



**Holy Transfiguration
Orthodox Church**

a mission parish of the Orthodox Church in America

Thirty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, February 9, 2020

*Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
Leavetaking of the Meeting of the Lord*

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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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(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 1)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,
You rose on the third day, O Savior,
Granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Your Kingdom!//
Glory to Your dispensation, O you who love mankind!”

(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 from the Triodion – Tone 4)

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee!
Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears!
Let us cry to our Savior:
“Have mercy on us,//
O only merciful One!”

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

(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!

(then, p. 83)

Prokeimenon, Tone 1

Priest: Let us attend! † Peace to all!

Reader: And with your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 1st Tone: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!

Choir: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You, as we have set our hope on You!

Reader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

Choir: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You, as we have set our hope on You!

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: (296) 2 Timothy 3:10-15 and (316) Hebrews 7:7-17 (*Feast*)

Reader: The Reading from the Second Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy.

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: My son Timothy, you have paid close attention to my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, steadfastness, persecutions, and sufferings. You know what happened to me at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. I endured those persecutions and the Lord delivered me out of them all! Yes, all those who desire to lead godly lives in Christ

Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others, being themselves deceived. As for you, remain in what you have learned, which is what you firmly believe, knowing from whom you have learned them.

From infancy, you have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus.

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.*

Priest: † Peace to you who read!

Alleluia: Tone 1

*Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 1st Tone: Alleluia! God gives vengeance unto me,
and subdues people under me.*

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His
anointed, and his seed forever.*

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (89) Luke 18:10-14 and (7) Luke 2:22-40 (*Feast*)

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

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

Priest: The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, and the other was a Publican. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed like this:

'God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of men, dishonest, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I earn.' But the tax collector, standing far aside, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven. Instead, he beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man, rather than the other, went down to his house justified. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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!
