



**Holy Transfiguration
Orthodox Church**

a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugephus, of Alexandria

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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 2

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You slew Hades with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Troparion for the Martyrs – Tone 8

Having slain the fiery ragings and fierce movements of the
passions through their ascetic labors,
the Martyrs of Christ, Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus,
received grace to dispel the afflictions of the infirm and to work
wonders both while alive and after death.

It is a truly great wonder that naked bones pour forth healing.//
Glory to our only God and Creator!

Kontakion for the Martyrs – Tone 4

The Lord snatched you from the temporal army,
making you a fellow inheritor of the eternal, O Menas;
together with Hermogenes and Eugraphus
with whom you suffered,
you are granted an incorruptible crown.

*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 2

Hades became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced
with You,//
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

Epistle: (233) – Ephesians 6:10-17

Prokeimenon, Tone 2

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 2nd Tone: The Lord is my
strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

Choir: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my
salvation, my salvation.

Reader: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given
me over to death.

Choir: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my
salvation, my salvation.

Reader: The Lord is my strength and my song ...

Choir: ... He has become my salvation, my salvation.

Deacon: Wisdom!

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, be strong in the Lord, with the strength of his power. Put on the complete armor of God, so that you may be able to resist the devil's tactics. Truly, our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness and against the evil spiritual forces of the supernatural realms. Therefore, put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to resist when the evil day comes. Having accomplished all things, may you stand your ground! Yes, stand firm, having the belt of truth around your waist, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, having fitted shoes on your feet so as to be ready in the Good News of peace.

Above all, take up the shield of faith which will enable you to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. Take also the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the word spoken by God.

Alleluia: Tone 2

Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 2nd Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (85) – Luke 17:12-19

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

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

Priest: At that time, as Jesus entered into a certain village, ten men who were lepers met him, and they stood at a distance. They lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

When Jesus saw them, he told them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And it happened that as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks; and this man was a Samaritan. Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? But where are the nine others? Was no one found who came back to glorify God, except for this foreigner?" Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go your way. Your faith has healed you!"

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

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

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

Saturday, December 30: NO SERVICES

Sunday, December 31: NO SERVICES

*Friday, January 5: Vespertine 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
Great Blessing of Water, Squaw Creek
footbridge, Stuart Smith Park, 1:00 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*

***Calendars: 2018 Liturgical Calendars are available in the
narthex – please feel free to take one home!***