



**Holy Transfiguration
Orthodox Church**

a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America

Third Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 7, 2019

Venerable Thomas of Mt Maleon
Venerable Acacius of Sinai

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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 for the Divine Liturgy – if you find it useful, please feel free to take one of those as well, 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 the Saints – Tone 4)

O God of our Fathers,
always act with kindness towards us;
take not Your mercy from us,
but guide our lives in peace//
through the prayers of Saints Thomas and Acacius!

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

(Kontakion for Venerable Acacius – Tone 2)

Forsaking the world, you followed Christ from childhood.
emulating His voluntary humility, you cast down the prideful tyrant.
All-wise and venerable Acacius,
unceasingly pray for us all!

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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Epistle – (88) Romans 5: 1-10

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: The Lord is my strength and my song ...

Choir: ... He has become my salvation, my salvation.

Deacon: Wisdom!

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we also have our access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice in hope of the glory of God!

Not only this, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, one will hardly die for someone righteous, but perhaps for a righteous person someone would even dare to die. But God entrusts his own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Even more so then, since we are now justified by his blood, shall we be saved from wrath through him! For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more shall we be saved by his life!

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: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel – (18) Matthew 6:22-33

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

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

Priest: The Lord said, The lamp of the body is the eye! If therefore your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, wondering what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body

more than clothing? See the birds of the sky: they do not sow, or reap, or gather into barns. Your heavenly Father feeds them! Are you not of much more value than they?

Which of you, by being anxious, can add one moment to his lifespan?

Why then are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They do not toil or spin, yet I tell you that even Solomon in all his glory was not dressed like one of these! But if God clothes the grass of the field which today exists and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, you of little faith?

Therefore, do not be anxious, saying: 'What will we eat?' 'What will we drink?' or, 'What will we wear?' It is the Gentiles who seek after all these things, but your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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!
