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**Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:**

We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to St. Nicholas Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves to receive the Holy Sacrament.

*(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)*

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**Tone 8      Troparion**      (*Theotokos*)

When the Archangel understood the mysterious command, he came to the house of Joseph with haste and proclaimed to the unwedded Lady: "He Who bowed the heavens by His condescension is contained fully and without change in thee! As I behold Him in thy womb, taking the form of a servant, I am frightened, but cry: 'Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!'"

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 8      Kontakion**      (*Theotokos*)

O victorious leader of triumphant hosts! We, thy servants delivered from evil sing our grateful thanks to thee, O Theotokos. As thou dost possess invincible might set us free from every calamity so that we may sing: "Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!"

**Tone 3      Prokeimenon**      (*Song of the Theotokos*)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
(Lk. 1:46-47)

*For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden, for behold, all generations will call me blessed. (Lk. 1:48)*

## **Epistle**

Read by Patricia Grammes

**(Hebrews 9:1-7 (Theotokos))** Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was

prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance;

### **Tone 8**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Arise, O Lord, into Thy resting place; Thou and the ark of Thy holiness! (Ps. 131:8)*

*Lord, remember David, and all his meekness! (Ps. 131:1)*

### **Gospel**

**(Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Theotokos))** Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

### **Communion Hymn**

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. (Ps. 115:4)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!