

*Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy, Martyr Vassa of Edessa
Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos*

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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 Afterfeast – Tone 1

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 St. Thaddeus – Tone 3

Holy Apostle Thaddeus,
entreat the merciful God//
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions.

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!

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

Kontakion for St. Thaddeus – Tone 4

The Church sees you as a shining star, Apostle Thaddeus,
and is enlightened by your wonders.//
Save those who honor your memory in faith!

now and ever and unto ages of ages, amen.

Kontakion for the Afterfeast – 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.

Epistle: (128) – 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

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 First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, we are God's co-workers! You are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder, I have laid a foundation, and another builds on it. But let everyone be careful how he builds on it! As it is, no one can lay any other foundation than the one that has already been laid, which is Jesus Christ. But as one builds on that foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or stubble, each person's work will be revealed. Certainly, the Day will make it manifest, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire will test everyone's work. If what someone has built on the foundation remains, then a reward shall be received. On the other hand, if someone's work is burned, it will be lost, but that person shall be saved, as through fire.

Do you not know that you are a sanctuary of God, and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's sanctuary, God will destroy him because God's sanctuary is holy, and this is what you are!

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 2nd Tone, Arise, O Lord, into Your resting place: You and the Ark of Your sanctification!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (59) – Matthew 14: 22-34

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

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

Priest: Let us Attend!

At that time, Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and told them to go ahead of him to the other side, while he would send the crowds away. After he had sent the people away, he went up into the mountain by himself in order to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, distressed by the waves, because the wind was against it. In the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But at once, Jesus spoke to them, saying "Take heart! It is I! Do not be afraid."

Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you upon the waters." And Jesus said, "Come!" Peter stepped down from the boat and walked on the waters to come to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was strong, he became afraid and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately, Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of Peter, and said, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got up into the boat, the wind ceased. Those who were in the boat came forward and expressed adoration to him, saying, “You are truly the Son of God!”

When they had crossed over the lake, they arrived in the land of Gennesaret.

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

Instead of “It is truly meet ...”, in Tone 1

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 birthing remains virginal, and life is united to death;
a virgin after childbearing and alive after death,
you ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.

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!

St. Demetrios Serbian Orthodox Parish in Des Moines invites all to their parish celebration: On Sunday September 5th featuring a Picnic-grill at noon with a Football Tournament at 4 pm, along with ballots, basketball and other sports.

OCF Picnic: The annual welcome picnic for OCF, sponsored by Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church and St. George Greek Orthodox Church, will be September 17 from 4 to 6 pm at the Hickory Shelter in Brookside Park in Ames. If you would like to help, please see Dr. Ed Nassif. After the picnic, those wishing to attend Great Vespers will be invited to come to the Church. If you can offer a ride for a student from Brookside to the Church, please let Fr. Marty know.

BISHOP ALEXANDER’S VISIT

Vladyka Alexander will visit Holy Transfiguration the weekend of October 22-23. The tentative schedule is as follows:

Saturday, October 22:

4 – 6pm, dinner with the Iowa State University OCF at the Church

6:30pm, Great Vespers

7:15pm, Bishop Alexander will (likely) offer words of instruction and take questions.

8:15pm, dinner with Parish Council and families (place TBD)

Sunday, October 23:

9:30am, Bishop Alexander’s arrival

9:40am, Third and Sixth Hour prayers

10:00am, Divine Liturgy with Vladyka celebrating

11:25am (approximately), fellowship and lunch with Vladyka Alexander at the Church

The tentative plan is for meals (including the fellowship hour on Sunday) to be catered. We will however need everyone’s assistance to clean up after each meal.