



**Holy Transfiguration
Orthodox Church**

a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America

Fifth Sunday of Great Lent
Sunday, March 25, 2018

St. Mary of Egypt
The Annunciation of the Theotokos

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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 available 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.*

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Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure ^body,
You rose on the third day, O Savior,
Granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Your ^Kingdom!//
Glory to Your dispensation, O you who love mankind!”

Troparion for Annunciation – Tone 4

Today is the beginning of our salvation,
the revelation of the eternal mystery!
The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin
as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace.
Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos:
“Rejoice, O Full of Grace, //
the Lord is with you!”

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and
unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Kontakion for Annunciation – Tone 8

O victorious leader of triumphant hosts!
We, your servants delivered from evil
sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos.
As you possess invincible might set us free from every calamity //
so that we may sing; “Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!”

Epistle: (321-ctr) – Hebrews 9:11-14 and (306) – Hebrews 2:11-18 (Feast)

Prokeimenon, Tone 1

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 1st Tone: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!

Choir: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You, as we have set our hope on You!

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

Choir: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You, as we have set our hope on You!

Reader: In the 4th Tone, From day to day proclaim the salvation of our God!

Choir: From day to day proclaim the salvation of our God!

Deacon: Wisdom!

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, he entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation. It was not through the blood of goats and calves but through his own blood that he entered into the Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. Indeed, if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of a heifer (sprinkling those who have been defiled) could sanctify to restore the purity of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from

dead works to offer divine service to the living God? Those from Italy greet you. Grace be with you all! Amen.

Brothers and sisters, both the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one; for this reason, he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: *I will declare your Name to my brethren. In the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.* Again: *I will put my trust in him,* and: *Behold, here I am with the children whom God has given me.*

Since the children have shared in the same flesh and blood, he likewise shared the same human nature, so that through death he might bring to nothing the one who had the power of death – the devil – and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to life-long slavery.

Certainly, Jesus did not take on the nature of angels, but that of Abraham's seed. For this reason, he had to be made like his brethren in all things, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, able to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Moreover, since he himself suffered and was tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

Priest: † Peace be to you.

Alleluia: Tone 1

*Reader: **And to Your spirit.*** In the 1st Tone: Alleluia! God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: In the 1st Tone, He descends like rain upon the fleece, like raindrops that water the earth.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (47) – Mark 10:32-45 and (3) – Luke 1: 24-38 (Feast)

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

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

Priest: At that time, Jesus took the Twelve aside and began to tell them about the things that were going to happen to him. "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes. They will condemn him to death and deliver him to the Gentiles. They will scourge him, mock him, spit on him, and kill him. On the third day, he will rise again."

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus and said, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we will ask!"

He replied, "What do you want me to do for you?" They answered, "Grant to us that we may sit, one at your right hand, and one at your left hand, in your glory."

But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking! Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able!"

Jesus said to them, "You shall indeed drink the cup that I drink, and you shall be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with! However, to sit at my right

hand and at my left hand is not mine to give, but it is for whom it has been prepared.” When the ten heard this, they became upset with James and John. Jesus called them, and told them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you! Whoever wants to become great among you shall be your servant. Whoever of you wants to become first shall be slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

In those days Zacharias’ wife Elizabeth conceived, and she hid herself five months, saying: “The Lord has done this to me in the days when he looked at me, in order to take away my disgrace among men.” Now in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. Having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, full of grace! The Lord is with you! Blessed are you among women!”

But when she saw him, she was greatly troubled at his saying and considered what kind of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a son, and you will call his name ‘Jesus.’ He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father, David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever. And of his Kingdom there shall be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be happening to me, since I do not know a man?” The angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one who is born will be called the Son of God. Behold, your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age and this is the sixth month of her pregnancy for her who was called barren. For nothing shall be impossible with God.”

Mary said, “Behold, the handmaid of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

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

(Instead of “It is truly meet ... ,” we sing the following)

O earth, announce good tidings of great joy: O heavens, praise the glory of God!
Since she is a living Ark of God
let no profane hand touch the Theotokos.
But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her,
praising her in joy with the Angel’s song:
“Rejoice, O Lady, full of grace, the Lord is with you!”

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! The Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Wednesday: The Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 31, 9:00am – Church Cleaning