



**Holy Transfiguration
Orthodox Church**

a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America

Fifth Sunday of Great Lent
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St. Mary of Egypt

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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 St. Mary of Egypt – Tone 8)

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother,
for you took up the Cross and followed Christ.
By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away;
but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal.//
Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

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

(Kontakion for St. Mary of Egypt – Tone 3)

Having been a sinful woman,
you became through repentance a bride of Christ.
Having attained angelic life,
you defeated demons with the weapon of the Cross.//
Therefore O most glorious Mary, you are a bride of the Kingdom.
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 all 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: In the Fourth Tone, God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

Choir: God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle: (321-ctr) – Hebrews 9:11-14 and (208b) – Galatians 3:23-29 (*St Mary of Egypt*)

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, he entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with

hands, that is to say, not of this creation. It was not through the blood of goats and calves but through his own blood that he entered into the Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. Indeed, if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of a heifer (sprinkling those who have been defiled) could sanctify to restore the purity of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to offer divine service to the living God?

Those from Italy greet you. Grace be with you all! Amen.

Brothers and sisters, before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, locked up to wait for the faith which would later be revealed. Hence, the law was our tutor which was to bring us to Christ, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor, and you are all God's children, through faith in Christ Jesus! For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.

Priest: † Peace be to you!

Alleluia: Tone 5

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 5th Tone: Alleluia! 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!

Reader: In the First Tone, I waited patiently for the Lord; He attended to me and heard my supplication.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (47) – Mark 10:32-45 and (33) – Luke 7:36-50 (*St Mary of Egypt*)

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

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

Priest: At that time, Jesus took the Twelve aside and began to tell them about the things that were going to happen to him. "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes. They will condemn him to death and deliver him to the Gentiles. They will scourge him, mock him, spit on him, and kill him. On the third day, he will rise again."

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus and said, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we will ask!" He replied, "What do you want me to do for you?" They answered, "Grant to us that we may sit, one at your right hand, and one at your left hand, in your glory."

But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking! Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

They replied, "We are able!"

Jesus said to them, "You shall indeed drink the cup that I drink, and you shall be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with! However, to sit at my right hand and at my left hand is not mine to give, but it is for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became upset with James and John.

Jesus called them, and told them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you! Whoever wants to become great among you shall be your servant. Whoever of you wants to become first shall be slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

At that time, one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to eat with him. He entered into the Pharisee’s house, and sat at the table. And behold, a woman who was a sinner in the city, when she learned that he was reclining at the table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster jar of perfume. Standing behind at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and she wiped them with the hair of her head. She also kissed his feet and anointed them with the perfumed oil. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have perceived who is touching him and what kind of woman this is, that she is a sinner.” Jesus said to him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.” He replied, “Speak, teacher.” “A certain lender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they could not pay, he forgave them both. Tell me then, which of them will love him the most?” Simon answered, “The one to whom he forgave the most I suppose.” Jesus said to him, “You have judged correctly.” Turning to the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered into your house, and you gave me no water for my feet; but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave me no kiss, but since the time I came in, she has not ceased kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfume. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven because she has loved much. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little.” Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” Those who sat at the table with him began to say to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” Then Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

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

Sermon

(then p. 89)

Instead of “It is truly meet ...,” we sing the following:)

Hymn to the Theotokos

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace:
the assembly of Angels and the race of men.
O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise,
the glory of virgins,
from whom God was incarnate and became a Child –
our God before the ages.
He made your body into a throne,
and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens.
All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace.
Glory to you!

Communion Hymn

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

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