

WELCOME TO
**SAINT NICHOLAS
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

Sunday, May 7th, 2023

Sunday of the Paralytic – Tone 3/Eothinon 5

Today's Hymns and Readings

Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone 3: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the 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 of Pascha Tone 8: O Christ our God, though Thou didst descend into the grave, yet didst Thou overthrow the power of Hades and rise as an Immortal Conqueror. Thou didst greet with joy the myrrh-bearing women, and to Thine Apostles hast sent Thy peace, and to the fallen, O Lord, didst bring resurrection.

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.

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The Epistle

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

The Reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles 9:32-42

In those days, as Peter went throughout all regions, he came down also to the saints who dwelt at Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who was bedridden for eight years and paralyzed. And Peter said to him: "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; arise and make your bed." And immediately he arose. And all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned back to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha (which means Gazelle). She was full of good works and of charitable deeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they placed her in an upper chamber. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him: "Come to us without delay!" So Peter arose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him into the upper chamber. All the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and other garments which Tabitha made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body, he said: "Tabitha, arise!" And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and raised her up. Then he called the saints and widows and presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.



The Holy Gospel

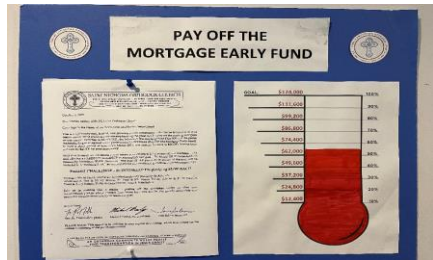
The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John 5:1-15

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

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.