



Words of Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

“And the Word became flesh!...in order to make us earthly beings into heavenly ones, in order to make sinners into saints; in order to raise us up from corruption into incorruption, from earth to heaven; from enslavement to sin and the devil – into the glorious freedom of children of God; from death – into immortality, in order to make us sons of God and to seat us together with Him upon the Throne as His royal children. O, boundless compassion of God! O, inexpressible wisdom of God! O, great wonder, astounding not only the human mind, but the angelic [mind] as well!”

+ St. John of Kronstadt, Sermon on the Nativity of Jesus Christ



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10th Sunday of Luke

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Commemoration of: Nicholas the Wonderworker; Nicholas the New Martyr

Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

Tu lithu sfragisthentos (Resurrection Hymn) Tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews where the soldiers were guarding Your most pure Body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. Wherefore the powers of heaven acclaimed You, o Giver of life. Glory to Your Resurrection O Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your providence, You Who alone loves mankind.

Kanona pisteos (St. Nicholas of Myra) Tone 4

A rule of faith are you, and an icon of gentleness, and a teacher of self-control. And to your flock this was evident, by the truth of your life and deeds. You were humble and therefore you acquired exalted gifts, treasure in heaven for being poor. O Father and Hierarch St. Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God, and entreat Him to save our souls.

Tu Stavru Su (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8

Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which forever you guard in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone are the lover of mankind.

Kontakion

I Parthenos simeron Tone 3

*On this day the Virgin Maid * goes to the grotto to give birth * to the pre-eternal Word * in an ineffable manner. * Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. * Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds * Him who willed that He appear as * a newborn Child, * the pre-eternal God. (AgesInitiatives.com)*

Epistle Reading Hebrews 13:17-21

BRETHREN, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and

could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Activities & Announcements

Today

✦ 10th Sunday of Luke/St. Nicholas the Wonderworker; Adult Religious Education via Zoom: "The Fruit of the Spirit- Patience" Session 1, 1:35 p.m.

This Week

- ✦ WED, 12/9- Young Adult Fellowship via Zoom: "The Fruit of the Spirit- Joy" Session 3, 7 p.m.
- ✦ THU, 12/10- Prayer Ministry 11 a.m.; Parish Council Meeting via Zoom, 5:30 p.m.
- ✦ FRI, 12/11- Adult Religious Education via Zoom: "Orthodox & World Religions -Hawaii Religions," 7 p.m.
- ✦ SAT, 12/12- St. Spyridon of Trymithous via Zoom: Orthros 8:30 a.m., followed by Liturgy
- ✦ SUN, 12/13- 11th Sunday of Luke; Adult Religious Education via Zoom: "The Fruit of the Spirit- Patience" Session 2, 1:35 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- ✦ **Budget Meeting 2021**- If you would like to participate, please contact Roni Katsikas at stewardship@greekorthodoxhawaii.org. All participants must be registered stewards of 2020/21.
- ✦ **Fall General Assembly**- Due to the pandemic, our Fall General Assembly has been postponed to and will take place, via Zoom, on **Sunday, January 17, 2021**. More details will be shared in the coming days.
- ✦ **Parish Council Elections**- Due to the pandemic, our Parish Council Elections have been postponed to **Sunday, January 31, 2021**. Nominations will take place at the upcoming General Assembly.

