each service. There is no fixed charge for the candles, but the Church does pay a monastery in Illinois for the candles. Your generosity is appreciated.

Other donations, tithes, and offerings can be placed in the basket on the left side as you enter the Church. Thank you for your support! Our annual operating budget is about \$60,000 per year, or \$5,000 per month, and every bit of support enables us to minister to both the parish members, and the community in which we live. Your ongoing regular support is crucial to our ability to keep the Orthodox presence in Ames.

Communion and the Gospel: It is the current practice of the Orthodox Church to refrain from communion if you arrive after the reading of the Gospel begins (after the blessing immediately prior is given). If you arrive while the Gospel is being read, please refrain from entering the Church until the reading is complete. During the reading of the Gospel, it is preferred that movement be kept to an absolute minimum, and that those able to stand, should do so.