

## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 18, 2019

Afterfeast of the Dormition St. John of Rila

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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.

621 Kellogg Avenue, Ames, Iowa 50010 (corner of 7th and Kellogg)

(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 Dormition – Tone 1)

In giving birth you preserved your virginity.

In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.

You were translated to life O Mother of Life,//

and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

(Troparion to St. John of Rila – Tone 1)

Your <u>life</u> was a foundation of repentance

and a model of compunction,

an image of consolation and spiritual perfection,

equal to the angels, O venerable one.

You persevered in prayer, fasting and tears, O <u>Father John</u>; // intercede with Christ God for our souls.

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

(Kontakion for Dormition – Tone 2)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,

who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.

For being the Mother of Life,//

she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

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 <u>ce</u>le<u>brates</u> Your rising from the dead, O greatly <u>Mer</u>ciful One!

(then, p. 83)

Prokeimenon, Tone 8

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

Reader: And with your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 8th 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: In the Seventh Tone, Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Choir: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Deacon: Wisdom!

**Epistle:** (128) – 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 and (213) – Galatians 5:22-6:2

## **Reader:** The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, we are God's co-workers! You are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder, I have laid a foundation, and another builds on it. But let everyone be careful how he builds on it! As it is, no one can lay any other foundation than the one that has already been laid, which is Jesus Christ. But as one builds on that foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or stubble, each person's work will be revealed. Certainly, the Day will make it manifest, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire will test everyone's work. If what someone has built on the foundation remains, then a reward shall be received. On the other hand, if someone's work is burned, it will be lost, but that person shall be saved, as through fire. Do you not know that you are a sanctuary of God, and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's sanctuary, God will destroy him because God's sanctuary is holy, and this is what you are!

Brothers and sisters, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law! Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit! Let us not become arrogant, challenging and envying one another. Brothers and sisters, even if someone is caught in some fault, you who are spiritual must restore such a person in a spirit of gentleness. But watch out for yourself in order not to be tempted. Bear each others' burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.

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: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a

joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Gospel:** (99) – Matthew 14:22-34 and (10) – Matthew 4:25-5:12

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

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

*Priest:* At that time, Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and told them to go ahead of him to the other side, while he would send the crowds away. After he had sent the people away, he went up into the mountain by himself in order to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, distressed by the waves, because the wind was against it. In the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But at once, Jesus spoke to them, saying "Take heart! It is !! Do not be afraid."

Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you upon the waters." And Jesus said, "Come!"

Peter stepped down from the boat and walked on the waters to come to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was strong, he became afraid and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately, Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of Peter, and said, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got up into the boat, the wind ceased. Those who were in the boat came forward and expressed adoration to him, saying, "You are truly the Son of God!"

When they had crossed over the lake, they arrived in the land of Gennesaret.

At that time, great crowds from Galilee, Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and from beyond the Jordan followed him. Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up to the mountain and when he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to speak and to teach them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven! Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted! Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth! Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled! Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy! Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God! Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God! Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven! Blessed are you when people revile you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake! Rejoice, and be extremely glad, for great is your reward in heaven!

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

Sermon

(then p. 89)