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“Lord, it is good for us to be here!”

(Peter, an Apostle, on Mount Tabor at the Transfiguration of our Lord, Gospel of St. Matthew 17:4)

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 and notes for the Divine Liturgy – if you find it useful, please ask to take one of those with you, 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!

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.*

(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 the Forefeast – Tone 4)

Come, you faithful, let us welcome the Transfiguration of Christ,
and let us joyfully cry as we celebrate the prefeast:

“The day of holy gladness has come;
the Lord has ascended Mount Tabor//
to radiate the beauty of His Divinity.”

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

(Kontakion for the Forefeast – Tone 4)

Today all mortal nature shines with the divine Transfiguration
and cries with exultation://

“Christ the Savior is transfigured to save us all!”

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 1)

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory,
raising the world with Yourself.

Human nature praises You as God for death has vanished.

Adam exults, O Master!

Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You://

“You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

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Prokeimenon, Tone 1

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

Reader: And with your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

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: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us ...

Choir: ... as we have set our hope on You, as we have set our hope on You!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle – (131) 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we are made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and people.

We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You have honor, but we have dishonor. Even to this present hour, we hunger and thirst, we are naked, beaten, and we wander from place to place! We work hard, with our own hands. When people curse us, we bless in return. When we are persecuted, we endure.

When we are defamed, we try to conciliate. We are made as the filth of the world, as the dirt wiped off by all, even until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For although you have ten thousand tutors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers. For in Christ Jesus, I became your father through the Good News. I beg you therefore, be imitators of me.

Priest: † Peace be to you!

Alleluia: Tone 1

Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 1st Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: 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!

Gospel – (72) Matthew 17:14-23

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

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

Priest: When they came to the crowd, a man came to Jesus. He knelt down before him and said: "Lord, have mercy on my son! He is epileptic and suffers terribly as he often falls into the fire and into the water. And so, I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him."

Jesus answered, “Faithless and perverse generation! How much longer must I be with you? How long must I bear with you? Bring him to me.”

When Jesus rebuked it, the demon went out of the boy and he was cured from that hour.

Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, “Why were we not able to cast it out?”

Jesus replied, “Because of your unbelief! Amen, I tell you that if you have faith even like a grain of mustard, you will tell this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you! But this kind of spirit does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

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

Sermon

(then p. 89)

Communion Hymns

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!

Catechism Classes – For those desiring to join the classes: Beginning Wednesday, August 29, we will begin new catechism classes. These classes will be at the Church, running for approximately 12 weeks. The organizational meeting and introduction will be August 29 at 6:30 pm at the Church. Our text will be the four volume set “The Orthodox Faith” by Fr. Thomas Hopko, which is available in print or online at OCA.org.

†**St. Kosmas Aitolos:** Even if we perform upon thousands of good works, my brethren: fasts, prayers, almsgiving; even if we shed our blood for our Christ and we don’t have these two loves [love of God and love of brethren], but on the contrary have hatred and malice toward our brethren, all the good we have done is of the devil and we go to hell. But, you say, we go to hell despite all the good we do because of that little hatred?

Yes, my brethren, because that hatred is the devil’s poison, and just as when we put a little yeast in a hundred pounds of flour it has such power that it causes all the dough to rise, so it is with hatred. It transforms all the good we have done into the devil’s poison.

†**St. Ambrose of Optina:** “You must not be greatly troubled about many things, but you should care for the main thing — preparing yourself for death.”