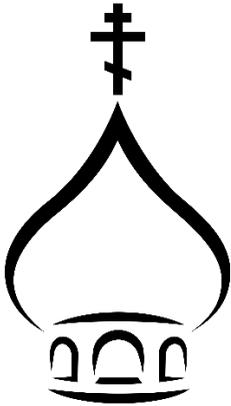


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**Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:**

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 4) 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 4**      *(for the Resurrection)*

We glorify Thy Resurrection on the third day, O Christ God, by always honoring Thy life-creating Cross; by it Thou hast renewed the corrupted nature of man, O almighty One. By it Thou hast renewed our entrance to heaven, for Thou art good and the Lover of man.

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

Thou didst loose the Tree's verdict of disobedience, O Savior, by being voluntarily nailed to the tree of the Cross. By descending to hell, O almighty God, Thou didst break the bonds of death. Therefore, we adore Thy Resurrection from the dead, singing in joy: "Glory to Thee, O all-powerful Lord!"

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

Thou didst smash the gates of hell, O Lord, and by Thy death Thou didst demolish the kingdom of death. Thou didst deliver the race of men from corruption, granting the world life, incorruption and great mercy.

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

*(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)*

Come, O people, let us sing of the Savior's Resurrection on the third day! By it, we have been freed from the unbreakable bonds of hell. By it, we have received life and incorruption. Save us by Thy Resurrection! O Life-creating and almighty Savior, glory to Thee!

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

**Tone 1**      *(for Proclus and Hilary)*      *(Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)*

You suffered a multitude of tortures, together obtaining your holy crowns, O Proclus and Hilary. Therefore we worthily celebrate your memory, praying fervently that you intercede for us.

*(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.*

O Proclus, thy body was torn asunder, but thou didst obtain eternal glory, O blessed one. Now that thou art in the eternal light of Paradise, pray that we who sing to thee may also see this light!

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

Like two fountains of light, O holy passion bearers, Proclus and Hilary, dispel the darkening of passions as we sing to you with joy, celebrating your memory!

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

**Tone 5**      *(for Ven. Michael)*      *(O venerable Father)*

O venerable father, from thy youth thou didst embrace the angelic life, regarding the alluring things of the world as refuse. And thou didst run from the illusory shadow of temporal glory, to the divine glory that does not fade, in which thou dost now share, having shaken off the bonds of the flesh. Standing before

the Triply-Radiant Light, and enjoying Christ's dazzling radiance, pray to Him that He bestow upon the Church oneness of mind, peace, and great mercy!

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

O venerable father, brightness of heartfelt contrition, a light to those in the darkness of despair, never-setting morning star, most precious ember of repentance, divine pearl of virtue, great beacon of compassion, patron of orphans and widows, lamp of virtuous abstinence; pray to Christ that He bestow upon the Church oneness of mind, peace, and great mercy!

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

O venerable Father Michael, thou wast consecrated to God from before thy birth as was Jeremiah, the holy prophet of old; for the Mother of the Lord didst foretell to thy mother that thou wouldst be given to her and wouldst bring forth fruit. Spiritually accepting thy course, thou didst avoid the turmoil of this world, and didst lead a life of contemplation, O divinely-wise one, planting a multitude of monastics as numerous as the sands of the sea by the well-spring of the waters of the Spirit of God.

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

**Tone 6**      *(for Ven. Michael)*

O venerable Father Michael, the report of thy good deeds didst go out into all the earth.

Through them thou didst find the heavens as a reward for thy labors.

Thou didst destroy the regiments of demons

and didst attain to the ranks of the Angels,

whose life thou didst blamelessly emulate.//

Having boldness towards Christ God, earnestly ask peace for our souls!

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

**Tone 4**      *(Theotokion - Dogmatikon)*

The Prophet David was a father of the Lord through thee, O Virgin. He foretold in songs the One Who worked wonders in thee: "At Thy right hand stood the Queen," Thy Mother, the mediatrix of life, since God was freely born of her without a father. He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in passion, so He took the lost sheep upon His shoulder and brought it to His Father, joining it to the heavenly powers. Christ who has great and rich mercy has saved the world, O Theotokos.

## **Aposticha**

### **Tone 4**      *(for the Resurrection)*

By ascending the Cross, O Lord, Thou hast annulled our ancestral curse. By descending to hell, Thou hast freed the eternal prisoners, granting incorruption to the human race. Therefore in songs we glorify Thy life-creating and saving Resurrection.

*The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!*

By hanging upon the tree, O only powerful Lord, Thou didst shake all of creation. By being laid in the tomb Thou hast raised those who dwelt in the tombs, granting life and incorruption to the human race. Therefore in songs we glorify Thy rising on the third day.

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

The lawless people, O Christ, handed Thee over to Pilate, condemned to be crucified, thus proving themselves ungrateful before their Benefactor. But voluntarily Thou didst endure burial, rising by Thy own power on the third day as God, granting us life everlasting and great mercy.

*Holiness befitteth Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!*

With tears the women reached Thy tomb, searching for Thee, but not finding Thee. They wept with wailing and lamented: "Woe to us! Our Savior, King of all, how wast Thou stolen? What place can hold Thy life-bearing body?" An Angel

replied to them: "Do not weep, but go and proclaim that the Lord is risen, granting us joy as the only compassionate One!"

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

**Tone 8**      *(for Ven. Michael)*

We honor thee, O Michael our father, as the instructor of a multitude of monks. We have indeed learned to walk rightly in thy footsteps. Blessed art thou, for having labored for Christ, thou didst denounce the power of the enemy. Thou wast a converser with the Angels and a companion of the venerable and righteous. Together with them, entreat the Lord that He grant mercy to our souls!

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

**Tone 8**      *(Theotokion)*

O unwedded Virgin, who ineffably didst conceive God in the flesh, O Mother of God most high, accept the cries of thy servants, O blameless one! Grant cleansing of transgressions to all! Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!

## **Troparia**

**Tone 4**      **Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

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

**Tone 8**      **Troparion**      *(Ven. Michael)*

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father, for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ. By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. Therefore thy spirit, O holy Father Michael, rejoices with the angels.

*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!

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.**