
*Sunday of the Last Judgement (Meatfare)
Heiromartyr Blaze*

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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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Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice!

Let the earth be glad!

For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.

He has trampled down death by death.

He has become the first born of the dead.

He has delivered us from the depths of hell,

and has granted to the world//

great mercy.

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 1

When You, O God, shall come to earth with glory,

all things shall tremble,

and the river of fire shall flow before Your judgment seat;

the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed;

then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, //

and make me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O Righteous Judge!

Prokeimenon, Tone 3

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 3rd Tone: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure.

Choir: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure.

Reader: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

Choir: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure.

Reader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, ...

Choir: ... His understanding is beyond measure.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle: (140) – 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, food does not commend us to God, for if we eat, we are not better; and if we do not eat, we are not worse! However, be careful that your freedom may never become a stumbling block to the weak. For if someone sees you who have knowledge sitting in an idol's temple, will not this person's conscience, if weak, be emboldened to eat things sacrificed to idols? And thus, through your knowledge, shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? And so, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against

Christ! Therefore, if food causes my brethren to stumble, I will never ever eat meat, so that I may not cause my brethren to stumble.

Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least for you I am one! You are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Priest: † Peace be to you.

Alleluia: Tone 8

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 8th Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (106) – Matthew 25:31-46

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

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

Priest: The Lord said: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate them one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will tell those on his right hand, 'Come, you blessed of my Father! Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world! For I was hungry and you gave me food to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in. I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, saying: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and take you in; or naked, and clothe you? When did we see you sick, or in prison, and visit you?'

The King will answer them, 'Amen, I tell you: as much as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will also say to those on his left hand, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels! For I was hungry and you gave me no food; I was thirsty and you gave me no drink;

I was a stranger and you did not receive me; naked, and you did not clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit me.'

Then they will answer him: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not help you?'

Then he will answer them, saying: ‘Amen, I tell you: as much as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ These ones on the left will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

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

Next Sunday: Next Sunday is Cheesefare Sunday and Forgiveness Sunday. At Vespers on Sunday evening, there are prayers that ask God to forgive us, and we take that opportunity to forgive one another. We will celebrate vespers, with the service of forgiveness, at 12:30 pm, after the completion of the fellowship hour.

Sunday of Orthodoxy: We will celebrate the Sunday of Orthodoxy with the other parishes in Central Iowa on Sunday, February 25, at St. Nicholas Church in Pella, Iowa, at 4:00pm. Please plan to join us for this wonderful expression of Orthodox unity, and be sure to bring an icon for the procession!

Lenten Schedule: Our schedule is on the Calendar on the Webpage at www.amesorthodox.org if you want to review. We are currently scheduled as follows:

Wednesdays, February 21 – March 28: *The Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 6:30 pm*

Fridays, February 23 – March 23: *The Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos, 6:30 pm. The Fifth Friday, March 23, will be the entire Akathist Hymn. Each Friday prior will be the appropriate Stasis of the Hymn.*

Holy Week: April 5 – Great and Holy Thursday

9:30 am Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil

7:00 pm Matins of Holy Friday (*with the 12 Passion Gospels*)

April 6 – Great and Holy Friday

3:30 pm Vespers of Holy Saturday

7:00 pm Matins of Holy Saturday, procession

April 7 – Great and Holy Saturday

9:30 am Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil

April 8 – Great and Holy Pascha

Saturday night, 11:30 pm
The Hours of Pascha, continuing to ...
Paschal Matins and Paschal Divine Liturgy
(*Ending approx. 2:30am*)
Blessing of the Baskets
Fellowship meal to follow

No morning services!

5:00 pm Agape Vespers of Pascha
cookout/fellowship to follow