



**Holy Transfiguration
Orthodox Church**

a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 9, 2017

Hieromartyr Pancratius

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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 available 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.*

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Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 4

When the women Disciples of the Lord
learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the Apostles:

“Death is overthrown!

Christ God is risen,//

granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion for St. Pancratius – 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 Pancratius entreat Christ God to save our souls!

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

Kontakion for St. Pancratius – Tone 4

Pancratius, you were revealed as a brilliant star for the people of
Taormina.

You were also shown to be a sufferer for Christ.//

Since you now stand before Him, O blessed one, pray for those who
honor you.

now and ever and unto ages of ages, amen.

Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 4

My Savior and Redeemer

as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their
chains.

He has shattered the gates of hell,

and as Master,//

He has risen on the third day!

Epistle: (103) – Romans 10:1-10

Prokeimenon, Tone 4

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 4th Tone: O Lord, how manifold are
Your works; in wisdom have You made them all.

Choir: O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made
them all.

Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very
great!

Choir: O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made
them all.

Reader: O Lord, how manifold are Your works; ...

Choir: ... in wisdom have You made them all.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans.

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God are for Israel, that they may be saved. Certainly, I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not according to accurate knowledge. Being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

For Christ is the fulfillment of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. Moses writes about the righteousness of the law, "The one who does them will live by them." But the righteousness which is of faith speaks this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down); or, 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead.)" But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth, and in your heart;" that is, the word of faith, which we preach. If you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. With the heart, one believes, resulting in righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made, resulting in salvation.

Priest: + Peace be to you!

Alleluia: Tone 4

Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 4th Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (28) Matthew 28:38-9:1

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

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

Priest: At that time, when Jesus arrived on the other side, into the country of the Gergesenes, two men possessed by demons met him there, coming out of the tombs. They were extremely violent, so much that nobody could pass that way. Behold, they cried out, saying, "What do we have to do with you, Jesus, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now there was a herd of many pigs

feeding at some distance from them. The demons begged him, saying, “If you cast us out, allow us to go away into the herd of pigs.”

He said to them, “Go!”

The demons came out and went into the herd of pigs: and behold, the whole herd of pigs rushed down the cliff into the sea and died in the water.

Those who fed them fled and went into the city where they told everything, including what had happened to those who were possessed with demons. Behold, the entire city came out to meet Jesus. When they saw him, they begged that he would depart from their borders.

Jesus entered into a boat, crossed over the lake and came into his own town.

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

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

Transfiguration Sunday, August 6

It is official! The Metropolitan of Akhalkalaki and Kumurdo (Georgian Orthodox Church), Nikoloz, who is also Mariam’s father, will be joining us on Sunday, August 6, and will celebrate the Liturgy. He will be accompanied by Bishop Saba, the Georgian Bishop for the North American Diocese of the Georgian Orthodox Church.

Arrangements and details are still forthcoming, but this will make for a very exciting and memorable visit for our parish feast day! We will welcome the opportunity to have these wonderful chief Shepherds of Christ’s Church, from one of the oldest lands to accept Christianity. The Georgian Church had bishops by the time of the First Ecumenical Council in 325 AD.

Plan to be here for this occasion, and keep checking in for more details.