



**Holy Transfiguration  
Orthodox Church**

*a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America*

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*  
**Sunday, October 22, 2017**

*Equal to the Apostles Abercius  
The Holy Seven Youths of Ephesus*

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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.*

621 Kellogg Avenue, Ames, Iowa 50010  
*(corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Kellogg)*

*Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 3*

Let the heavens rejoice!

Let the earth be glad!

For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.

He has trampled down death by death.

He has become the first born of the dead.

He has delivered us from the depths of hell,

and has granted to the world//

great mercy.

*Troparion for Abercius – Tone 5*

You emulated the zeal of the Apostles

and shone forth like a morning star,

and your works showed your God-given power:

you guided the erring to God,

O hierarch Abercius.

*Troparion for the Holy Youths – Tone 4*

Your seven holy martyrs, O Lord,

through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You,  
our God.

For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,

and shattered the powerless boldness of demons!//

Through their intercessions, save our souls!

*Kontakion for the Holy Youths – Tone 4*

The Seven Holy Youths renounced the perishing comforts of this world,  
preferring the eternal things of Heaven.

They were incorrupt after death and rose from the dead

and buried the snares of the devils!//

O Faithful, let us then honor them, singing a hymn of praise to Christ!

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

*Kontakion for Abercius – Tone 8*

The whole Church honors you as a great hierarch

and as a companion to the Apostles!//

By your prayers keep the Church unconquered and unshaken by  
heresy, glorious Abercius.

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

*Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 3*

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One,  
leading us from the gates of death.

On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;

with the Prophets and Patriarchs!//

they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

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*Epistle: (200) – Galatians 1:11-19*

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*Prokeimenon, Tone 3*

*Reader:* The Prokeimenon, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tone: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

*Choir:* Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

*Reader:* Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

*Choir:* Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

*Reader:* Sing praises to our God, sing praises! ...

*Choir:* ... Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

*Deacon:* Wisdom!

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

*Deacon:* Let us attend!

*Reader:* Brothers and sisters, regarding the Good News which I preached, I proclaimed this to you, that it is not of human origin. I did not receive it from man and I was not taught this Good News by man, but it came to me through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard about how I used to live in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God beyond measure, and how I ravaged it. I advanced in the Jewish religion beyond many of my own age among my countrymen, as I was more extremely zealous for the traditions of my forefathers. But when it was the good pleasure of God (who had set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through his grace, to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles), I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood: I did not go up to Jerusalem to visit those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia. Later on, I returned to Damascus. Then, after three years, I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Peter, and I stayed with him for fifteen days. However, I did not see any of the other apostles, except James, 'the Lord's brother.'

*Priest:* † Peace be to you.

*Alleluia: Tone 3*

*Reader:* **And to Your spirit.** In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader:* In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader:* Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*Gospel: (83) – Luke 16:19-31*

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

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

*Priest:* The Lord said: There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen, feasting in luxury every day. A certain beggar named Lazarus was laid at his gate, full of sores, who desired to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. Yes, even dogs came and licked his sores. It happened that the beggar died and that he was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died, and was buried. In hades, he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far off, and Lazarus in his bosom. He cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue! For I am in agony in this flame!'

But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime, you received your good things, and Lazarus, in the same way, bad things. But now, he is comforted here and you are in anguish. Besides all this, between us and you a great gulf is fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and that no one may cross over from there to us.'

He said, 'I ask you therefore, father, that you would send Lazarus to my father's house; for I have five brothers, that he might bear witness to them, so that they would not also come to this place of torment.'

Abraham replied to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets! Let them listen to them!'

But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

Then Abraham said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone rises from the dead.'"

*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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