



**Holy Transfiguration
Orthodox Church**

a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
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*Leavetaking of the Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple
St. Clement of Ohrid*

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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 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 you who love mankind!”

(Troparion for the Entrance – Tone 4)

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.

The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.

Let us rejoice

and sing to her://

“Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation!”

(Troparion for St. Clement – Tone 4)

With your words you led the nations to faith in Christ,
and by your works you raised yourself up to divine life,
O holy hierarch Clement, Equal to the Apostles,
shining forth miracles

on those who come to you with faith,

and gloriously illuminating the Church with signs. //

Therefore, we glorify your honorable memory!

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

(Kontakion for the Entrance – Tone 4)

The most pure Temple of the Savior;
the precious Chamber and Virgin;
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,
is presented today to the house of the Lord.

She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,
therefore, the Angels of God praise her:

“Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!”

(then, p. 83)

Prokeimenon, Tone 1

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

Reader: And with your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 1st Tone: My mouth shall speak wisdom,
and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

Choir: My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall
be understanding.

Reader: Hear this, all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the earth!

Choir: My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall
be understanding.

Reader: My mouth shall speak wisdom ...

Choir: ... and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle: (229) Ephesians 5:9-19 and (318) Hebrews 7:26-8:2

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.

Brothers and sisters, such a high priest was fitting for us: holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners and made higher than the heavens. He does not need, like those former high priests, to offer up sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for the sins of the people. Instead, he did this once for all, when he offered himself up. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weaknesses, but the word of the oath which came after the law appoints forever a Son who has been perfected.

The point of what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty on high, a servant of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord has set up, and not man.

Priest: † Peace be to you!

Alleluia: Tone 1

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 1st 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!

Gospel: (71) Luke 13:10-17 and (54) Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

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

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

Priest: At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath day.

Behold, there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten herself up. When Jesus saw her, he called her, and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity!" He laid his hands on her and immediately, she stood up straight and glorified God.

However, the ruler of the synagogue was indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath. He said to the crowd, "There are six days in which people should work! Therefore, come on those days and be healed, not on the Sabbath day!"

Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each one of you free his ox or his donkey from the stall on the Sabbath, and lead it out to water? Should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham who was bound by Satan for eighteen years, be freed from this bondage on the Sabbath day?"

As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame and all the people rejoiced over all the glorious things that were done by him.

At that time, Jesus entered into a village, and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. She had a sister called Mary who also sat at Jesus' feet and listened to his word. However, Martha was distracted with much serving. She came up to Jesus, and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Ask her to help me!"

But Jesus answered, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things! Yet one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen the good part, which will not be taken away from her."

As Jesus was saying these things, a woman called out from the crowd and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts which nursed you!"

But Jesus said, "Yes, and more than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it."

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

Sermon

(then p. 89)

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

The Angels beheld the Entrance of the Pure One and were amazed.

How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?

Since she is a living Ark of God

let no profane hand touch the Theotokos.

But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her,

praising her in joy with the Angel's song:

"Truly, you are more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!"

Communion Hymn

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

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.
