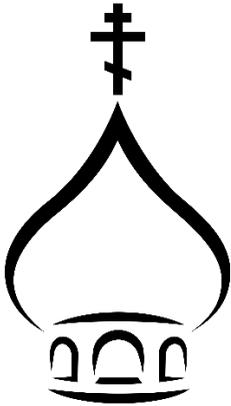


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We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to St. Nicholas Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared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

Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you have become exceedingly glorious; you are clothed with majesty and honor. You clothe yourself with light as with a garment, and spread out the heavens like a curtain. You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters, and make the clouds your chariot, and walk upon the wings of the wind. You make winds your messengers, and flames of fire your ministers. You laid the foundations of the earth, that it never should move at any time. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stand above the hills. At your rebuke they fled; at the voice of your thunder they hastened away. They went up as high as the hills, and down to the valleys beneath, even to the place you had appointed for them. You have set bounds for them which they shall not pass; neither shall they again cover the earth. You send the springs into the rivers, which run among the hills. All beasts of the field drink thereof, and the wild donkeys quench their thirst. Beside them shall the birds of the air have their habitation and sing among the branches. You water the hills from above; the earth is filled with the fruit of your works. You bring forth grass for the cattle, and plants for the service of mankind, That they may bring food out of the earth, and wine that makes glad the heart, and oil to make a cheerful countenance, and bread to strengthen the heart. The trees of the LORD also are full of sap, even the cedars of Lebanon which he planted, Wherein the birds make their nests, and the fir trees are a dwelling for the stork. The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats, and so are the stony cliffs for the rock badgers. You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, and the sun knows its going down. You make darkness that it may be night, in which all the beasts of the forest move. The lions, roaring after their prey, seek their meat from God. The

sun arises, and they go away together, and lay themselves down in their dens. Man goes forth to his work, and to his labor until the evening. O LORD, how manifold are your works; in wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. So is the great and wide sea also, in which are things creeping innumerable, creatures both small and great. There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan, whom you made to take its pleasure therein. These all wait upon you, that you may give them food in due season. When you give it to them, they gather it, and when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are troubled; when you take away their breath, they die, and are turned again to their dust. When you let your breath go forth, they shall be made, and you shall renew the face of the earth. The glorious majesty of the LORD shall endure for ever; the LORD shall rejoice in his works. He looks at the earth and it trembles; if he even touches the hills, they shall smoke. I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being, And so shall my words please him; my joy shall be in the LORD. As for sinners, they shall perish from the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end. Praise 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. (Amen.)

Lord, I Call

(Tone 6) 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!

(8) Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Let us hymn John, the holy hierarch of Christ, the advocate given us by God, who, applying himself to unceasing prayer, and strengthened by the serving of the Liturgy, and communion of the most-holy Mysteries, went forth bravely to his labour, hastening to the homes of the suffering, and to them treated in hospitals; wherefore, revealed as hallowed and merciful, he was vouchsafed, from on high, the gifts of healing and clairvoyance; and now, in heaven, he prayeth, with boldness, for the salvation of our souls.

(7) Let thine ears be attentive: To the voice of my supplications.

Repeat: Let us hymn John, the holy hierarch of Christ...

(6) If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee.

Let us hymn John, the holy hierarch of Christ, the loving healer of children and babes, the wise and steadfast counsellor of them of age, who gave mothers word of their children, and bestowed blessing upon them being baptized and married, the most faithful advocate for them entering the life to come, the lover of the majesty and order of the divine services, a pastor and arch-pastor that went forth before the sheep given him by God; and let us cry out to him: "O blessed wonder-worker John, pray for us, who honour thee with love.

(5) For thy name's sake have I patiently waited for thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for thy word: My soul hath hoped in the Lord

Join chorus, ye East and West, ye North and South, celebrating the memory of the holy hierarch and wonder-worker; rejoice, O heavens, receiving the new angel, the divinely-inspired man of prayer, and un-mercenary pastor, the gracious healer, prophet and herald, John, our merciful helper, the mighty surety for us at the judgment.

(4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch: Let Israel hope in the Lord.

(Tone 3) Living in holiness and righteousness on earth, and tending well the flock of Christ, thou hast put off the old man, and hast repelled the assaults of the

enemy by tireless vigil, great asceticism, and fervent prayer to the Lord, which, now, offer thou up for us also, O father John.

(3) For, with the Lord, there is mercy; and, with Him, is plenteous redemption: And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Repeat: Living in holiness and righteousness on earth...

(2) O praise the Lord, all ye nations: Praise Him, all ye people.

