

WELCOME TO
**SAINT NICHOLAS
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

Sunday, February 5th, 2023

**Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee & After-Feast of the Presentation of
Christ – Tone 1/Eothinon 1**

Today's Hymns and Readings

Resurrectional 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.

Apolytikion of the Presentation of Christ Tone 1: Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

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 Presentation of Christ Tone 1: Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

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

Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.

God is known in Judea; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy 3:10-15

My son Timothy, you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience, persecutions, sufferings, what things befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured! And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Indeed all who would live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But people who are wicked and deceivers will proceed from worse to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and how from infancy you have known the sacred temple writings which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.



The Holy Gospel

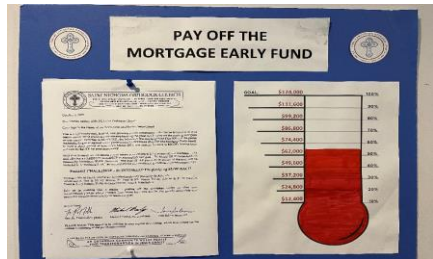
The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 18:10-14

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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 January 22, 2023, our current mortgage is now down to \$55,000; 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

	2022	December 2022	YTD
Income:		\$30,466.21	\$255,959.90
Expense:		\$29,749.37	\$252,952.45

1/5/2022 Checkbook: \$55,698.09 Mortgage: \$57,147.54



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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.