Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
Martyr Longinus the Centurion

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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 Fathers – Tone 8

You are most glorious, O Christ our God!
You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

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

Kontakion for the Fathers – Tone 6

The Son who shone forth from the Father
was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman.
Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form,
but depict it piously and revere it faithfully.
Thus, keeping the True Faith,//
the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

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: (182-ctr) – 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 and (334) Hebrews 13:7-16 (for the Fathers)

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 4th Tone, the Song of the Fathers, Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Your Name forever!

Choir: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Your Name forever!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: Brethren, you are a sanctuary of the living God. Even as God said, "I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they will be my people." Therefore: *'Come out from among them and be separate,' says the Lord. 'Touch no unclean thing. I will receive you. I will be a Father to you. You will be to me sons and daughters,'* says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us purify ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, so that we may bring our holiness to completion in the fear of God.

Brethren, remember your leaders, those men who proclaimed the word of God to you. Considering the results of their conduct, imitate their faith. Jesus Christ

is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried away by all sorts of strange teachings. It is good that the inner person should be strengthened by grace, not by food which is of no profit to those who have been preoccupied by it! We have an altar from which those who offer divine service in the holy tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals (whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin) are burned outside of the camp. This is why Jesus suffered outside of the gate, so that he might sanctify the people through his own blood. Let us therefore go out of the city to him who is outside of the camp and let us bear his disgrace. For we do not have here on earth an enduring city, but we seek the one that is to come. Therefore, through him, Jesus, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, the fruit of our lips which confessed his Name. But do not forget to do what is good and to share because God is well pleased with such sacrifices.

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 1st Tone, The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (35) – Luke 8:5-15 and (56) John 17:1-13 (for the Fathers)

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

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

The Lord said this parable: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was sowing, some seed fell along the wayside; it was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the sky devoured it. Other seed fell on the rock, and as soon as it grew, it withered away because it had no moisture. Other fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew with it, and choked it. Other fell into the good ground, grew, and brought forth fruit a hundred times." As he said this, he exclaimed, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" Then his disciples asked him, "What does this parable mean?" Jesus replied, "To you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, but to the rest, it is given in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now this is what the parable means: The seed is the word of God. Those along the wayside are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they may not believe and be saved. Those on the rock are those who receive the word with joy when they hear. But they have no root; they believe for a while, then fall away in time of temptation. What fell among the thorns is those who have heard, and as they go on their way, they are

choked with worries, wealth, and the pleasures of life; and they bring no fruit to maturity. As for the seed that fell in the rich soil, this is those who have heard the word with an honest and good heart, who retain it and bring forth fruit with endurance.

At that time, Jesus, lifting up his eyes to heaven, said, "Father, the time has come! Glorify your Son, so that your Son may also glorify you, even as you gave him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. This is eternal life: that they should know you, the only true God, and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ. I have glorified you on the earth! I have accomplished the work which you have given me to do! Now, Father, glorify me with yourself with the glory I had with you before the world existed. I have revealed your Name to the people whom you have given me out of the world. They were yours, and you have given them to me; they have kept your word. Now they have known that all things you have given me are from you. The words you have given me, I have given to them. They have received them and they have known for certain that I came forth from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them; I do not pray for the world, but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All things that are mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. I am no longer in the world, but these are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them through your Name which you have given me, so that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them in the world, I protected them in your Name. Those whom you have given me I have kept. None of them is lost, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to you, and I say these things in the world, so that they may have my joy made full in themselves.

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

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

BISHOP ALEXANDER'S VISIT – NEXT WEEKEND

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

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, catered by Hickory Park