



**Holy Transfiguration  
Orthodox Church**

*a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America*

*Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost*  
**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

*Prophet Habakkuk*

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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!

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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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*(corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Kellogg)*

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*(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 2)*

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,  
You slew Hades with the splendor of Your Godhead.  
And when from the depths You raised the dead,  
all the powers of heaven cried out://  
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

*(Troparion for the Prophet – Tone 2)*

We celebrate the memory  
of your Prophet Habakkuk, O Lord;  
through him we beseech You://  
“Save our souls!”

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

*(Kontakion for the Prophet – Tone 8)*

Divinely eloquent Habakkuk, you announced to the world the  
coming forth of God from the south; from the Virgin.  
Standing on the divine watch, you received a report from the radiant  
Angel:

“You proclaimed the Resurrection of Christ to the world!”  
Therefore in gladness we cry out to you://  
“Rejoice, splendid adornment of the Prophets!”

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

*(Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 2)*

Hades became afraid, O almighty Savior,  
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!  
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with  
You,//

*(then, p. 83)*

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*Prokeimenon, Tone 2*

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

*Reader:* And with your spirit!

*Priest:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* The Prokeimenon, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tone: The Lord is my strength  
and my song; He has become my salvation.

*Choir:* The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my  
salvation, my salvation.

*Reader:* The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given  
me over to death.

*Choir:* The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my  
salvation, my salvation.

*Reader:* The Lord is my strength and my song ...

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*Choir:* ... He has become my salvation, my salvation.

*Deacon:* Wisdom!

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**Epistle:** (233) Ephesians 6:10-17

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

*Deacon:* Let us attend!

*Reader:* Brothers and sisters, be strong in the Lord, with the strength of his power. Put on the complete armor of God, so that you may be able to resist the devil's tactics. Truly, our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness and against the evil spiritual forces of the supernatural realms. Therefore, put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to resist when the evil day comes. Having accomplished all things, may you stand your ground! Yes, stand firm, having the belt of truth around your waist, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, having fitted shoes on your feet so as to be ready in the Good News of peace.

Above all, take up the shield of faith which will enable you to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. Take also the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the word spoken by God.

*Priest:* † Peace be to you!

*Alleluia:* Tone 2

*Reader:* And to Your spirit. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader:* May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader:* Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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**Gospel:** (91) Luke 18:18-27

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

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

*Priest:* At that time, A certain ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus asked him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good, except one – God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'"

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The ruler replied, "I have observed all these things from my youth."

When Jesus heard these things, he said, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have, distribute it to the poor, and you will have a treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

But when the man heard these things, he became very distressed because he was very rich.

Jesus, seeing that he had become very distressed, said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter into the Kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for someone who is wealthy to enter into the Kingdom of God!"

Those who heard this exclaimed, "Then who can be saved?"

But Jesus replied, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

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

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**Sermon**

*(then p. 89)*

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

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**Upcoming events:**

**Catechism class**, NO CLASS THIS WEEK (St. Nicholas Holiday)

**Services at St. Nicholas in Pella**, Wednesday, December 5, 6:30 PM  
bring a food item for their food pantry, Pasta dinner afterward.

**Nativity and Theophany Services:**

Christmas eve, 6:30 PM, Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (*fasting from mid-day on Saturday*)

Christmas Day, 9:10 AM, Third and Sixth Hour, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Saturday, December 29 and Sunday, December 30 (Sunday after Nativity) – NO SERVICES

*In the past, many of our parishioners have traveled elsewhere over the Christmas holidays. If you will be in Ames for the weekend after the Nativity, December 29 and 30, please let Fr. Marty know and other arrangements may be able to be made.*

**Tentative Schedule for Theophany:**

**Eve of Theophany, Saturday, January 5** – 6:30 PM Vespers Liturgy and Great Blessing of the Waters (*in the Church*). Bring containers to take Holy Water home with you!

**Theophany, Sunday, January 6** – Regular service schedule, followed by the Great Blessing of the Waters (*Squaw Creek Footbridge at Stuart Smith Park, across from Hilton Coliseum. Parking off of Fourth Street*)

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