Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Martyrs Terence and Neonila
Venerable Stephen the Sabbaite

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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.*

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(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 Martyrs – Tone 4
Your holy martyrs Terence, Neonila, and their children, O Lord,
through their suffering have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God.
For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//
Through their intercessions save our souls!

Troparion for the Saint – Tone 8
Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship,
enlightener of the universe and the adornment of hierarchs:
all-wise Father Stephen, your teachings have gleamed with light upon all things.//
Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

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

Kontakion for the Saint – Tone 4
You planted a garden of the virtues, most glorious one,
and watered it with the streams of your tears.
Since you have received the tree of life, O Stephen,
save your flock from corruption by your prayers!
Deliver from all evil,
all of those who fervently honor you, O wise one,
for we have acquired you as a great intercessor through faith and love!

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

Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 5
You descended into Hades, 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!"

(then, p. 83)

Prokeimenon, Tone 5
Priest: Let us attend! † Peace be unto all!
Reader: And with your spirit!
Priest: Wisdom!

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!

Epistle – (215) Galatians 6:11-18

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians.
Deacon: Let us attend!
Reader: Brothers and sisters, see with what large letters I write to you with my own hand! Those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised, only so that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh. As for me, I shall find glory in nothing, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. In Christ Jesus, circumcision and uncircumcision mean nothing; only a new creation matters. To those who live by this rule, may there be peace and mercy upon them, and on the Israel of God. From now on, let no one cause me any trouble, for I bear the marks of the Lord Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

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 – (38) Luke 8:26-39

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. **Luke.**
Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Priest: At that time, Jesus reached the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.

When Jesus stepped ashore, a man from the town who had had demons for a long time came to meet him. This man wore no clothes, and he did not live in a house, but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him. With a loud voice, he said, "What do you want from me, Jesus, you Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me!"

(For Jesus commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man). The unclean spirit had often seized the man and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and fetters. But he had been breaking the chains and was driven by the demon into deserted places.

Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

He replied, "Legion," for many demons had entered into him. And he begged Jesus not to command them to go into the abyss. Now there was a large herd of swine feeding on the mountain, and the demons begged him that he would allow them to enter into those pigs; and Jesus allowed them. The demons came out from the man and entered into the pigs. Then the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and the swine were drowned. When the people who fed the pigs saw what had happened, they fled and told the story in the city and in the countryside.

Then people went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone out. He was sitting at Jesus' feet, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been delivered. All the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them, because they were extremely afraid. So he got into the boat and went back. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with Jesus, but Jesus sent him away, saying: "Return to your house and proclaim what great things God has done for you." So the man went on his way, proclaiming throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

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

Sermon *(then p. 89)*

Communion Hymn

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!

Upcoming events:

Catechism class, Wednesday, October 31, 6:30 PM.

Annual Meeting, Sunday, November 11, immediately following a brief fellowship time.