

*Hieromartyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch  
Holy Prophet and Eye-witness of God, Moses*

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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. Babylas – Tone 4*

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles,  
you became a successor to their throne.  
Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O  
inspired one of God;  
by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to  
the shedding of your blood://  
Hieromartyr Babylas, entreat Christ god to save our souls!

*Troparion for Prophet Moses – Tone 2*

You ascended to the heights of the virtues, Prophet Moses;  
therefore, you were deemed worthy to see the glory of God.  
Having received the grace-filled tablets of the Law,  
and bearing the grace of the writing within yourself,  
You were the honorable praise of prophets,  
and a great mystery of piety.

*Kontakion for St. Babylas – Tone 4*

You guarded the mighty works of faith in your heart,  
therefore, you did not fear the tyrant://  
preserve us as well, Hieromartyr Babylas, good servant of Christ!

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

*Kontakion for Prophet Moses – Tone 2*

The choir of prophets rejoices with Moses and Aaron today,  
for the fulfillment of their prophecy is in our midst.  
The Cross, by which You have saved us, shines forth today://  
By their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

*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: (141) – 1 Corinthians 9:2-12*

*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:* The Lord is my strength and my song ...

*Choir:* ... He has become my salvation.

*Deacon:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who question me is this: Have we no right to eat and to drink? Do we not have the right to take along a sister – a wife – even as the rest of the apostles, and the brothers of the Lord, and Kephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who are obliged to work? What soldier ever serves at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who feeds a flock and does not drink from the flock's milk? Do I speak these things according to human ways? Does not the law say the same thing as well? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it for the oxen that God shows care, or does he say these things for our benefit? Yes, it was written for us, because whoever plows should plow in hope, and whoever threshes in hope should have a share in his hope. If we sowed to you spiritual things, is it [such] a great thing if we reap your material things?

If others partake of this right over you, should we not even more?

Nevertheless, we did not use this right, but we bear all things, so that we may cause no hindrance to the Good News of Christ.

*Priest:* Peace be to you.

*Alleluia:* Tone 2

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

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader:* 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!

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*Gospel:* (77) – Matthew 18:23-35

*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 king who wanted to settle his accounts with his slaves. When he began the settlement, someone was brought in who owed him ten thousand talents. But because the slave could not pay, his lord gave orders that he be sold, with his wife, children, and all that he had, so that payment may be made. At this, the slave fell down on his knees before him, saying: 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will repay you all!' The lord of that slave, moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

However, that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him one hundred denarii. He grabbed him and took him by the throat, saying: ‘Pay me what you owe!’

And so, his fellow slave fell down at his feet and begged him, saying:

‘Have patience with me, and I will repay you!’ But the first man would not [have compassion] but went off and had him cast into prison, until he should pay back what was due. When his [other] fellow slaves saw what had been done, they were extremely distressed and came to their lord to report all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned the [first] slave and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, even as I had mercy on you?’ His lord was angry and delivered him to the jailers until he would pay all that was due. This is how my heavenly Father will also treat you if you do not each forgive each other their trespasses from your hearts.”

*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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### **Announcements:**

**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. Martyr 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.*