

WELCOME TO  
**SAINT NICHOLAS  
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Third Sunday of Great Lent (Sunday of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross) – Tone 7/Eothinon 7**

**Today's Hymns and Readings**

**Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone 7:** Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

**Apolytikion for the Holy Cross Tone 1:** O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

**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 Sundays in Great Lent Tone 8:** To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

**The Anti-Trisagion Hymn:**

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, Master, and Thy Holy Resurrection we glorify. (Repeat 3 times)

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

And we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection.

Dynamis!

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**The Epistle**

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.*

*Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God!*

*The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews 4:14-5:6*

Brethren, since we have a great High Priest, Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast the confession. For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to sympathize with our infirmities, but one Who has been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with boldness to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest, being taken from among the people, is appointed on behalf of the people in things pertaining to God, that he may offer up both gifts and sacrifices for sins; who can have compassion on the ignorant and on those who are erring, since he himself also is encompassed with infirmity. Because of this he is bound, as for the people so also for himself, to offer up for sins. And no one takes the honor upon himself, but as being called by God, as was Aaron. So Christ also did not glorify Himself to become a High Priest, but it was by the One saying to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee." As He says also in another place, "Thou art a Priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."



**The Holy Gospel**

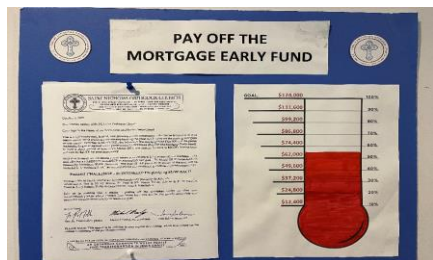
*The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark 8:34-9:1*

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

## NEED 7 HOUSEHOLDS - Parish Challenge for POTMEF

**Looking for 7 more households to meet this challenge.** We need to pay off our mortgage early and are having a PARISH CHALLENGE to accomplish this goal – IN NEED OF an additional 7 households to financially contribute \$5,000 (two-year time period). To offer your pledge, please discuss with Tom Salem (479-295-9892), parish treasurer.

**NEW UPDATE – As of March 15, 2023, our current mortgage is now down to \$48,750;** it was \$85,000 when we announced this parish challenge in October; our parishioners have already contributed over \$35,000 as a response to our parish challenge - many thanks! Your contributions will help retire this debt!



**We currently have 13 households contributing \$5,000 each:**


**Anonymous, Anonymous, Anonymous, Anonymous, Bob & Nancy Brown, Eric & Elizabeth Carender, Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller, Shawn Guthrie, Casey & Kiersten Hale, 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**

	2023 February 2023	YTD
Income:	\$25,116.80	\$43,809.26
Expense:	\$20,848.90	\$35,154.19

3/6/2023 Checkbook: \$56,479.59 Mortgage: \$49,417.12



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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.