



**Holy Transfiguration
Orthodox Church**

a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America

Seventh Sunday of Pascha
Sunday, May 28, 2017

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council
Afterfeast of the Ascension

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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.*

621 Kellogg Avenue, Ames, Iowa 50010
(corner of 7th and Kellogg)

Note: "O Heavenly King ... " is not sung until Pentecost.

Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 6

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You captured hades,
not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life.//
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, 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!

Troparion for the Ascension – Tone 4

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,
granting joy to Your Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.
Through the blessing, they were assured,
that You are the Son of God,//
the Redeemer of the world!

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

Kontakion for the Fathers – Tone 8

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith
for the Church.

Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology,//
It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

now and ever and unto ages of ages, amen

Kontakion for Ascension – Tone 6

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake,
and united earth to heaven,
You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,
not being parted from those who love You,
but remaining with them and crying://
"I am with you, and there is no one against you!"

Epistle: (44) – Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Prokeimenon, Tone 4

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 4th Tone, the Song of the Three Children:
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!

Reader: For You are just in all that You have done for us!

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

Reader: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, ...

Choir: ... and praised and glorified is Your name forever!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: In those days, Paul had determined to sail past Ephesus in order not to spend time in Asia because he was in a hurry: if possible, he wanted to be in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost.

From Miletus, Paul sent a message to Ephesus and called to himself the presbyters of the Church. When they arrived, he told them, "Keep watch over yourselves and over the flock among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers! Be shepherds of the Church of the Lord and of God, which he has purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departure, vicious wolves will enter in among you and they will not spare the flock. From among your own group, men will arise who will speak perverse things in order to draw away the disciples after them.

Therefore, keep watch! Remember that for a period of three years, I did not cease night and day to warn everyone with tears. Now, brethren, I entrust you to God, and to the word of his grace which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver, or gold, or clothing. You yourselves know that these, my hands, served my needs and those who were with me. In all things, I have given you an example, that by this kind of hard work you should support the weak and remember the word of the Lord Jesus, as he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive!'"

After saying these things, Paul knelt down and prayed with them all.

Priest: Peace be to you.

Alleluia: Tone 1

Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 1st Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (56) John 17:1-13

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

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

Priest: 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.

Instead of "It is truly meet ... ," we sing the following:

Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, Who has ascended from earth to heaven!

We magnify you, the Mother of God, who beyond reason and understanding gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

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!

Instead of "We have seen the True Light,"

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granting joy to Your Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.
Through the blessing, they were assured,
that You are the Son of God, //
the Redeemer of the world!

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

Fr. Marty Travel

On the Weekends of June 17/18 and June 24/25 Fr. Marty will be traveling for Diocesan events. Fr. Maximos Herman will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on those days. Please make he and Matushka Angela welcome!

Pentecost Sunday

Next Sunday is Pentecost, and immediately following the dismissal, we will sing the "Kneeling Prayers" from the Sunday of Pentecost Vespers.

Church Beautification

If you would like to help with our landscaping, painting, or cleaning up the stairwell by the Altar, please see Linda Rosa.