

WELCOME TO
**SAINT NICHOLAS
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

Sunday, February 26th, 2023

Forgiveness Sunday (Cheese Fare Sunday) – Tone 4/Eothion 4

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.

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 for Forgiveness Sunday Tone 6: O Thou Who guidest to wisdom, and givest understanding and intelligence, the Instructor of the ignorant, and Helper of the poor, strengthen my heart and grant it understanding, O Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father; for behold, I shall not refrain my lips from crying to Thee, O merciful One, have mercy upon me who am fallen.

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!

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

The Epistle

O chant unto our God, chant ye. Clap your hands, all ye nations!

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans 13:11-14:4

Brethren, now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk becomingly, as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in chambering and licentiousness, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfill its lusts. But as for the one who is weak in faith, receive him, but not for disputes over opinions. For one believes he may eat anything; but the weak person eats herbs. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to be the judge over the servant of a stranger? To his own master he either stands or falls; but he will be made to stand; for God is able to make him stand.



The Holy Gospel

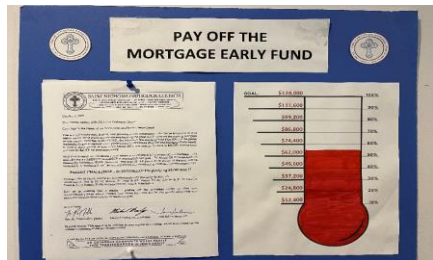
The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 6:14-21

The Lord said to His Disciples: If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father Who is in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

WE NEED YOUR HELP - Parish Challenge for POTMEF

We need to pay off our mortgage early and are having a PARISH CHALLENGE to accomplish this goal – IN NEED OF 20 households to financially contribute \$5,000 (two-year time period). To offer your pledge, please discuss with Tom Salem (479-295-9892), parish treasurer.

UPDATE – As of February 13, 2023, our current mortgage is now down to \$52,500; it was \$85,000 when we announced this parish challenge in October 2022; our parishioners have already contributed \$30,000 as a response to our parish challenge - many thanks! Your contributions will help retire this debt!



UPDATE - We have 12 out of the needed 20 HOUSEHOLDS pledging \$5,000 EACH.

We currently have 12 households contributing \$5,000 each:


Anonymous, Anonymous, Anonymous, Anonymous, Bob & Nancy Brown, Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller, Casey & Kiersten Hale, Shawn Guthrie, Adnan & Paula Haydar, Todd & Terry Keese, 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

2023	January 2023	YTD
Income:	\$18,692.46	\$18,692.46
Expense:	\$14,305.29	\$14,305.29

2/3/2023 Checkbook: \$57,166.68 Mortgage: \$55,267.78



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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.