



**Holy Transfiguration
Orthodox Church**

a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America

Thirty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, February 17, 2019

The Beginning of the Lenten Triodion
The Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

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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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(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.

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

(Kontakion from the Triodion – Tone 4)

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee!
Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears!
Let us cry to our Savior:
“Have mercy on us, //
O only merciful One!”

(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: (296) – 2 Timothy 3:10-15

*Reader: The Reading from the Second Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to
Timothy.*

Deacon: Let us attend!

*Reader: My son Timothy, you have paid close attention to my teaching,
conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, steadfastness, persecutions, and
sufferings. You know what happened to me at Antioch, Iconium, and
Lystra. I endured those persecutions and the Lord delivered me out of*

them all! Yes, all those who desire to lead godly lives in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others, being themselves deceived. As for you, remain in what you have learned, which is what you firmly believe, knowing from whom you have learned them.

From infancy, you have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus.

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: (89) – Luke 18:10-14

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

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

Priest: The Lord spoke this parable: “Two men went up into the temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, and the other was a Publican. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed like this:

‘God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of men, dishonest, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I earn.’ But the tax collector, standing far aside, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven. Instead, he beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man, rather than the other, went down to his house justified. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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

Sermon

(then p. 89)

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

Preparation for Great Lent:

Today we enter the Lenten Triodion, which continues our preparatory time before Great Lent. For the next several Sundays we will be recognizing the preparation and what it means to be a sinner in need of salvation, and how Christ offers that salvation to us.

This Sunday is the Publican and the Pharisee. The week following is no fasting. Then, we recall the repentance of the Prodigal Son, and following that, the Last Judgement, which is the last Sunday on which we eat meat.

During the week following the Sunday of the Last Judgement, we can have cheese, wine, and oil every day, including Wednesday and Friday. The following Sunday is Forgiveness Sunday, also called “Cheesefare”, and the Great Fast begins the following Monday, March 11.

During Great Lent, we will have the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Wednesday, and the Akathist Hymn for the first five Fridays, as per our custom.

As a reminder, we fast as we are able. Hospitality dictates that if we are served non-fasting food, we accept it graciously. If we have medical needs, we honor those. The most important fast is the one from sin!

Pray that this Great Lent may be of great spiritual benefit to all who participate in it.

Schedule:

March 3: Meatfare, Cheese, wine and oil allowed all following week

March 10: Cheesefare, Forgiveness Vespers at 4:30 PM at the Church to begin Great Lent

Wednesdays, March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, and Friday, April 19: Presanctified Divine Liturgies at 6:30 PM.

Fridays, March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12: Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos

March 17: Sunday of Orthodoxy, Great Vespers Sunday at 5:00pm for all Orthodox Christians in Central Iowa, *at our parish.*

April 21: Palm Sunday

April 25: Great and Holy Thursday

9:30 AM Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

6:30 PM Matins of Holy Friday, 12 Passion Gospels

April 26: Great and Holy Friday (Strict Fast):

3:30 PM, Vespers of Holy Saturday, Placing of the Plaschinitsa

6:30 PM, Matins of Holy Saturday, the Lamentations

April 27: Great and Holy Saturday

10:30 AM Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil, chrismations to follow

11:30 PM Vigil for Pascha begins

April 28: Holy Pascha

Midnight: continuing the Matins of Holy Pascha and Divine Liturgy

4:30 PM Agape Vespers, with a meal to follow.