

WELCOME TO  
**SAINT NICHOLAS  
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Sunday of Great and All-Holy Pascha**

**Today's Hymns and Readings**

**Paschal Apolytikion Tone 5:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (ONCE)

**The Hypakoe of Pascha Tone 4:** When they who were with Mary came, anticipating the dawn, and found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel: Why seek ye among the dead, as though He were mortal man, Him Who abideth in everlasting light? Behold the grave-clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath put death to death. For He is the Son of God, Who saveth the race of man.

**The Kontakion of Pascha Tone 8:** Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

**The Anti-Trisagion Hymn:**

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia (x3)

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

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

**Priest:** Dynamis!

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**The Epistle**

*This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein!  
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endureth forever.*

*The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8*

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "You heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."



**The Holy Gospel**

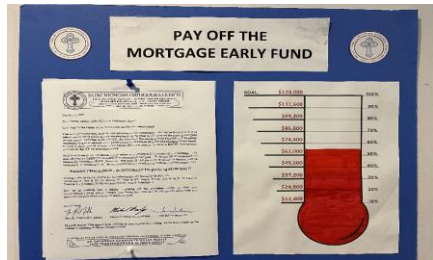
*The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John 1:1-17*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to Him, and cried, "This was He of Whom I said, 'He Who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.'") And from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

## **GETTING CLOSE!!! - Parish Challenge for POTMEF**

**Looking for 6 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 6 households to financially contribute \$5,000 (two-year time period from October 2022). To offer your pledge, please discuss with Tom Salem (479-295-9892), parish treasurer.

**NEW UPDATE – As of April 3, 2023, our current mortgage is now down to \$42,500;** it was \$85,000 when we announced this parish challenge in October; our parishioners have already contributed over \$42,500 as a response to our parish challenge - many thanks! Your contributions will help retire this debt!



**We currently have 14 households contributing \$5,000 each:**


**Anonymous, Anonymous, Anonymous, Anonymous, Bob & Nancy Brown, Eric & Elizabeth Carender, Michael & Lindsay Cate, Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller, Shawn Guthrie, Casey & Kiersten Hale, 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	March 2023	YTD
Income:	\$18,852.37	\$62,661.63
Expense:	\$27,560.02	\$62,714.21

4/5/2023 Checkbook: \$56,734.34 Mortgage: \$44,600.42



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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.