



**Holy Transfiguration
Orthodox Church**

a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America

Thirty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, February 2, 2020

The Meeting of our Lord in the Temple
Sunday of Zacchaeus

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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)

Introit: The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness before the nations.

(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 Feast – Tone 1)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!

From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God,
enlightening those who sat in darkness.

Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,

you accepted in your arms the ^Redeemer of our souls,//

Who grants us the Resurrection!

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

(Kontakion for the Feast – Tone 1)

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb
and blessed Simeon's hands, ^O Christ God.

Now You have come and saved us through love.

Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians,

O only Lover of Man!

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 celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful 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 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: (316) Hebrews 7:7-17 (*Feast*) and (285-ctr) 1 Timothy 4:9-15

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, nobody will question that the lesser is blessed by the greater. Here, the tenth is collected by men who die; but in the other case, by him who is declared to be living. We can say that through Abraham even Levi (who would later receive tithes), had paid tithes, for he was still 'in the body' of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had come through the Levitical priesthood (under which the people received the law), what further need would there be for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek and

not that of Aaron? And as the priesthood is being changed, there is also, by necessity, a change in the law as well. So our Lord, of whom these things were said, belongs to another tribe, one from which no one has served at the altar. It is clear indeed that our Lord came from the tribe of Judah, about which Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. This is even more obvious if after the likeness of Melchizedek, another priest was to rise, one who was not made in virtue of a law of physical descent but according to the power of an indestructible life. For he testifies:

*You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.*

My son Timothy: This saying is faithful and worthy of all acceptance. For this purpose, we both work hard and experience rejection, because we have placed our trust in the living God who is the Savior of all, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things.

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example for those who believe: in speech, in your way of life, in love, in spirit, in faith, and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to public reading, encouragement, and teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the council of presbyters. Be attentive in these things. Give yourself to them completely, so that your progress may be manifest to all.

Priest: † Peace be to you!

Alleluia: Tone 8

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 8th Tone: Alleluia, 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!

Reader: In the Same Tone, Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (7) Luke 2:22-40 (Feast) and (94) Luke 19:1-10

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

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

Priest: At that time, when the days of their purification according to the law of Moses were fulfilled, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus up to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord. (For it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord"). They also brought him to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."

Behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's anointed. He came in the Spirit into the temple. The parents brought in the child Jesus in order to do according to the custom of the law concerning him. Then Simeon took Jesus in his arms and blessed God, saying,

*Now you let your servant depart in peace, Master,
according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation,*

*which you have prepared before the face of all peoples;
a light to enlighten the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.*

Joseph and his mother were wondering at the things which were spoken concerning him. Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother,

*Behold, this child is set for the falling and the rising of many in Israel,
and as a sign which is spoken against.
Yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul,
so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.*

There was a certain Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher (she was of a great age, having lived with a husband seven years from her virginity, and she had been a widow for about eighty-four years), who did not depart from the temple, offering divine service with fastings and petitions night and day. Coming up at that very hour, she gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Jesus to all those who were looking for redemption in Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had accomplished all things that were according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. The child was growing, and was becoming strong in spirit, being filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through town. There was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, and could not because of the crowd, for he was short. He ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up, saw Zacchaeus, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house!" He hurried, came down, and received Jesus with joy. But when the people saw it, they all grumbled, saying, "He has gone in to stay with a man who is a sinner!"

Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have wrongfully obtained money from anyone, I restore four times as much!"

Then Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

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

Sermon

(then p. 89)

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing in Tone 3:)

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians,
protect, preserve, and save those who hope in you!

In the shadow and letter of the Law,
let us, the faithful, discern a figure:

every male [child] that opens the womb is holy to God.
Therefore we magnify the firstborn Word of a Father Who has no beginning, //
the Son firstborn of a Mother who had not known man.

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!

(then, p. 132)

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