



**Holy Transfiguration  
Orthodox Church**

*a mission of the Orthodox Church in America*

*Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

**Sunday, December 6, 2015**

*Archbishop Nicholas the Wonderworker*

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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!

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*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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**621 Kellogg Avenue, Ames, Iowa 50010**

*(corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Kellogg)*

*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 St. Nicholas – Tone 4*

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith,  
an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence;  
your humility exalted you;  
your poverty enriched you.  
Hierarch Father Nicholas,  
entreat Christ our God//  
that our souls may be saved!

*Kontakion for St. Nicholas – Tone 3*

You appeared as a priest in Myra, O Saint Nicholas,  
fulfilling the Gospel of Christ, O venerable one;  
you laid down your life for your people  
and rescued the innocent from death.//  
Therefore, you have been blest as a great initiate of the grace of God.

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

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*Epistle: (233) – Ephesians 6:10-17 and (335) Hebrews 13:17-21*

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

*Reader:* And with your spirit!

*Priest:* Wisdom!

*Prokeimenon, Tone 2*

*Reader:* The Prokeimenon, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

*Choir:* The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

*Reader:* The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

*Choir:* The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

*Reader:* In the Seventh Tone, The Righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord and shall set his hope on Him.

*Choir:* The Righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord and shall set his hope on Him.

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*Deacon:* Wisdom!

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

*Deacon:* Let us attend!

*Reader:* Brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual wickedness in the high places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girded with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

Brethren, Obey your preceptors and be subject to them, for they keep watch over your souls, as they that must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would not be beneficial for you. Pray for us; for we trust that we have a good conscience in all things, being willing to live honestly. And I earnestly beseech you to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. And may the God of peace, Who brought up from the dead the Great Pastor of the sheep, our Lord Jesus Christ, through the Blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*Priest:* Peace be to you.

*Alleluia:* Tone 2

*Reader:* **And to Your spirit.** In the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader:* In the Same Tone, Your priests shall be clothed with righteousness and Your saints shall rejoice!

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*Gospel:* (85) – Luke 17:12-19 and (24) Luke 6:17-23 (*St. Nicholas*)

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

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

*Priest:* Let us Attend!

At that time, as Jesus entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

At that time, Jesus stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all. Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven.

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

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

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***Nativity of Christ and Holy Theophany Service Schedule:***

As many people are traveling during this period, the only services we will have will be a vespers Divine Liturgy on December 24, Christmas Eve, at 6:30pm. Services for the following Saturday and Sunday, December 26 and 27, are cancelled. Regular services will resume with Great Vespers on January 2 and the Divine Liturgy on January 3. We will commemorate the Theophany (Baptism) of Christ on Tuesday, January 5, with Great Vespers at 6:30pm and the Lesser Blessing of Waters that evening.

***Winter Weather Reminder:***

If you do not feel comfortable being out and about in an inclement weather situation, please remain at home or a safe place. Scheduled services will continue (perhaps a bit late), as Fr. Marty lives within walking distance.