

## LITURGICAL VARIABLES – SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024

*Commemoration of the Holy Seven Sleeping Youths of Ephesus;  
Recovery of the Relics of Martyr Eudokia of Persia*

### FIRST ANTIPHON

It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy Name, O Most High!

**Refrain:** Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

To proclaim in the morning Thy mercy and Thy truth by night. *(Refrain)*

Upright is the Lord our God, and there is no unrighteousness in Him. *(Refrain)*  
Glory...Both now...*(Refrain)*

### SECOND ANTIPHON

The Lord is King; He is clothed with majesty! The Lord is clothed with strength and hath girt Himself.

**Refrain:** Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

For He established the world which shall not be shaken. *(Refrain)*

Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days. *(Refrain)*

Glory...Both now...O Only-begotten Son...

• During the Little Entrance, chant the Apolytikion of the Resurrection. Then, the following Entrance Hymn:

### ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE RESURRECTION

Come let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

• After the Entrance, sing the hymns in the following order below:

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

### APOLYTIKION OF ST. NICHOLAS (TONE 4)

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 TRANSFIGURATION (TONE 7)

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

### 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.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.



### THE EPISTLE

*Thou, O Lord, wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation.*

*Save me, O Lord, for the Godly man hath disappeared.*

***Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (12:6-14)***

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, and serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

## THE GOSPEL

### *Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (9:1-8)*


At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" —He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

### COMMUNION HYMN OF THE RESURRECTION (TONE 8)

Praise the Lord from the Heavens, praise Him in the highest!

### WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We are grateful that you have joined us for worship of God this morning! While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox Christian guests will be offered holy bread (*as a sign of hospitality*) in their pew or seat. At the Dismissal, please join us in veneration of the Holy Cross (*held by the Priest*) and receive additional holy bread at the end of the Liturgy. After service, please join us for food and drink during Fellowship so that we can meet and greet you! Please contact Fr. Paul Fuller (479-379-6220 or [saintnicholasar@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasar@gmail.com)) to schedule a time to meet and learn more about our parish community and the Orthodox Faith.



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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.