



Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 11, 2018

Martyrs Menas, Victor, Vincent, and Stephanida Venerable Theodore 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 7

By Your Cross You destroyed death.
To the thief You opened Paradise.
For the Myrrbearers You changed weeping into joy.
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that You are risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Troparion for the Martyrs – Tone 4

Your holy martyrs Menas, Victor, Vincent, and Stephanida, 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. Theodore – Tone 8

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

Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

Kontakion for St. Theodore – Tone 2

Your ascetic life, equal to an Angel's,
made you radiant through your athlete's contest;
blessed by God, O Theodore, you became a companion of the
Angels,
with whom you unceasingly intercede for us all.

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

Kontakion for the Martyrs – Tone 8

Today the Church honors those who fought the good fight and died
for their faith:
the victorious Menas, the noble Victor, and the ascetic Vincent.
The Church glorifies their divine struggle and cries out with love:
“Glory to You, O Christ, Lover of mankind!”

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

Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 7

The dominion of death
can no longer hold men captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.
Hades is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Prokeimenon, Tone 7

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

Reader: And with your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 7th Tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

Choir: The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

Reader: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

Choir: The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

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Epistle: (221) – Ephesians 2:14-22

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, Christ is our peace, he who made both groups to be one and tore down the wall of separation. He abolished in his flesh the enmity which is the law of commandments with its decrees, so that he might create in himself one new humanity instead of two, making peace. He reconciled both groups to God in one body, through the cross, by which he destroyed that enmity. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and also to those who were near. Through him, we both have access to the Father in one Spirit. And so, you are no longer strangers and foreigners! Instead, you are fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household, being built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Jesus Christ himself is the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, fitted together, grows into a holy sanctuary in the Lord. In him, you too are built up into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Priest: † Peace be to you!

Alleluia: Tone 7

Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 7th Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (53) – Luke 10:25-37

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

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

Priest: At that time, an expert in the law stood up and put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus answered, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?”

The man answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”

Jesus said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live.”

But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Then Jesus answered, “A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes and beat him. Then they went away, leaving him half dead. By chance, a certain priest was going down that way. But when the priest saw him, he passed by on the other side. In the same way, a Levite also came to the place, but when he saw the beaten man, he also passed by on the other side. Now a certain Samaritan was traveling and arrived at the spot where the man was. When the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he was moved with compassion, came to him, and wrapped his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. He placed the man on his own animal and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he was leaving, he took out two denarii and gave them to the host, saying to him, ‘Take care of him. Whatever you spend beyond that, I will pay you back when I return.’ Now which one of these three do you think seemed to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?”

The lawyer replied, “The one who showed mercy on him!” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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

Sermon

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Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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