#### WELCOME TO

# St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

### SUNDAY, $JULY 4^{th}$ , 2021

### NO FAST

#### Second Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 1/Eothinon 2

#### Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Matthew

A warm welcome to all who celebrate the Lord's Resurrection with us. Visitors who are not Orthodox, please note that although non-Orthodox may not receive Communion, which is reserved for the Orthodox faithful, we invite everyone to come forward at the end of the Liturgy to receive the Priest's blessing and blessed bread. Fr John or most members of the parish will be glad to answer any questions. Visitors, please sign the guest book at the back of the church. If you wish to join the church mailing list, then please include your email address.

### **Today's Hymns and Readings**

**Ressurectional Apolytikion Tone 1:** While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

**Troparion for St. Nicholas:** In truth you were revealed to your flock. As a rule of faith, a model of meekness and a teacher of self-control. Therefore, you have won the heights by humility, riches by poverty. Holy father Bishop Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God, that our souls may be saved.

**Ordinary Kontakion Tone 2:** O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

#### **Trisagion Hymn:**

**English:** Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal. Have mercy on us. **Arabic:** Qudduson ullah, Qudduson ulqawi, Qudduson ullahdhi, la yamut urhamna.

**Greek:** Agios O Theos, Agios Ischiros, Agios Athanatos, eleison imas. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Holy Immortal have mercy on us. With strength! Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal. Have mercy on us.

### The Epistle

Let They mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous. The Reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans 2:10-16

Brethren, glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek; for there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law; and as many as have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law (for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God but the doers of the Law are justified. For when the nations who do not have the Law do by nature the things contained in the Law, these then, in spite of not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, and their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them) in the day when God judges the secrets of persons, according to my gospel, through Jesus Christ.

# The Holy Gospel

#### The Reading from the Holy Gospel is according to St. Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.



# A Few Quotes for This Sunday

"The Most Holy Mother of God prays for us ceaselessly. She is always visiting us. Whenever we turn to her in our heart, she is there. After the Lord, she is the greatest protection for mankind. How many churches there are in the world that are dedicated to the Most Holy Mother of God! How many healing springs where people are cured of their ailments have sprung up in places where the Most Holy Theotokos appeared and blessed those springs to heal both the sick and the healthy! She is constantly, by our side, and all too often we forget her."

#### -Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

"The saints were people like all of us. Many of them came out of great sins, but by repentance they attained the Kingdom of Heaven. And everyone who comes there comes through repentance, which the merciful Lord has given us through His sufferings."

-St. Silouan the Athonite

#### **Parish Treasury Report**

2021	May 2021	YTD
Income:	\$13,095.32	\$70,866.82
Expense:	\$16,944.74	\$66,226.23

6/4/2021 Checkbook: \$46,186.64 Mortgage: \$117,331.98

