

*Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and Archippus
Martyr Apphia*

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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
(corner of 7th and Kellogg)

Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 8

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!!
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Troparion for the Entrance – Tone 4

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.

Let us rejoice
and sing to her://

“Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation!”

Troparion for the Apostles – Tone 3

Holy Apostles Philemon, Archipus, Apphia, and Onesimus,
entreat the merciful God
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Kontakion for the Apostles – Tone 2

Let us praise the Apostles of Christ,
who illumine the ends of the earth like all-radiant stars:
glorious Philemon an dedicated Archippus,
Onesimus, together with Mark and Apollos, and the all-wise Apphia.
Let us cry to them:

“Unceasingly pray for us all!”

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

Kontakion for the Entrance – Tone 4

The most pure Temple of the Savior;
the precious Chamber and Virgin;
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,
is presented today to the house of the Lord.
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,
therefore, the Angels of God praise her:
“Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!”

now and ever and unto ages of ages, amen

Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 8

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.
Eve exults in Your Resurrection,
and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Epistle: (224) – Ephesians 4:1-6

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

Reader: And with your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Prokeimenon, Tone 8

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 8th Tone: Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

Choir: Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

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

Choir: Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!!

Reader: In the Third Tone, the Song of the Theotokos, My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Choir: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Deacon: Wisdom!

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, I the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation in which you are called: with all humility and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is One Body and One Spirit, just as you were called in One Hope of your calling; One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism; One God and Father of all, Who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Priest: Peace be to you.

Alleluia: Tone 8

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

Reader: In the Same Tone, Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (66) – Luke 12:16-21

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

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

Priest: Let us Attend!

The Lord spoke a parable, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." ' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your

soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?" "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

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

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)

The Angels beheld the Entrance of the Pure One and were amazed.
How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?
Since she is a living Ark of God
let no profane hand touch the Theotokos.
But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her,
praising her in joy with the Angel's song:
"Truly, you are more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!"

Communion Hymns

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.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Giving to the Church:

At the annual meeting we passed a budget for the upcoming year which totals approximately \$60,000. That equates to a budget need of about \$5,000 per month for the parish. While part of that is to grow the attendance and membership, which fulfills our mission to go into all the World, particularly Ames, baptizing and making disciples, the burden falls to us to support the parish financially as well, just as the churches founded by St. Paul supported him as well as the Church in Jerusalem.

Our giving, if it is to be of spiritual benefit, needs to inconvenience us. It needs to be a bit painful. We all rely on God for our needs – not our employment or income. Spiritually, our discipline of giving helps us detach from the things of the world, that we might learn generosity. We shouldn't go hungry or homeless – but our giving should be generous, and inconvenience us a bit.

It isn't just about being thankful. It is also an expression of our trust in God's provision for our future needs.

Will you join us in supporting the parish to the extent you are comfortable, and perhaps a bit beyond? Together, we can grow the Kingdom and our community.