



**Holy Transfiguration
Orthodox Church**

a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 24, 2019

Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple
Great Martyr Catherine of Alexandria

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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 6)

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You took hell captive,//
not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life.//
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

(Troparion for the Feast – Tone 4)

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.

Let us rejoice

and sing to her://

“Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation!”

(Troparion for the Greatmartyr – Tone 4)

By your virtues as by rays of the sun you enlightened the unbelieving
philosophers,
and like the most bright moon you drove away the darkness of disbelief
from those walking in the night;
you convinced the queen, and also chastised the tyrant,
God-summoned bride, blessed Catherine.
You hastened with desire to the heavenly bridal chamber of the fairest
Bridegroom of Christ,
and you were crowned by Him with a royal crown;//
Standing before Him with the Angels, pray for us who keep your most
sacred memory!

(Kontakion for the Greatmartyr – Tone 2)

Let all of us who love to honor the martyrs
form a great choir in praise of the most wise Catherine,
for she preached Christ and trampled the serpent,//
despising the knowledge of the orators.

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

(Kontakion for the Feast – Tone 4)

The most pure Temple of the Savior;
the precious Chamber and Virgin;
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,
is presented today to the house of the Lord.
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,
therefore, the Angels of God praise her:
“Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!”

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

(Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 6)

When Christ God the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

(then, p. 83)

Prokeimenon, Tone 6

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 6th Tone: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance!

Choir: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance, your inheritance!

Reader: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Choir: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance, your inheritance!

Reader: In the Third Tone, the Song of the Theotokos: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Choir: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle – (220) Ephesians 2:4-10

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, God who is rich in mercy, on account of his great love by which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved! God raised us up with him, and granted us to sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come, he might show the overflowing treasure of his grace in kindness toward us, in Christ Jesus.

Yes, by grace you have been saved through faith, and not by yourselves. It is the gift of God, not of works, so that no one would boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we should walk in them.

Priest: † Peace be to you!

Alleluia: Tone 6

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 6th Tone: Alleluia! He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: In the Eighth Tone, Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel – (71) Luke 13:10-17

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

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

Priest: At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath day.

Behold, there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten herself up. When Jesus saw her, he called her, and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity!" He laid his hands on her and immediately, she stood up straight and glorified God.

However, the ruler of the synagogue was indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath. He said to the crowd, "There are six days in which people should work! Therefore, come on those days and be healed, not on the Sabbath day!"

Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each one of you free his ox or his donkey from the stall on the Sabbath, and lead it out to water? Should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham who was bound by Satan for eighteen years, be freed from this bondage on the Sabbath day?"

As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame and all the people rejoiced over all the glorious things that were done by him.

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

Sermon

(then p. 89)

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

The Angels beheld the Entrance of the Pure One and were amazed.
How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?

Since she is a living Ark of God

let no profane hand touch the Theotokos.

But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her,

praising her in joy with the Angel's song:

"Truly, you are more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!"

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

St. Nicholas Day: Our brothers and sisters at St. Nicholas in Pella, Iowa, will be hosting services for their feast day on December 5 with vespers at 6:30pm followed by a spaghetti dinner. Please bring a non-perishable food item or two for the Pella Food Shelf. They will also celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am on December 6.