



**Holy Transfiguration
Orthodox Church**

a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America

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Sunday, September 15, 2019

Greatmartyr Niketas
Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross

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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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(corner of 7th and Kellogg)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 4)

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel
the joyous message of Your Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the Apostles:

“Death is overthrown!

Christ our God is risen,//
granting the world great mercy!”

(Troparion of the Cross – Tone 1)

O Lord, save Your people,
and bless Your inheritance!
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians
over their adversaries;
and by virtue of Your Cross,//
preserve Your habitation!

(Troparion for the Greatmartyr – Tone 3)

You defeated error and triumphed in martyrdom,
Niketas, namesake of victory;
for you conquered the ranks of the enemy
and ended your contest by fire.//
Pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy!

(Kontakion for the Greatmartyr – Tone 2)

You stood firm and defeated delusion
and have received your martyr’s crown, Niketas, namesake of victory;
you are rejoicing with the Angels,
together with them you are praying unceasingly to Christ God for us all.

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

(Kontakion for the Cross – Tone 4)

As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake,
grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God;
make all Orthodox Christians glad by your power,
granting them victories over their adversaries//
by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 4)

My Savior and Redeemer as God
rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of Hades,
and as Master,//
He has risen on the third day!

(then, p. 83)

Prokeimenon, Tone 7

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

Reader: And with your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 7th Tone: Exalt the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy!

Choir: Exalt the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy!

Reader: The Lord reigns, let the people tremble!

Choir: Exalt the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy!

Reader: Exalt the Lord our God: ...

Choir: ... worship at His footstool for He is holy!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle: (203) Galatians 2:16:20, (166) 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, knowing that no one is justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, we believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, even though we desired to be justified in Christ, we were found to be sinners, does that mean that Christ is a servant of sin? Certainly not! Indeed, if I build up again those things which I once destroyed, I show that I am breaking the law. For I, through the law, died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. I now live this life in the flesh, but I live it by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and who gave himself up for me.

Brothers and sisters, Watch! Stand firm in the faith! Be courageous! Be strong! Let all that you do be done in love.

Now I beg you, brethren (you know the house of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to serve the saints), that you also be in service to people like this, and to everyone who helps in the work and labors. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus; for what was lacking on your part, they supplied. They refreshed my spirit and yours; show therefore your appreciation to such people.

The Churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you much in the Lord, together with the Church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss!

This greeting is by me, Paul, with my own hand. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. Maranatha! May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love is with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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: Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (37) Mark 8:34-9:1, (87) Matthew 21:33-42

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

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

Priest: The Lord said: "Whoever wants to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Indeed, whoever wants to save his life will lose it; and whoever will lose his life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it. What will it profit if someone gains the whole world and loses his life? Or what will someone give in exchange for his life?"

Whoever will be ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man also will be ashamed of when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I tell you that there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

The Lord said, Hear another parable. There was a man who was the owner of a household. He planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, built a tower, and leased it out to farmers. He then left for another country. When the season for the fruit drew near, he sent his slaves to the farmers, to receive his fruit. But the farmers took his slaves, beat one, killed another, and stoned yet another. Again, the owner sent other slaves, even more than the first time; and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying: 'They will respect my son!'

But the farmers, when they saw the son, said to each other, 'This is the heir! Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' And so they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Therefore, when the lord of the vineyard returns, what will he do with those farmers?" They answered him, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and he will lease out the vineyard to other farmers who will give him the fruit in its season."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

*'The very stone which the builders rejected
was made the head of the corner.*

*This was from the Lord and
it is marvelous in our eyes?'*

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

Sermon

(then p. 89)

Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing in Tone 8:

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord..

You are a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos,
in which Christ blossomed;

through Him the life-bearing Wood of the Cross was planted on earth.

Now at its Exaltation, as we bow in worship before it, we magnify you.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Let the light of
Your countenance shine on us, Shine on us, O Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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