



**Holy Transfiguration  
Orthodox Church**

*a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America*

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*  
**Sunday, July 15, 2018**

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*Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils  
Holy Prince Vladimir, Equal to the Apostles*

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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. Please leave the hardback versions for future parishioners to use.

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!

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*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 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 captured Hades,  
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. Vladimir – Tone 8*

Holy Prince Vladimir,  
you were like a merchant in search of fine pearls.  
By sending servants to Constantinople for the Orthodox Faith,  
you found Christ, the priceless Pearl.  
He appointed you to be another Paul,  
washing away in baptism your physical and spiritual blindness.  
We celebrate your memory,  
asking you to pray for all Orthodox Christians of Russia//  
and for us, your spiritual children.

*Kontakion for St. Vladimir – Tone 8*

O most glorious Vladimir, in your old age you imitated the great Apostle Paul:  
he abandoned childish things, while you forsook the idolatry of your youth.  
Together with him you reached the fullness of divine wisdom:  
you were adorned with the purity of holy baptism.//  
Now as you stand before Christ our Savior, pray that all Orthodox  
Christians may be saved!

*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. *(then p. 83)*

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**Epistle:** (116) Rom 15:1-7; (334) Heb 13:7-16 (*Holy Fathers*); (200) Gal 1:11-19 (*St Vladimir*)

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*Prokeimenon, Tone 4*

*Priest:* Let us attend! † Peace be unto all!

*Reader:* And with your spirit! *Priest:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone, the Song of the Three Children, You are  
blessed O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever!

*Choir:* You are blessed O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your  
name forever!

*Reader:* For You are just in all that You have done for us!

*Choir:* You are blessed O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever!

*Reader:* In the Third Tone, Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

*Choir:* Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

*Deacon:* Wisdom!

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

*Deacon:* Let us attend!

*Reader:* Now we who are strong should bear the weaknesses of the weak, and not just please ourselves. Let each one of us please our neighbor for what is good, to be edifying to him. Even Christ did not please himself. But, as it is written, "The insults of those who insulted you fell on me." For whatever things were written before were written for our instruction, so that through patience and the Scriptures' encouragement we might have hope. Now may the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to be together of the same mind according to Christ Jesus, so that with one accord, you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, accept one another, even as Christ also accepted you, to the glory of God.

Brothers and sisters, remember your leaders, those men who proclaimed the word of God to you. Considering the results of their conduct, imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried away by all sorts of strange teachings. It is good that the inner person should be strengthened by grace, not by food which is of no profit to those who have been preoccupied by it! We have an altar from which those who offer divine service in the holy tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals (whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin) are burned outside of the camp. This is why Jesus suffered outside of the gate, so that he might sanctify the people through his own blood. Let us therefore go out of the city to him who is outside of the camp and let us bear his disgrace. For we do not have here on earth an enduring city, but we seek the one that is to come. Therefore, through him, Jesus, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, the fruit of our lips which confessed his Name. But do not forget to do what is good and to share because God is well pleased with such sacrifices.

Regarding the Good News which I preached, I proclaimed this to you, that it is not of human origin. I did not receive it from man and I was not taught this Good News by man, but it came to me through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard about how I used to live in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God beyond measure, and how I ravaged it. I advanced in the Jewish religion beyond many of my own age among my countrymen, as I was more extremely zealous for the traditions of my forefathers. But when it was the good pleasure of God (who had set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through his grace, to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles), I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood: I did not go up to Jerusalem to visit those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia. Later on, I returned to Damascus. Then, after three years, I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Peter, and I stayed with him for fifteen days. However, I did not see any of the other apostles, except James, 'the Lord's brother.'

*Priest:* † Peace be to you!

*Alleluia, Tone 1*

*Reader:* **And to Your spirit.** In the 1<sup>st</sup> Tone: Alleluia! The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader:* Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader:* In the 6<sup>th</sup> Tone, I have exalted one chosen out of My people.

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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**Gospel:** (33) Mt 9:27-35; (56) Jn 17:1-13 (*Holy Fathers*); (mid-35) Jn 10:1-9 (*St Vladimir*)

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

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

*Priest:* At that time, as Jesus passed by from there, two blind men followed him, calling out and saying, "Have mercy on us, son of David!" When he entered the house, the blind men came to him. Jesus asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They replied, "Yes, Lord." He then touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith, let it be done to you!" And their eyes were opened. Jesus strictly commanded them, saying, "See that no one knows about this." However, they went out and spread his fame throughout that entire land. As they were leaving, behold, a mute man who was demon-possessed was brought to him. When the demon was cast out, the mute began to speak. The multitudes marveled, saying, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "It is by the prince of the demons that he casts out demons." Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Good News of the Kingdom. He also healed every kind of disease and sickness among the people.

At that time, Jesus, lifting up his eyes to heaven, said, "Father, the time has come! Glorify your Son, so that your Son may also glorify you, even as you gave him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. This is eternal life: that they should know you, the only true God, and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ. I have glorified you on the earth! I have accomplished the work which you have given me to do! Now, Father, glorify me with yourself with the glory I had with you before the world existed. I have revealed your Name to the people whom you have given me out of the world. They were yours, and you have given them to me; they have kept your word. Now they have known that all things you have given me are from you. The words you have given me, I have given to them. They have received them and they have known for certain 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. All things that are mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. I am no longer in the world, but these are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them through your Name which you have given me, so that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them in the world, I protected them in your Name. Those whom you have given me I have kept. None of them is lost, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to you, and I say these things in the world, so that they may have my joy made full in themselves.

The Lord said: "Amen, amen, I tell you; whoever does not enter by the gate into the sheep fold, but climbs up some other way is a thief and a robber. But the one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. The shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And whenever he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will by no means follow a stranger, but flee from him because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Jesus spoke this parable to them, but they did not understand what he was telling them. Jesus therefore said to them again, "Amen, amen, I tell you; I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate! Anyone who enters in by me will be saved, and go in and out, and will find pasture.

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

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**Sermon**

(then p. 89)

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### Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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