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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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At the appointed time we begin:

O God cleanse me a sinner and have mercy on me (3).

Blessed is our God, always now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Heavenly King, the comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, treasury of blessings and giver of life, come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

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

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord have mercy. (3)

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

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. (Amen.)

Lord have mercy (12) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship God our King! (metania)

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! (metania)

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself our King and our God! (metania)

Psalm 104

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great! Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment, Who hast stretched out the heavens like a tent, Who hast laid the beams of Thy chambers on the waters. Who makest the clouds Thy chariot, Who ridest on the wings of the wind, Who makest the winds Thy messengers; fire and flame Thy ministers. Thou didst set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be shaken. Thou didst cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At Thy rebuke they fled; at the sound of Thy thunder they took to flight. The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place which Thou didst appoint for them. Thou didst set a bound which they should not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. Thou makest springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, they give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst. By them the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches. From Thy lofty abode Thou waterest the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Thy work. Thou dost cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread to strengthen man's heart. The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon which he planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees. The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the badgers. Thou hast made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. Thou makest darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep forth. The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they

get them away and lie down in their dens. Man goes forth to his work and to his labor until the evening. O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is full of Thy creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, which teems with things innumerable, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan which Thou didst form to sport in it. These all look to Thee, to give them their food in due season. When Thou givest to them, they gather it up; when Thou openest Thy hand, they are filled with good things. When Thou hidest Thy face, they are dismayed; when Thou takest away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created; and Thou renewest the face of the ground. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever, may the Lord rejoice in His works, Who looks on the earth and it trembles, Who touches the mountains and they smoke! I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: both now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God! (3)

Great Litany

The regular petitions are not intoned, instead:

Lord, have mercy! (12) Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. (Amen.)

Lord, I Call

(Tone 1) Lord I call upon Thee, hear me! Hear me, O Lord! Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! Receive the voice of my prayer, when I call upon Thee, hear me O Lord! Let my prayer arise, in Thy sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands, be an evening sacrifice, hear me O Lord!

(10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy name!

Tone 1 *(for the Resurrection)*

Accept our evening prayers, O holy Lord! Grant us remission of sins, for Thou alone hast manifested the Resurrection to the world.

(9) The righteous will surround me; for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

Encircle Zion and surround her, O people! Give glory in her to the One Who rose from the dead! For He is our God, Who has delivered us from our transgressions!

(8) Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Come, O people, let us hymn and fall down before Christ, glorifying His Resurrection from the dead! For He is our God, Who has delivered the world from the Enemy's deceit!

(7) Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

Be glad, O heavens! Sound trumpets, O foundations of the earth! Sing in gladness, O mountains! Behold Emmanuel has nailed our sins to the Cross! Granting life, He has slain death. He has resurrected Adam as the Lover of man.

(6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

Tone 2 *(All Saints of America)*

Come, let us praise the saints of North America, holy hierarchs, venerable monastics, and glorious martyrs, pious men, women, and children, both known and unknown! Through their words and deeds, in various walks of life, by the grace of the Spirit they achieved true holiness. Now as they stand in the presence of Christ Who glorified them, they pray for us, who celebrate their memory with love.

(5) For Thy name's sake have I waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Come, let us assemble today and glorify the luminaries of the North American lands, the glorious martyrs and holy bishops who confirmed our faith, the righteous dwellers in the wilderness and guides of the spiritual life! Let us cry out to them in joy: "All Saints of North America, known and unknown, pray to God for us!"

From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

As the brightest sun, as the brilliance of the Morning Star, the precious feast of the saints of North America has dawned for us, to illumine us and to set our hearts on fire, to imitate their godly lives, and to follow their example of zeal for God.

(3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Come, let us assemble today and let us praise the elect of North America! Having fought the good fight, ye have persevered in the faith, receiving your crowns of victory from God. Beseech Him to deliver from every calamity and sorrow all who keep your holy memory in faith and in love!

(2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

Tone 6 *(All Saints of America)* *(Having placed all their hope)*

The earth rejoices and the heavens are glad, O venerable Saints of America, praising your labors and lives, your spiritual fortitude and purity of heart. By driving away a multitude of demons and enlightening many people with the light of the Orthodox Faith, ye have confirmed our land.

(1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

Rejoice, O mountains of Pennsylvania; leap for joy, O waters of the Great Lakes; rise up, O fertile plains of Canada; for the elect of Christ who dwelt in you are

glorified, men and women who left their homes for a new land! With faith, hope, and patience as their armor, they courageously fought the good fight. Comforted by the beauty of the Orthodox Faith, they labored in mines and mills, they tilled the land, they braved the challenges of the great cities, enduring many hardships and sufferings. Never failing to worship God in spirit and truth and unyielding in devotion to His most pure Mother, they erected many temples to His glory. Come, O assembly of the Orthodox, and with love let us praise the holy men, women, and children, those known to us and those known only to God, and let us cry out to them: "Rejoice, all Saints of North America and pray to God for us!"

