

WELCOME TO
**SAINT NICHOLAS
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

Sunday, January 1st, 2023

The Feasts of the Circumcision of Christ & Basil the Great – Tone 4/Eothion 7

Today's Hymns and Readings

Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone 4: Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Apolytikion of the Circumcision of Christ Tone 1: Our human form hast Thou taken on Thyself without change, O greatly compassionate Master, though being God by nature; fulfilling the Law, Thou willingly receivest circumcision in the flesh, that Thou mightest end the shadow and roll away the veil of our sinful passions. Glory be to Thy goodness unto us. Glory be to Thy compassion. Glory, O Word, to Thine inexpressible condescension.

Apolytikion of St. Basil the Great Tone 1: Thy sound hath gone forth into all the earth, which hath received thy word. Thereby thou hast divinely taught the Faith; thou hast made manifest the nature of all things that be; thou hast adorned the ways of man. O namesake of the royal priesthood, our righteous Father Basil, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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 the Circumcision of Christ Tone 3: Now the Lord of all that is doth undergo circumcision, in His goodness cutting off the sins and failings of mortals. He this day doth give salvation unto the whole world; and the hierarch and bright daystar of the Creator now rejoiceth in the highest, Basil the wise and divine initiate of Christ.

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.

Priest: Dynamis!

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The Epistle

My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. Hear this, all ye people.

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians 2:8-12

Brethren, see to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in Him the whole fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness of life in Him, Who is the head of all rule and authority. In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, Who raised Him from the dead.

The Holy Gospel

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 2:20-21, 40-52

And it came to pass that the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him. Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing Him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. And when they saw Him they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why hast Thou treated us so? Behold, Thy father and I have been looking for Thee anxiously." And Jesus said to them, "How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which He spoke to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.



UPDATE – Parish Challenge for POTMEF (11 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 \$60,000; 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 11 out of the needed 20 HOUSEHOLDS pledging \$5,000 EACH.

We currently have 10 households contributing \$5,000 each: **Anonymous, 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	November 2022	YTD
Income:	\$26,266.38	\$225,493.69
Expense:	\$34,749.11	\$223,203.08

12/5/2022 Checkbook: \$59,835.13 Mortgage: \$69,724.67



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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.