How can we not marvel at thy sleepless vigilance; and how can we not hymn thine ascetic life? For, in the midst of the world that lieth in evil, hast thou struggled, imitating the desert-dwellers of old; wherefore thou hast acquired true love for the Lord, wherewith, cover thou us that honour thy memory.

(1) For His merciful kindness is great towards us: And the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

O good minister of the Gospel of Christ, who hast girded thyself about with the truth of Orthodoxy, with the sling of thy words, thou hast driven away the ravening wolves that confess not Christ to be the true Wisdom of God, / and that seek after alien wisdom; / wherefore, O blessed and divinely-wise John, / make us wise, unto salvation, // that, with splendour, honour thy most beautiful memory.

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

(Tone 6) Having assembled today, let us hymn the man of God, the most-elect arch-pastor, the luminary of the Russian diaspora, the teacher of divers nations, the sojourner amid this transitory world, the heir to the transcendent kingdom of heaven, John, the beloved hierarch; and let us cry out to him: "Ever entreat the Lord for the salvation of our souls."

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Who will not bless thee, O most-holy Virgin? Who will not sing of thy most pure childbearing? The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father; but,

from thee, He was ineffably incarnate, God by nature, yet Man for our sake, not two persons, but one, known in two natures; entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady, to have mercy on our souls.

Wisdom! Let us attend!

Gladsome Light

O Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal Father, heavenly, holy, blessed, O Jesus Christ! Now that we have come to the setting of the sun, and behold the light of evening, we praise God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit! For meet it is at all times to worship Thee with voices of praise O Son of God, and Giver of Life. Therefore all the world doth glorify Thee!

Evening Prokeimenon

Wisdom! Let us Attend! The Prokeimenon in the 5th tone: Save me, O God, by Thy name and judge me by Thy strength!

Verse: Hear my prayer, O God, hearken to the words of my mouth!

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

Aposticha

Keeping vigil, and praying day and night, thou hast vanquished all the temptations of the enemy, O John, most patient hierarch, who, from childhood, hast desired to serve the righteousness of God; and, striving constantly for the kingdom of heaven, thou hast taken pity on them here on earth, comforting them.

Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth: And their words into the ends of the world.

Utterly rejecting corrupting pleasures, thou hast followed after thy Lord; and, taking up thy shepherd's staff like a heavy cross, thou hast tended thy sheep, walking before them, and calling them by name; and, knowing well thy voice, we strive to follow after thee; having gone up, now, into the joy of thy Lord, remain thou inseparable from us.

The heavens declare the glory of God: And the firmament sheweth his handywork.

O blessed John, thou wast truly shewn to be a universal instructor, a teacher of piety, and the chosen vessel of the Holy Spirit; wherefore, all the ends of the earth glorify thee, from the rising of the sun, even unto the setting thereof; and, hastening to thy relics, the faithful receive healings and help amid tribulations: for, having risen unto the joy of thy Lord, thou yet remainest inseparable from us.

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

(Tone 6) Thou wast truly a model for the faithful in word, life, love, spirit, faith, and purity; wherefore, the sound of thy corrections hath gone forth into all the earth, and thou hast found the reward of thy labours in heaven; yet thou hast not parted from them on earth, but hast left us thy relics as an everflowing well-

spring of grace, and now prayest that we that have delighted in thy gifts may also produce goodly spiritual fruit.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Tone 6) Christ the Lord, my maker and redeemer, came forth from thy womb, all-hallowed Queen; and, clothing Himself in me, He delivered Adam from the curse of old; wherefore, with never-silent voices, we praise thee as true Mother of God and Virgin; and, with the salutation of the Angel, we cry unto thee: "Hail, Lady, guardian and protection, and salvation of our souls.

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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Lord have mercy. (3)

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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.)

Troparia

(Tone 5) Lo, thy care for thy flock in its sojourn prefigured the supplications that thou ever offerest up for the whole world; thus we believe, having come to know thy love, O holy hierarch and wonder-worker John; wholly hallowed by God through the ministry of the all-pure Mysteries, and, thyself, ever strengthened thereby, thou hast hastened to the suffering, O most gladsome healer; hasten, now, also to the aid of us that honour thee with all our heart.

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

(Tone 5) Rejoice, impassable gate of the Lord; rejoice, wall and protection of them that run to thee; rejoice, unshakable refuge; rejoice, for thou knewest not wedlock, and gavest birth, in the flesh, to thy Creator and God; cease not to pray for them that praise and worship thy Son.

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 Christ our True God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother, of the glorious and all-laudable Apostles, of Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, the patron of this holy house, of **John the wonderworker of Shanghai and San Francisco** who we commemorate today, of all those Saints who have shone forth in this North American land, of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for as much as He is good and loves mankind. 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

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.