



**Holy Transfiguration  
Orthodox Church**

*a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America*

*Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost*  
**Sunday, December 3, 2017**

*Prophet Zephaniah*

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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!

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*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 1*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,  
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,  
You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world.  
The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:  
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!

Glory to Your Kingdom!//

Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

*Troparion for Prophet Zephaniah – Tone 2*

We celebrate the memory  
of Your prophet Zephaniah, O Lord;  
through him we beseech You:  
“Save our souls!”

*Kontakion for Prophet Zephaniah – Tone 4*

You have been revealed by the Spirit of God to be brilliant, Prophet  
Zephaniah,  
for you proclaimed the coming of God:  
“Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion!  
Proclaim Him, O Jerusalem!  
Behold, your King is coming to save mankind!”

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and  
ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

*Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 1*

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory,  
raising the world with Yourself.  
Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished.  
Adam exults, O Master!  
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You://  
“You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

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*Epistle: (229) – Ephesians 5:9-19*

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*Prokeimenon, Tone 1*

*Reader:* The Prokeimenon, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Tone: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!

*Choir:* Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You, as we have set our hope on You!

*Reader:* Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

*Choir:* Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You, as we have set our hope on You!

*Reader:* Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us ...

*Choir:* ... as we have set our hope on You, as we have set our hope on You!

*Deacon:* Wisdom!

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

*Deacon:* Let us attend!

*Reader:* Brothers and sisters, Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the Spirit is in all manner of goodness, righteousness and truth. Discern what is well-pleasing to the Lord! Have no fellowship with the vain works of darkness, but rather, expose them for what they are. It is a shame even to speak about the things which these people do in secret! But all things are revealed when they are exposed to the light. Therefore, it is said:

*Awake, you sleeper, arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

Therefore, watch carefully how you live, not as unwise, but as wise people, making good use of time, because the days are evil. Do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine – this is reckless living – but be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs! Sing and chant to the Lord in your heart.

*Priest:* † Peace be to you.

*Alleluia: Tone 1*

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

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader:* God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader:* He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*Gospel: (91) – Luke 18:18-27*

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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:* At that time, A certain ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus asked him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good, except one – God. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’”

The ruler replied, “I have observed all these things from my youth.”

When Jesus heard these things, he said, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have, distribute it to the poor, and you will have a treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

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But when the man heard these things, he became very distressed because he was very rich.

Jesus, seeing that he had become very distressed, said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter into the Kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for someone who is wealthy to enter into the Kingdom of God!"

Those who heard this exclaimed, "Then who can be saved?"

But Jesus replied, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

*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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### **St. Nicholas Day Services**

*St. Nicholas Church, Pella, will have their patron Feast Day vespers for St. Nicholas on Tuesday evening, December 5, at 6:30 pm. They will have a pasta dinner afterward, and ask that those who attend please bring a canned or non-perishable good for the Pella food pantry.*

### **Nativity of Our Lord through Theophany Service Schedule**

*Saturday, December 23: Great Vespers, 6:30 PM*

*Sunday, December 24: Third and Sixth Hours, 9:40 AM*

*Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM*

*Vespers for the Nativity of our Lord, 4:00 PM*

*Monday, December 25: Third and Sixth Hours, 9:40 AM*

*Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM*

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**Saturday, December 30: NO SERVICES**

**Sunday, December 31: NO SERVICES**

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*Friday, January 5: Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for the Eve of Theophany and Great Blessing of Water, 6:30 PM*

*Saturday, January 6: Third and Sixth Hours, 9:30 AM*

*Divine Liturgy for Holy Theophany, 10:00 AM*

**(TENTATIVE)** *Great Blessing of Water, Squaw Creek footbridge, Stuart Smith Park, 12:45 PM (or possibly 3:00 PM.)*

*Great Vespers, 6:30 PM*

*Sunday, January 7: Third and Sixth Hours, 9:30 AM*

*Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, 10:00 AM*