

*Martyrs Anicetus and Photius
St Maximus the Confessor*

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“Lord, it is good for us to be here!”

(Peter, an Apostle, on Mount Tabor at the Transfiguration of our Lord, Gospel of St. Matthew 17:4)

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 and notes for the Divine Liturgy – if you find it useful, please ask to take one of those with you, with our compliments. Please leave the hardback versions for future parishioners to use.

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 Transfiguration – Tone 7

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,
revealing Your glory to Your Disciples as far as they could bear it.
Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners,
through the prayers of the Theotokos://
O Giver of Light, glory to You!

Troparion for the Martyrs – Tone 4

Your holy martyrs Anicetus and Photius, 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!

Troparion for St. Maximus – Tone 8

Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship,
enlightener of the universe and the adornment of the hierarchs:
all-wise Father Maximus, your teachings have gleamed with light upon all
things.//

Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

Kontakion for St. Maximus – Tone 2

Maximus, divinely inspired champion of the Church,
sure and illumined exponent of Orthodoxy,
harp and trumpet of godliness,
divine and holy adornment of monks://
never cease to intercede for us all.

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

Kontakion for the Transfiguration – Tone 7

On the mountain You were transfigured, O Christ God,
and Your Disciples beheld Your glory as far as they could see it;
so that when they would behold You crucified,
they would understand that Your suffering was voluntary,
and would proclaim to the world://
that You are truly the Radiance of the Father.

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.

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Prokeimenon, Tone 2

Priest: Let us attend! † Peace be unto all!

Reader: And with your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

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: In the Fourth 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!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle – (141) 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who question me is this: Have we no right to eat and to drink? Do we not have the right to take along a sister – a wife – even as the rest of the apostles, and the brothers of the Lord, and Kephass? Or is it only Barnabas and I who are obliged to work? What soldier ever serves at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who feeds a flock and does not drink from the flock's milk? Do I speak these things according to human ways? Does not the law say the same thing as well? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it for the oxen that God shows care, or does he say these things for our benefit? Yes, it was written for us, because whoever plows should plow in hope, and whoever threshes in hope should have a share in his hope. If we sowed to you spiritual things, is it such a great thing if we reap your material things? If others partake of this right over you, should we not even more? Nevertheless, we did not use this right, but we bear all things, so that we may cause no hindrance to the Good News of Christ.

Priest: † Peace be to you!

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: In the 8th Tone, The heavens are Yours; the earth also is Yours.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel – (77) Matthew 18:23-35

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

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

Priest: The Lord said this parable: the Kingdom of Heaven is like a king who wanted to settle his accounts with his slaves. When he began the settlement, someone was brought in who owed him ten thousand talents. But because the slave could not pay, his lord gave orders that he be sold, with his wife, children, and all that he had, so that payment may be made. At this, the slave fell down on his knees before him, saying: 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will repay you all!' The lord of that slave, moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. However, that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him one hundred denarii. He grabbed him and took him by the throat, saying: 'Pay me what you owe!' And so, his fellow slave fell down at his feet and begged him, saying: 'Have patience with me, and I will repay you!' But the first man would not have compassion but went off and had him cast into prison, until he should pay back what was due. When his other fellow slaves saw what had been done, they were extremely distressed and came to their lord to report all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned the first slave and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, even as I had mercy on you?' His lord was angry and delivered him to the jailers until he would pay all that was due. This is how my heavenly Father will also treat you if you do not each forgive each other their trespasses from your hearts."

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

Sermon

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(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!

Your childbearing was without corruption;
God came forth from your body clothed in flesh,
and appeared on earth and dwelt among men.
Therefore, we all magnify you, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! O Lord, we will walk in the light of Your countenance, and will exult in Your name forever.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Parish Council – Parish Council will meet today immediately following the Fellowship Hour.

Travel – Fr. Marty and Matushka Candy will be traveling to Ohio for a wedding next weekend. Please welcome Fr. Maximus Herman who will be serving.