



**Holy Transfiguration  
Orthodox Church**

*a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America*

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
**Sunday, October 10, 2017**

*Venerable Pelagia*

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**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 for the Divine Liturgy – if you find it useful, please feel free to take one of those as well, with our compliments.

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 7<sup>th</sup> and Kellogg)*

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*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 Venerable Pelagia – 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, since it is immortal.//

Therefore your spirit, venerable Pelagia, rejoices with the angels.

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

*Kontakion for Venerable Pelagia – Tone 2*

You wore out your body through fasting, vigils, and prayer  
beseeching the Creator to completely forgive your deeds.

You achieved this, holy Mother Pelagia,  
thereby showing us the way to repentance.

*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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*Epistle: (188) – 2 Corinthians 9:6-11*

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*Prokeimenon, Tone 1*

*Reader:* The Prokeimenon, in the 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

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*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!

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

*Deacon:* Let us attend!

*Reader:* Brothers and sisters, remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. Whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Let everyone give according to what he determines in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that by having what is needed in everything, you may overflow in every good work. As it is written:

*He has scattered abroad, he has given to the poor.  
His righteousness remains forever.*

Now may he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food also supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the fruits of your righteousness. Thus, may you be enriched in everything, so that you may be generous in all things; and through us, this brings thanksgiving to God.

*Priest:* † Peace be to you.

*Alleluia:* Tone 1

*Reader:* **And to Your spirit.** In the 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

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*Gospel:* (30) – Luke 7:11-16

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

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

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*Priest:* At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain. Many of his disciples, along with a great multitude, went with him. Now when Jesus drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a dead person was being carried out, who was the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. Many people of the city were with her. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said to her, “Do not cry.” He came near and touched the coffin, and the bearers stood still. He then said, “Young man, I tell you, arise!” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. Jesus then gave him to his mother.

They were all filled with awe and glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and, “God has visited his people!”

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

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

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***St. Nikolai Velimirovic, on the Widow of Nain:***

“Weep not!”, the Lord comforts the mourning mother. This is said by Him who does not think, as many of us do, that the soul of the dead boy has gone down to the grave at his body’s departure; He knows the whereabouts of the dead boy’s soul; He who holds the soul here under His authority. And we comfort those who mourn with these same words, even though our hearts are filled with tears.” (*Homilies*, p 204)

***Blessed Theophylact, on the Widow of Nain:***

You may also understand the widow to mean the soul which has suffered the loss of its husband, the Word of God Which sows the good seed. And the son of such a widow is the mind which is dead and is being carried outside the city, that is, outside the heavenly Jerusalem which is the land of the living. The Lord then takes pity, and touches the bier. The bier which carries the dead mind is the body. And indeed the body is like a tomb, as the ancient Greeks said, calling the body [*sōma*] a burial mound [*sēma*], which means a tomb. Having touched the body, the Lord then raises the mind, restoring its youth and vigor. And after the young man, meaning the mind, has sat up, raised from the tomb of sin, he will begin to speak, that is, to teach others. For while he is in the grip of sin, he cannot speak or teach: who would believe him?