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# SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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September 15, 2019  
13th Sunday after Pentecost  
Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross  
Greatmartyr Nicetas



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## *Troparion and Kontakion*

### **Tone 4            Troparion            (*Resurrection*)**

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,// granting the world great mercy!”

### **Tone 1            Troparion**

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross,// preserve Thy habitation!

### **Tone 3            Troparion            (*Greatmartyr Nicetas*)**

Thou didst defeat error and didst triumph in martyrdom, Nicetas, namesake of victory; for thou didst conquer the ranks of the enemy and ended thy contest by fire.// Pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy!

### **Tone 4            Kontakion            (*Resurrection*)**

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master,// He has risen on the third day!

### **Tone 2            Kontakion            (*Greatmartyr Nicetas*)**

Thou didst stand firm and didst defeat delusion and hast received thy martyr’s crown, Nicetas, namesake of victory; thou art rejoicing with the Angels, together with them thou art praying unceasingly to Christ God for us all.

### **Tone 4            Kontakion            (*Elevation of the Cross*)**

As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by thy pow’r, granting them victories over their adversaries// by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace!

## *Epistle and Gospel Readings*

*Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 (Sunday after the Elevation)\**

*Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24*

<sup>13</sup>Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. <sup>14</sup>Let all that you do be done with love. <sup>15</sup>I urge you, brethren—you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints — <sup>16</sup>that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. <sup>17</sup>I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. <sup>18</sup>For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. <sup>19</sup>The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. <sup>20</sup>All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>21</sup>The salutation with my own hand—Paul's. <sup>22</sup>If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! <sup>23</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. <sup>24</sup>My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

*Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1 (Sunday after the Elevation)\**

*Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42*

<sup>33</sup>Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. <sup>34</sup>Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. <sup>37</sup>Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" <sup>41</sup>They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

## *Many Years!*

<i>Anniversaries</i>	16	Mark & Diane Dorogy
<i>Birthdays</i>	15	Leigh Mills
	16	Elena Codreanu
	17	Pres. Elena Buck
	19	Allen Almquist
	20	Larysa Moore

## *Announcements for Sunday, September 15, 2019:*

- **Services/Events this week:**
  - Thursday, September 19 - **9:00 am** - Divine Liturgy
  - Saturday, September 21 -
    - **4:00 p.m.** - Family Church School
    - **6:00 p.m.** - Great Vespers
- **Church School:** Please join us on Saturday, September 21, 2019, at **4:00 p.m.** for our first Church School Saturday. Please ensure that you fill out and return the registration form for each child to reserve his/her place during the 2019-2020 educational year.
- **Mission Statement Meeting:**
  - Sunday, September 22 at **12:20 p.m.**
- **Confession:** If you would like to partake of the Sacrament of Confession the best times are before or after any scheduled service.

*We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy this morning.*

There are green service booklets in the entrance area of our Church that will help you follow along with the service if you like. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving the Holy Bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall!