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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!

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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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*(corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Kellogg)*

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*(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 8)*

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!

You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//

O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

*(Troparion for the Martyrs – Tone 4)*

Your holy martyrs Plato and Romanus, O Lord,

through their sufferings has 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!

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

*(Kontakion for the Martyr Plato – Tone 3)*

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 8)*

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected

Adam.

Eve exults in Your Resurrection,

and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly

Merciful One!

*(then, p. 83)*

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*Prokeimenon, Tone 8*

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

*Reader:* And with your spirit!

*Priest:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* The Prokeimenon, in the 8<sup>th</sup> Tone: Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

*Choir:* Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

*Reader:* In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

*Choir:* Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!!

*Reader:* Pray and make your vows ...

*Choir:* ... before the Lord, our God!

*Deacon:* Wisdom!

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**Epistle:** (224) Ephesians 4:1-6

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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, I, being the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called. Walk with complete lowliness and humility, with patience, bearing with one another in love; being eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, even as you also were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in us all.

*Priest:* † Peace be to you!

*Alleluia:* Tone 8

*Reader:* And to Your spirit. In the 8<sup>th</sup> Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader:* Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader:* Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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**Gospel:** (66) Luke 12:16-21

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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:* Jesus told a parable, saying, "The ground of a certain rich man produced in abundance. He thought to himself, 'What will I do? I do not have room to store my crops!' Then the man said, 'This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns, build bigger ones, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. Then I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods stored up for many years. Take your ease, eat, drink, and be merry!"'

But God said to him, 'You fool! Tonight your soul is demanded of you. The things which you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' This is how it is when someone amasses treasure for himself but is not rich toward God."

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

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**Sermon**

*(then p. 89)*

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**Communion Hymn**

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

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

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**Upcoming events:**

**Nativity Fast**, began December 15, and lasts through Christmas morning, December 25.

**Thanksgiving**, generally we dispense with the fasting for the day of prayer and thanksgiving to God.

**Catechism class**, NO MEETING THIS WEEK.

**December 2**, we will enroll Deb and Ray Pitts and Austin Giles into the Catechumenate of the Church prior to the Divine Liturgy.

**Nativity and Theophany Services:**

**Christmas eve**, 6:30 PM, Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

**Christmas Day**, *(note the time change!!)* 9:10 AM, Third and Sixth Hour, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.

**Tentative:**

Saturday, December 29 and Sunday, December 30 (Sunday after Nativity) – **NO SERVICES**

***In the past, many of our parishioners have traveled elsewhere over the Christmas holidays. If you will be in Ames for the weekend after the Nativity, December 29 and 30, please let Fr. Marty know and other arrangements may be able to be made.***

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**Wisdom! Let us attend!**

+ **St. Anatoly of Optina**: “Wherever God is — there is peace. And the opposite is self-evident: where there is envy, enmity, impatience, self-love — there is the devil. Wherever the devil is — there, everything is ruinous, proud and hostile.”

+ **St. Thalassios the Libyan**: “The first renunciation is that of material things, the second that of the passions, the third that of ignorance.”

+ **St. Ambrose of Optina**: “How does a person become bad?—from forgetting that God is over him.”