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 5 *(All Saints of America)*

Rejoice, O continent of North America, illumined by the holy Gospel! Rejoice, every province, state, city, and town, which raised up citizens of the heavenly Kingdom! Rejoice, our venerable Father Herman, first saint of our land! Rejoice O Martyrs Juvenaly and Peter, for your blood has watered the seed of faith planted in Alaska! Rejoice, O holy Hierarchs: Innocent, Tikhon, Nicholas, Raphael, and John! Rejoice, O holy Fathers Alexis, John, and all ye righteous priests! Rejoice, all Saints of North America, for your light has shone forth to the ends of the earth! We beseech you to pray to Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 1 *(Theotokion - Dogmatikon)*

Let us praise the Virgin Mary! The gate of heaven, the glory of the world! The song of the angels, the beauty of the faithful! She was born of man, yet gave birth to God! She was revealed as the heaven, as the temple of the Godhead! She destroyed the wall of enmity! She commenced the peace; she opened the Kingdom! Since she is our foundation of faith, our defender is the Lord Whom she bore! Courage! Courage! O People of God! For Christ will destroy our enemies since He is all powerful.

Gladsome Light

○ Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal Father, heavenly, holy, blessed: Jesus Christ! Having come to the setting of the sun, and beheld the light of evening, we praise the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: God! At all times Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy of praise in songs as Son of God, and Giver of Life. Therefore, the world glorifies Thee!

Evening Prokeimenon

Wisdom! Let us Attend! The Prokeimenon in the 6th tone: The Lord is King, He is robed in majesty.

Verses: The Lord is clothed with strength and He hath girt Himself. For He established the world which shall not be shaken. Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days.

Vouchsafe, O Lord

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever. Amen. Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes! Blessed art Thou, O Master, make me to understand Thy statutes! Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me with Thy statutes! Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever. O despise not the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Litany of Supplication

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Aposticha

Tone 1 *(for the Resurrection)*

We have been freed from sufferings by Thy suffering, O Christ. We have been delivered from corruption by Thy Resurrection. O Lord, glory to Thee!

The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

Let creation rejoice! Let the heavens be glad! Let the nations clap their hands with gladness, for Christ our Savior has nailed our sins to the Cross. Slaying death, He has given life. He has resurrected fallen Adam as the Lover of man.

For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.

As King of heaven and earth, Thou wast voluntarily crucified in Thy love for man. Hell was angered when it met Thee below. Adam rose seeing Thee, the Creator, under the earth. O wonder! How has the Life of all tasted death? Thou didst enlighten the world which cries: O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee!

Holiness befitteth Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

The myrrhbearing women came with haste to Thy tomb, bearing myrrh and lamenting. Not finding Thy most pure body, they learned from the angel of the new and glorious wonder. They told the Apostles: "The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 4 *(All Saints of America)*

Today, as we celebrate the memory of all the Saints of North America, let us praise them as is fitting, for they lived all of Christ's beatitudes. Deprived of material wealth, they became rich in spirit; meek, they inherited the earth; mourning, they were comforted; thirsting for righteousness, they were satisfied; merciful, they obtained mercy; pure in heart, they beheld the image of God; as peacemakers, they became God's children; persecuted and tortured for

righteousness' sake, they now rejoice in heaven; and they pray fervently to the Lord that He may have mercy on our souls.

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 5 *(All Saints of America)*

Let us sound a hymn on the trumpet and praise with one accord the Protectress of our land, our Queen, the Theotokos: Rejoice, for thou hast crowned our land with thy favor, pouring abundant grace upon it! Therefore, the Church in America joyously celebrates thy precious protection and commemorates the multitude of thy miracles. And now deprive us not of thy mercies, O Lady! Look with favor upon us in our adversities and afflictions and raise us up by thy powerful intercession!

St. Symeon's Prayer

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people, Israel.

Trisagion (Thrice Holy)

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Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. (Amen.)

Tone 1 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind!"

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Tone 8 Troparion *(All Saints of America)*

As the bountiful harvest of Thy sowing of salvation, the lands of North America offer to Thee, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 8 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

For our sake Thou wast born of the Virgin and didst endure crucifixion, O Good One, destroying death by death. Revealing the Resurrection as God, do not despise the work of Thy hand! Reveal Thy love for man, O Merciful One, and accept the Theotokos praying for us, and save the despairing people, O our Savior!

Dismissal

Wisdom! Blessed be He Who Is, Christ our God, always now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Preserve O God, the Holy Orthodox faith of Orthodox Christians, unto ages of ages.

Most holy Theotokos, save us! More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim: without defilement thou gavest birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify thee!

Glory to Thee, O Christ our God, and our only sure hope, glory to Thee!

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

Lord have Mercy (3)

Lord Bless.

May He Who arose from the dead, Christ our True God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother, of the all-laudable Apostles, and of **all the saints who have shone forth in this North American land, whose Synaxis we celebrate this day**, and of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind. Amen.

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God have mercy upon on and save us. Amen.

Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers at the Divine Liturgy for the Health of the Servants of God:

Igumen David Lewis

Archbishop David Mahaffey

Archpriests: Thomas Edwards, John Perich, Rodion Pfeifer, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Dennis Swenki, James Weremedic

Priests: Matthew Joyner, Ian Shipley, John Nightingale

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Child of God: Emily Estrin

Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.