

WELCOME TO  
**SAINT NICHOLAS  
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Great-Martyr Barbara of Syria & Tenth Sunday of Luke – Tone  
8/Eothion 3**

**Today's Hymns and Readings**

**Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone 8:** From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**Apolytikion of St. Barbara Tone 8:** Let us honor Saint Barbara, for she hath broken the snares of the enemy; and like a sparrow, she, the all-modest maiden, was delivered out of them by the help and weapon of the Cross.

**Apolytikion of St. John of Damascus Tone 3:** O ye faithful come, let us on this day laud with praise the sweet-sounding nightingale that adorned and captivated the Church of Christ with his sweet songs and tuneful, heav'nly hymns, he is the all-wise and eloquent John Damascene, the utmost chief of hymnographers, and a man of God who was filled with every earthly and divine wisdom.

**Troparion of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker:** 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.

**Kontakion of Preparation of Christ's Nativity Tone 3:** On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

**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**

*God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.*

*The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians 3:23, 4:5*

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

**The Holy Gospel**

*The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 13:10-17*

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.



### 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). Our current mortgage is \$80,000; your contribution will help us retire this debt! To offer your pledge, please discuss with Tom Salem (479-295-9892), parish treasurer.

Thus far, we have 10 out of the needed 20 HOUSEHOLDS pledging \$5,000 EACH.


We currently have 10 households contributing \$5,000 each: **Anonymous, Anonymous, Anonymous, Bob & Nancy Brown, Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller, Shawn Guthrie, Adnan & Paula Haydar, 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



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Welcome to our church community! We are blessed to have 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.