

*Forefast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple
St. Gregory Decapolites*

Fr. Martin D. Watt, Priest-in-Charge

Mailing address 1411 Wilson Avenue

and rectory: Ames, Iowa 50010

(515) 337-1192 (*rectory*)

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.

Troparion for the Forefeast – Tone 4

Today Anna bequeaths joy to all instead of sorrow,
by bringing forth her fruit, the only ever-Virgin.
In fulfillment of her vow,
today with joy she brings to the temple of the Lord//
the true temple and pure Mother of God the Word.

Troparion for St. Proclus and St. Gregory – Tone 4

The twofold lamps of divine gifts,
Proclus, shepherd of New Rome, and Gregory, scion of Decapolis,
guide us by the light of grace as divinely-inspired fathers!
Let us draw near and eagerly beseech them,//
that we may receive forgiveness and salvation of our souls!

Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 5

You descended into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man,//
and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

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

Kontakion for St. Gregory – Tone 3

The Church knows you to be a brilliant sun
enlightening all with the rays of healing and the beauty of virtue.
Therefore, as we celebrate your honored memory,
We glorify your struggles,//
ever-blest and all-wise Father Gregory.

now and ever and unto ages of ages, amen.

Kontakion for the Forefeast – Tone 4

Today the universe is filled with joy
at the glorious feast of the Mother of God,//
and cries out: “She is the heavenly tabernacle.”

Epistle: (215) – Galatians 6:11-18

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: Brethren, see with what large letters I write to you with my own hand! Those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised, only so that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh. As for me, I shall find glory in nothing, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. In Christ Jesus, circumcision and uncircumcision mean nothing; only a new creation matters. To those who live by this rule, may there be peace and mercy upon them, and on the Israel of God. From now on, let no one cause me any trouble, for I bear the marks of the Lord Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren.
Amen.

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: (66) – Luke 12:16-21

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

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

Jesus told a parable, saying, "The ground of a certain rich man produced in abundance. He thought to himself, 'What will I do? I do not have room to store my crops!' Then the man said, 'This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns, build bigger ones, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. Then I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many

goods stored up for many years. Take your ease, eat, drink, and be merry!”

But God said to him, ‘You fool! Tonight your soul is demanded of you. The things which you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ This is how it is when someone amasses treasure for himself but is not rich toward God.”

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

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

Upcoming Schedule

- Saturday, November 26, 6:30 pm:** Reader’s Vespers only
- Sunday, November 27, 9:00 am:** Sophia Kostyushko baptism (*Anna Belyaeva’s daughter*)
- Sunday, November 27, 9:40 am: Third Hour Prayers, Sixth Hour Prayers
- Sunday, November 27, 10:00 am: Divine Liturgy
- Monday, December 5, 6:30 pm:** Vespers at St. Nicholas in Pella for the feast. Spaghetti dinner to follow – please bring a canned food item for donation.
- Saturday, December 24, 1:00 pm: Vespers for the Nativity of Christ
- Sunday, December 25, 9:40 am: Third Hour Prayers, Sixth Hour Prayers
- Sunday, December 25, 10:00 am: Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of Christ
- Saturday, December 31, and Sunday, January 1: NO SERVICES at Holy Transfiguration**