



**Holy Transfiguration
Orthodox Church**

a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
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St Gregory the Wonderworker (ca 266)

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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 5)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

(Troparion for the Hierarch – Tone 5)

You became worthy of your name through your way of life;
through your vigilance in prayer and your constant works of
mercy.

Therefore, O Father Gregory, beseech Christ God to enlighten our
minds,
that we may not sleep in sin, which leads to death!

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

(Kontakion for the Hierarch – Tone 2)

You received the power to perform miracles,
frightening the devils and healing the sick through your
wonderworking.

All-wise Father Gregory,
your deeds truly entitle you to be called “Wonderworker.”
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 5)

You descended into Hades, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, //
and we all cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

(then, p. 83)

Prokeimenon, Tone 5

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

Reader: And with your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 5th Tone: You, O Lord, shall
protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

Choir: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

Reader: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

Choir: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

Reader: You, O Lord, shall protect us ...

Choir: ... and preserve us from this generation forever.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle: (215) Galatians 6:11-18

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, see with what large letters I write to you with my own hand! Those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised, only so that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh. As for me, I shall find glory in nothing, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. In Christ Jesus, circumcision and uncircumcision mean nothing; only a new creation matters. To those who live by this rule, may there be peace and mercy upon them, and on the Israel of God. From now on, let no one cause me any trouble, for I bear the marks of the Lord Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Priest: † Peace be to you!

Alleluia: Tone 5

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 5th Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: For You have said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (66) Luke 12:16-21

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

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

Priest: Jesus told a parable, saying, “The ground of a certain rich man produced in abundance. He thought to himself, ‘What will I do? I do not have room to store my crops!’ Then the man said, ‘This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns, build bigger ones, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. Then I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods stored up for many years. Take your ease, eat, drink, and be merry!””

But God said to him, ‘You fool! Tonight your soul is demanded of you. The things which you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ This is how it is when someone amasses treasure for himself but is not rich toward God.”

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

Sermon

(then p. 89)

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!

Thoughts on Stewardship: “Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you.” (*Deuteronomy 16:17*)

A man is not saved by having once shown mercy to someone, although, if he scorns someone but once, he merits eternal fire. For ‘hungered’ and ‘thirsty’ is said not of one occasion, not of one day, but of the whole life. In the same way ‘ye gave me meat’, ‘ye gave me drink’, ‘ye clothed me’, and so on, does not indicate one incident, but a constant attitude to everyone. Our Lord Jesus Christ said that He Himself accepts such mercy from His slaves (in the person of the needy). – *Archm. Sophrony*

I have need of one hundred grams of bread a day, and God blesses it. He blesses those hundred grams, but not one gram more. So if I take 110 grams, I have stolen 10 grams from the poor. – *St. Cosmas Aitolos*

Those who used to steal should steal no more, but rather work hard, even with their own hands to do what is good, so that they may have something to give to those who have need. (*Ephesians 4:28*)