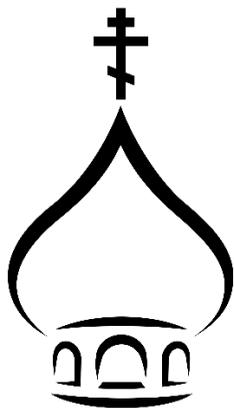


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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

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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Lord, I Call

(Tone 2) 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 2 *(for the Resurrection)*

Come, let us worship the Word of God begotten of the Father before all ages, and incarnate of the Virgin Mary! Having endured the Cross, He was buried as He Himself desired. And having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.

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

Christ our Savior nailed to the Cross the bond against us, He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death. We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.

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

With the Archangels let us praise the Resurrection of Christ! He is our Savior, our Redeemer. He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power to judge the world which He made.

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

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

The Angel proclaimed Thee, the crucified and buried Master. He told the women: "Come, see the place where He lay! He is risen as He said, for He is almighty." We worship Thee, O only immortal One. Have mercy on us, O Christ, the Giver of life!

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

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy the curse of the tree. By Thy burial, Thou didst slay the dominion of death. By Thy rising, Thou didst enlighten the race of man. O Benefactor, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

(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.

The gates of death opened to Thee from fear, O Lord. When the guards of hell saw Thee they were afraid, for Thou didst demolish the gates of brass and smash the iron chains. Thou hast led us from the darkness and shadows of death, and hast broken our bonds.

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

Tone 4 *(from the Menaion, for Cyrus and John) (As one valiant)*

Let us all honor in hymns the two martyrs, Cyrus and with him the magnificent John; they possess the radiance of the Trinity, they are the foundation of the Faith; they are flowers emitting the true fragrance of the understanding of Christ; and they ever pray to the Lord for us.

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

(Repeat: "Let us all honor in hymns...")

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

Thou didst shine forth with fasting and a radiant life, and later thou didst adorn thy soul with suffering, O glorious Cyrus. In wisdom, O John, didst thou forsake an earthly army and didst attain the army of heaven. As ye entreat the Savior, O blessed ones, pray for those who bless your memory!

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

O blessed ones, ye are revealed as physicians of the sick and never-fading lamps of the divine Father. Ye uttered your confession together and shared in the lot of martyrs. Having truly received crowns from Christ, O glorious Cyrus and wise John, ever pray to the Savior for those who hymn you with faith!

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

Tone 8 *(from the Menaion, for Cyrus and John)*

Two martyrs are revealed to us today, healing the pain of our souls: Cyrus and John, the two wonder-workers. The one, embracing the angelic life and persevering to the end, united himself to Christ by the blood of martyrdom, while the other, brilliant in the ranks of the army, is now enrolled in the armies of heaven. Therefore, they grant healing to those who celebrate their memory in faith, ever praying for our souls.

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

Tone 2 *(Theotokion - Dogmatikon)*

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came; as the Bush burned, yet was not consumed, so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin. The Righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame. Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

Aposticha

Tone 2 *(for the Resurrection)*

Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior, has enlightened the whole universe, recalling Thy creation. Glory to Thee, O almighty Lord!

The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

By the Tree Thou didst destroy the curse of the Tree, O Savior. By Thy burial Thou didst mortify the majesty of death. Thou hast enlightened our race by Thy Resurrection. O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

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

When Thou wast seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ, Thou didst restore the beauty of Thy creatures. The soldiers showed their inhumanity when they pierced Thy side with a spear. The Hebrews, not knowing Thy power, asked that Thy tomb might be sealed, but through the mercy of Thy compassion, Thou didst accept the tomb and didst rise on the third day! O Lord, glory to Thee!

Holiness befitteth Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

O Christ, the Giver of life, for the sake of the dead Thou didst voluntarily endure death, descending into hell as the Mighty One to save those who awaited Thy coming, granting them the life of paradise instead of hell. Grant also to us who glorify Thy Resurrection on the third day cleansing of our sins and great mercy!

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

Tone 2 *(from the Menaion, for Cyrus and John)*

Come, O assembly of the faithful, today let us crown Cyrus and John with hymns, the soldiers of grace and generous givers to those who ask. In many ways they were revealed to all as most radiant physicians, and they now intercede for our souls.

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

Tone 2 *(Theotokion)*

A new miracle surpasses all ancient miracles! Who knows of a Mother who gave birth without a man, who carried in her arms her Creator? This birth is the will of God! Since thou didst carry Him as an infant in thine arms, O most pure one, and since thou dost possess motherly boldness before Him, do not cease praying for us who honor thee, that He may be bountiful and save our souls!

Troparia

Tone 2 **Troparion** (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

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

Tone 5 **Troparion** (Cyrus and John)

Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy martyrs, Cyrus and John, as an invincible rampart, O Christ God; through their prayers, frustrate the plans of the heathens, and strengthen the faith of the Orthodox Christians, for Thou alone art good and the lover of man.

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

Tone 5 **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

Rejoice, Impassable Gate of the Lord! Rejoice, Wall and Protection of those who run to thee! Rejoice, Unshakable Refuge! Rejoice, thou who knewest not wedlock, who gavest birth in the flesh to thy Creator and God! Do not cease praying for those who praise and worship thy Son! 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

Matushki: Ashley Joyner, Marie Mason, Johanna Bohush, Evelyn Edwards, Paraskeva Vansuch, Myra Kovalak, Gloria Martin, Maryann Oselinsky, Priscilla Shipley, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic

Servants: Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Jennifer Bzik, Helen Cotirgasanu, Roberta Cusick, Val Danchenko, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, Patricia G. Fu, David Gowarty, Walter Grigoruk, Rachel Hardesty, Nicholas Hazzard, Jonathan Hontz, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Pauline Kasick, Greg Konsevitch, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Olga Maksimova, Peter Marsh, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Mary Orzolek, Ryan Pinkowicz, Kiera Pheiffer, Gordon Roberts, Clara Roman, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Nancy A. Sabol, Robert Schainfeld, Cate Shea, Julia Smith, Julia G. Smolenski, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, John Uzick, Irene Witaneck

Child of God: Emily Estrin

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