



**Holy Transfiguration
Orthodox Church**

a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 30, 2018

*Hieromartyr Gregory, Bishop of Greater Armenia
Martyrs Rhipsimia and Gaiana*

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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 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 the Saint – Tone 4)

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles,
you became a successor to their throne.

Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine
contemplation, O inspired one of God;

by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith,
even to the shedding of your blood.//

Hieromartyr Gregory, entreat Christ God to save our souls.

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

(Kontakion for the Saint – Tone 2)

Today, let us, the faithful, praise with songs and hymns
the admirable hierarch Gregory as an initiate in the sacred mysteries.

He was a contender for the truth, a vigilant pastor and teacher,
a light for the whole world,//

interceding with Christ that our souls may be saved.

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!”

(then, p. 83)

Prokeimenon, Tone 1

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

Reader: And with your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 1st 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!

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!

Epistle – (188) 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

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 1st 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!

Gospel – (26) Luke 6:31-36

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

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

Priest: The Lord said, As you would like others to do to you, do the same to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them! And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same! If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners, to receive back as much. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing back. Then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he is kind even to the ungrateful and evil.

Therefore, be merciful, even as your Father is also merciful.

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

Sermon

(then p. 89)

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

Silence is the cross on which we must crucify our ego.

St. Seraphim of Sarov

It is not the task of Christianity to provide easy answers to every question, but to make us progressively aware of a mystery. God is not so much the object of our knowledge, and the cause of our wonder.

Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware)

Just as a man whose head is under water cannot inhale pure air, so a man whose thoughts are plunged into the cares of this world cannot absorb the sensation of the world to come.

St. Isaac the Syrian

You need not be despondent. Let those be despondent who do not believe in God. For them sorrow is burdensome, of course, because besides earthly enjoyment they have nothing. But believers must not be despondent, for through sorrows they receive the right of sonship, without which is impossible to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

St. Barsanuphius of Optina

Upcoming events:

Catechism class, Wednesday, October 3, 6:30 PM.

Annual Meeting, Sunday, November 11, immediately following a brief fellowship time.

Volunteers needed! Please sign up to straighten up after the fellowship hour!

Parish Council: If you would like to be part of the parish council, please see Linda Rosa or Fr. Marty. Everyone is welcome to participate in the administration of the parish!