



Seventh Sunday of Pascha
Sunday, May 24, 2015

Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council
Simeon the Stylite

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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 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.

Music Rehearsals, Saturday at 6:00pm

621 Kellogg Avenue, Ames, Iowa 50010
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Troparion – Tone 6

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You took captive hell,/
not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life.//
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Troparion for Ascension – Tone 4

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,
granting joy to Your Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.
Through the blessing, they were assured,
that You are the Son of God,/
the Redeemer of the world!

Troparion for the Fathers – Tone 8

You are most glorious, O Christ our God!
You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

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

Kontakion for the Fathers, Tone 8

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines
have established one Faith for the Church.
Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology,/
It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

now and ever and unto ages of ages, amen

Kontakion for Ascension, Tone 6

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake,
and united earth to heaven,
You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,
not being parted from those who love You,
but remaining with them and crying:/
"I am with you, and there is no one against you!"

Epistle: (44) – Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Deacon: Let us attend! *Priest:* +Peace be unto all!

Reader: And with your spirit!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Prokeimenon, Tone 4:

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 4th Tone, the Song of the Three Holy Children:
Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is
Your name forever!

Choir: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever!

Reader: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Choir: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever!

Reader: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, ...

Choir: ... and praised and glorified is Your name forever!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: **The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.**

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Milétus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the Church. And when they had come to him, he said unto them “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Spirit hath made you Bishops, to pastor the Church of God which He purchased with His own Blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also men will rise up from among yourselves, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that for three years I did not cease to admonish everyone night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. I have not coveted any man’s silver or gold or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know that these hands have ministered for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, and how He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Priest: + Peace be unto you.

Alleluia: Tone 1

Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 1st Tone: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (56) – John 17:1-13

Priest: Wisdom! Let us Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace be with you all!

Choir: And with your spirit.

Deacon: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

Deacon: Let us Attend! At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

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

(Instead of "It is truly meet . . . , " we sing the following Hymn to the Theotokos)

Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, Who has ascended from earth to heaven! We magnify you, the Mother of God, who beyond reason and understanding gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

(Instead of "We have seen the true light . . . " we sing the tropar of Ascension in Tone 4:
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Through the blessing, they were assured,
that You are the Son of God, //
the Redeemer of the world!)

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