

 **Holy Transfiguration
Orthodox Church**

a mission of the Orthodox Church in America

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 16, 2015

*Afterfeast of the Dormiion of the Theotokos
Translation of the Icon "Not-Made-By-Hands" to Constantinople*

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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

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Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 2

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Troparion for the Dormition – Tone 2

In giving birth you preserved your virginity.
In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
You were translated to life O Mother of Life,//
and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Troparion for the Icon not-made-by-hands – Tone 7

We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One,
and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God.
Of Your own will You were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh
to deliver Your creatures from bondage to the Enemy.
Therefore with thanksgiving we cry aloud to You://
“You have filled all with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.”

Kontakion for the Icon not-made-by-hands, Tone 2

Uncircumscribed Word of the Father,
as we behold the victorious image of Your true incarnation,
not made by hands, but divinely wrought
in Your ineffable and divine dispensation towards us,//
we honor it with veneration.

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

Kontakion for the Dormition – Tone 2

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,
who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.
For being the Mother of Life,//
she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.
now and ever and unto ages of ages, amen

Resurrectional Kontakion, Tone 2

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You,//
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

Epistle: (141) – 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 and (250) Colossians 1:12-18 (Icon)

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

Reader: And with your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Prokeimenon, Tone 2

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 2nd Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song, /
He is become my salvation.

Choir: The Lord is my strength and my song, I He is become my salvation.

Reader: Rejoice in the Lord, O Righteous! Praise befits the just!

Choir: The Lord is my strength and my song, I He is become my salvation.

Reader: In the 4th Tone, O sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord hath done
marvelous things.

Choir: O sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord hath done marvelous things.

Deacon: Wisdom!

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My answer to those who examine me is this: Have we not the power to eat and drink? Have we not the power to take along a sister, a wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Céphas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and eats not of its fruit? Or who feeds a flock and drinks not of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or doth not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, “Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of an ox that treadeth out the grain.” Doth God take care for oxen? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? If others are partakers of this power over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this power, but suffer all things lest we should hinder the Gospel of Christ.

Brethren, give thanks unto God the Father Who hath made us worthy to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. Who, in His love hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the Kingdom of His Son, in Whom we have redemption through His Blood, even the forgiveness of sins. Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him were all things made that are in heaven and that are on earth, [both] visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the Church; Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He may be preminent.

Priest: + Peace be to you.

Alleluia: Tone 2

Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 2nd Tone: Alleluia! May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect you!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call upon You!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: In the 4th Tone, O Lord, we shall walk in the light of Your countenance, and exult in Your Name forever!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (77) – Matthew 18:23-35 and (48-ctr) Luke 9:51-56; 10:22-24 (Icon)

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

Choir: And with your spirit.

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

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

Priest: Let us Attend!

The Lord said this parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

At that time, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village. all things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him." Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it."

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

Instead of "It is Truly Meet": The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven. The limits of nature are overcome in you, O Pure Virgin: for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death; a virgin after childbearing and alive after death, you ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. O Lord, we shall walk in the light of Your countenance, and exult in Your Name forever! 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!
