# SAINT NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple (Transferred) – Tone 6/Eothinon 1

# **Today's Hymns and Readings**

**Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone 6:** When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**Apolytikion of the Entrance of the Theotokos Tone 4:** Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying: Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

Kontakion of Entrance of the Theotokos Tone 4: The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

#### The 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. Dynamis!

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#### The Epistle

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.

# The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews 9:1-7

Brethren, the first tabernacle had ordinances of the divine services and an earthly sanctuary. For the first tabernacle was prepared, in which were the candlestick, and the table, and the bread of the offering, which is called the Sanctuary. And behind the second veil stood the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies; having a golden altar of incense, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, which contained a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the two tablets of the covenant; and above it the two Cherubim of glory overshadowing the Ark's lid; of these things, we cannot now speak in particular. Now these things having been thus prepared, the priests go in continually into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the divine services; but into the second the high priest enters alone, once in the year, not without blood, which he offers for himself, and for the ignorances of the people.

# The Holy Gospel

#### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Him and said, "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As He said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that Thou didst suck!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"



# **UPDATE – Parish Challenge for POTMEF (10 Households)**

We are asking you to renew your efforts to help us pay off our mortgage early and offering a PARISH CHALLENGE to accomplish our goal – IN NEED OF 20 households to financially contribute \$5,000 (two-year time period). All proceeds in excess of the goal will be included in a "building fund," as we prepare for our continued growth as a parish community! To offer your pledge, please discuss with Tom Salem (479-295-9892).

We currently have 9 households contributing \$5,000 each: Anonymous, Anonymous, Anonymous, Bob & Nancy Brown, Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller, Adnan & Paula Haydar, Shawn Guthrie, Todd & Terry Keesee, Philip & Ciera Nelson, Tom & Kate Salem.

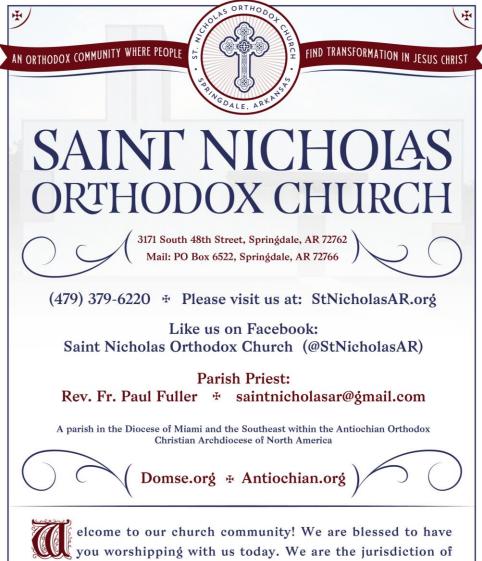
PLEASE NOTE: This appeal is in addition to your regular stewardship, which is necessary for the annual functioning of our parish community!



#### **Parish Treasury Report**

2022	October 2022	YTD
Income:	\$26,418.44	\$199,227.31
Expense:	\$23,668.35	\$188,453.97

11/5/2022 Checkbook: \$54,945.44 Mortgage: \$78,883.36



you worshipping with us today. We are the jurisdiction of the Orthodox Christian Church whose roots trace directly back to first century Antioch, the city in which the disciples of Jesus Christ were first called "Christians" (Acts 11:26). The Orthodox Church is the oldest and second largest Christian group in the world. We are called by God our creator to worship and follow Him, and to proclaim to the world His message of love, peace and salvation.

