# SAINT NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Second Sunday after Pentecost & Second Sunday of Matthew– Tone 1/Eothinon 2

## **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.

**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.

**Ordinary Kontakion Tone 2:** O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

#### 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. Dynamis!

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#### The Epistle

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous. The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans 2:10-16

Brethren, glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek; for there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law; and as many as have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law (for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God but the doers of the Law are justified. For when the nations who do not have the Law do by nature the things contained in the Law, these then, in spite of not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, and their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them) in the day when God judges the secrets of persons, according to my gospel, through Jesus Christ.



### The Holy Gospel

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

## Martyrs Leontius, Hypatius, and Theodulus at Tripoli in Syria

Holy Martyr Leontius was Greek by origin and lived in the 1st century, during the reign of Vespasian. He served as an officer of the imperial army and, thanks to his bravery, his good sense and his administrative virtues, he had a brilliant military career, succeeding in becoming senior general.

Leontius had never concealed his faith in Jesus Christ. In addition, he continued to stand by his fellowmen who needed his support. While Leontius was in Africa, the governor sent the tribune Hypatius with a detachment of soldiers to Tripoli so as to find and arrest him. Thanks to the miracle of the Holy Spirit, Hypatius was immediately healed from a terrible disease.

Then, the tribune Hypatius and the soldier Theodoulus asked Saint Leontius to enlighten them with faith in the True God and immediately believed in Jesus Christ. They endured with courage horrible tortures. Seeing the steadfastness of these saints, they beheaded them.

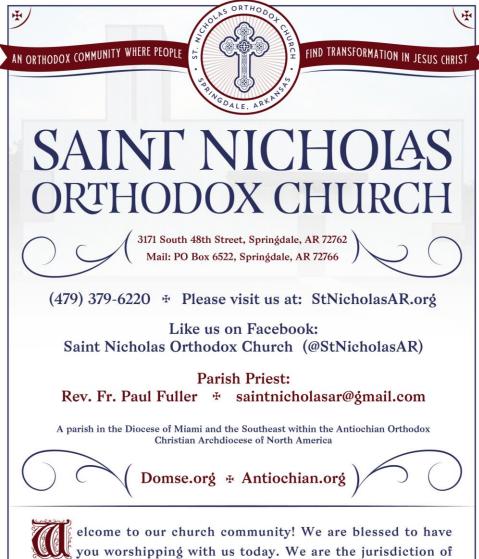
Next, seeing that nothing could make him renounce Christ, Leontius was beaten with rods until he reposed into the Lord.

The death of the holy martyrs occurred between 70-79.

#### **Parish Treasury Report**

2023 May 2023 Income: \$23,423.09 Expense: \$24,170.54 YTD \$110,034.81 \$108,442.25

6/5/2023 Checkbook: \$57,822.82 Mortgage: \$36,538.59



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.

