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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 7)

By Your Cross You destroyed death.

To the thief You opened Paradise.

For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.

And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,

to proclaim that You are risen,//

granting the world great mercy.

(Troparion for the Prophet – Tone 2)

We celebrate the memory

of Your Prophet Nāhum, O Lord;

through him we beseech You:

“save our souls!”

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

(Kontakion for the Prophet – Tone 4)

Illumined by the Spirit, your heart was a vessel of illustrious
prophecy,

seeing far-off things as though they were present.

Therefore, we venerate you, glorious prophet Nāhum.

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

(Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 7)

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive,

for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.

Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:

“The Savior has come to those in faith;//

enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

(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: The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

Choir: The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

Reader: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

Choir: The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

Reader: The Lord shall give strength to His people. ...

Choir: ... The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle: (221) Ephesians 2:14-22

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, Christ is our peace, he who made both groups to be one and tore down the wall of separation. He abolished in his flesh the enmity which is the law of commandments with its decrees, so that he might create in himself one new humanity instead of two, making peace. He reconciled both groups to God in one body, through the cross, by which he destroyed that enmity. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and also to those who were near. Through him, we both have access to the Father in one Spirit. And so, you are no longer strangers and foreigners! Instead, you are fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household, being built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Jesus Christ himself is the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, fitted together, grows into a holy sanctuary in the Lord. In him, you too are built up into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Priest: † Peace to you, reader!

Alleluia: Tone 7

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 7th Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (91) Luke 18:18-27

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

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

Priest: At that time, A certain ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus asked him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good, except one – God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,'

‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’”

The ruler replied, “I have observed all these things from my youth.”

When Jesus heard these things, he said, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have, distribute it to the poor, and you will have a treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

But when the man heard these things, he became very distressed because he was very rich.

Jesus, seeing that he had become very distressed, said, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter into the Kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for someone who is wealthy to enter into the Kingdom of God!”

Those who heard this exclaimed, “Then who can be saved?”

But Jesus replied, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.” *Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.*

Sermon

(then p. 89)

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.

Calendars for 2020: The new calendars with the readings for each day, and the fast days indicated, are available in the Narthex on the literature table. Make sure to take one for your family!

Optina Reading Plan: Also on the literature table is a grid of readings that allows you to read the entire New Testament in 89 days – four times per year. Feel free to take a copy and if no copies are left, see Fr. Marty who can send it to you.

Upcoming Chrismations: Diana Skaff will be chrismated Saturday evening, December 14, immediately after Vespers. Allison Boyd Justus will be chrismated Saturday evening, December 21, immediately after Vespers. Please keep our catechumens in your prayers as they approach their uniting with the Church.