

*Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
St Timothy of Symbola*

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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 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever
and unto ages of ages, amen*

Kontakion from the Triodion – Tone 4

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee!
Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears!
Let us cry to our Savior:
“Have mercy on us, //
O only merciful One!”

Epistle: (296) – 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Prokeimenon, Tone 5

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 5th Tone: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

Choir: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

Reader: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

Choir: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

Reader: You, O Lord, shall protect us ...

Choir: ... and preserve us from this generation forever.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Second Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: My son Timothy, you have paid close attention to my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, steadfastness, persecutions, and sufferings. You know what happened to me at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. I endured those persecutions and the Lord delivered me out of them all! Yes, all those who desire to lead godly lives in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others, being themselves deceived. As for you, remain in what you have learned, which is what you firmly believe, knowing from whom you have learned them.

From infancy, you have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus.

Priest: Peace be to you.

Alleluia: Tone 5

*Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 5th Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: For You have said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (95) – Luke 18:10-14

*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 said this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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

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

No fasting this week, in remembrance of the Publican who begged mercy from God, and not the pride of the Pharisee.

Publicity needs:

If you have thoughts or ideas about how we can get the word out into the community about our presence, please speak to John Coatney or José Rosa. We are very interested in ways to reach out to those interested in Orthodoxy, and in identifying needs which the Orthodox Church presence in Ames can assist.

Music and Choir:

We are always looking for people who enjoy singing. Please feel free to let Geoff Thompson, our Choir Director, know of your interest. We would love to grow the choir, as well as the congregational participation. You are welcome to come before vespers, to learn some of the music, even if you do not want to stand with the choir. Participate – make a joyful noise!

Preliminary Lenten Schedule:

Sunday, March 13

4:00pm *Forgiveness Vespers*

Wednesdays, March 16 through April 27:

6:30pm *Presanctified Divine Liturgy*

Fridays, March 18 through April 22 (excluding March 25):

6:30pm *Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos*

Sunday, March 20

6:00pm *Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy*
St. Demetrius Serbian Orthodox Church, 4655 3rd Street, Des Moines – Lenten snacks and drinks to follow.

Thursday, March 24

6:30pm *Great Vespers for the Annunciation. – (Due to the birth of Fr. Marty's and Mat. Candy's first grandchild, due March 22, this may be a reader's service – stay tuned)*

April 24 – Palm Sunday

April 28 – Great and Holy Thursday

9:30am *Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil*

7:00pm *Matins of Holy Friday and Passion Gospels*

April 29 – Great and Holy Friday

3:30pm *Vespers of Holy Saturday*

7:00pm *Matins of Holy Saturday, procession*

April 30 – Great and Holy Saturday

9:30am *Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil*

11:00pm *The Hours of Pascha, continuing to the Divine Liturgy*

May 1 – Great and Holy Pascha

Midnight *Paschal Divine Liturgy (Ending approx. 1:30am)*

Blessing of the Baskets, Fellowship meal to follow

5:00pm *Agape Vespers of Pascha, cookout/fellowship to follow*

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