



**Holy Transfiguration
Orthodox Church**

a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America

Second Sunday of Pascha
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St. Thomas Sunday

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Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!
“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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(corner of 7th and Kellogg)

Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom ... " Choir: "Amen."

Priest: "Christ is risen ... " (2 ½ times)

Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"

Troparion from the Pentecostarion – Tone 7

From the sealed tomb, You shone forth, O Life!

Through closed doors You came to Your Disciples, O Christ God.

Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit,//

by the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!

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

Kontakion from the Pentecostarion – Tone 8

Thomas touched Your life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, when You came to Your Apostles through closed doors.

He cried out with all: "You are my Lord and my God!"

(then, p. 83)

Epistle: (14) – Acts 5:12-20

Prokeimenon, Tone 3

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 3rd Tone: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power! His understanding is beyond measure!

Choir: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power! His understanding is beyond measure!

Reader: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

Choir: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power! His understanding is beyond measure!

Reader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power! ...

Choir: ... His understanding is beyond measure!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: In those days, many signs and wonders were accomplished among the people by the hands of the apostles, and they were all gathered with one accord in Solomon's porch. No one else dared to join them, even though they were honored by the people. More believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women. People even carried out the sick into the streets, placing them on cots and mattresses, so that as Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on some of them. Crowds also formed from the cities around Jerusalem; they brought sick people, as well as those tormented by unclean spirits, and all were healed.

However, the high priest took action, along with all his associates (which is the sect of the Sadducees). Filled with jealousy, they laid their hands on the apostles and placed them in the public jail. But an angel of the Lord

opened the prison doors by night and brought them out, saying, “Go, stand in the temple, and speak to the people the whole message about this life.”

Priest: † Peace be to you.

Alleluia: Tone 8

*Reader: **And to Your spirit.*** In the 8th 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: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel: (65 ext) – John 20:19-31

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

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

Priest: In the evening on that same day (the first day of the week), and as the doors of the place where the disciples were assembled were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. At this, the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Then again, Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I also send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and told them, “Receive the Holy Spirit! If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone’s sins, they are retained.”

However, Thomas, called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But Thomas replied, “Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails and put my hand into his side, I will not believe!”

After eight days, his disciples were inside once again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them, and he said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands! Place your hand here and put it into my side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing!”

And Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen, and have believed.”

Now Jesus accomplished many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. However, these ones are written, so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in his Name.

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

Sermon

(then p. 89)

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

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:

"Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: 'Rejoice, your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead.'"

Rejoice, O you people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!

The glory of the Lord has shone on you!

Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!

Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,
in the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Communion of the Faithful

Priest: "In the fear of God ..."

Choir: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord ..."

After the Communion:

Priest: O Lord, save Your people and bless your inheritance. "

Choir: "Christ is risen from the dead ... " (sung once, instead of "We have seen the True Light ...)

Priest: "Always, now and ever ..."

Choir: "Let our mouths be filled ..."

Dismissal

(At the Dismissal, the Priest says: "Glory to You, O Christ....," and the choir sings "Christ is risen from the dead...." (thrice).

Then, Choir:

And unto us He has given eternal life.

Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!

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

Parish Council: Thursday, May 9th, 6:30 PM. Fr. Marty will be absent.

Many thanks to Father Maximos Herman for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us in Father Marty's absence. Fr. Marty will return late Thursday Night.