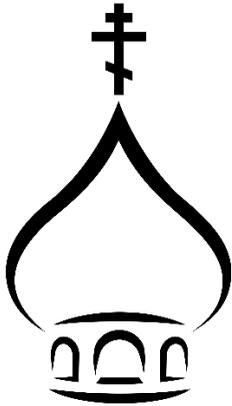


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**Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:**

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 5) 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 5**      *(for the Resurrection)*

By Thy precious Cross, O Christ, Thou hast put the devil to shame. By Thy Resurrection, Thou hast blunted the sting of sin and saved us from the gates of death. We glorify Thee, O only-begotten One.

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

Christ was led as a sheep to the slaughter in order to grant Resurrection to the human race. The princes of hell were frightened by this, for the gates of sorrow were lifted. Christ the King of glory had entered, saying to those in chains: "Go forth!" And to those in darkness: "Come to the light!"

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

O great wonder! The Creator of the invisible suffered in the flesh in His love for man and rose again immortal. Come, O sons of nations, let us worship Him, for delivered from error by His compassion, we have learned to sing of one God in three Persons!

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

*(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)*

We offer Thee our evening worship, O never-setting Light, Who didst come in these last days to the world in the flesh; Who even didst descend to hell to dispel its darkness. Who hast revealed the light of Resurrection to the nations. Glory to Thee, O Lord and Giver of light!

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

**Tone 6**      *(for the Fathers)*

Thou wast begotten from the Father before the Morning Star, but Arius taught wrongfully that Thou wast created: in his ignorance he designated Thee as a creature, yet the Fathers of the Council proclaimed Thee as Son of God, co-enthroned with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

*(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.*

(Repeat: "Thou wast begotten from the Father...")

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

O honored Fathers, you skillfully stitched together the garment of Christ, which had been divided and torn apart by barking dogs. You found it unbearable to see His nakedness, as of old Shem and Japheth could not bear to see the nakedness of their father. You put to shame the wretchedness of Arius and those who agreed with him, and who professed the madness that bears his name.

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

(Repeat: "O honored Fathers...")

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

The Macedónians and Nestórians, the Eutýchians and Dióscorenes the Appolinárians, Sabéllians, and Séverans, who were revealed as oppressive wolves in sheep's skins, you, as true shepherds, drove far away from the Savior's flock, having stripped the thrice-wretched ones of their sheep's skins. Therefore, we call you blessed, O holy Fathers.

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

(Repeat: The "Macedónians and Nestórians...")

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

**Tone 6**      *(for the Fathers)*

Today let us praise the mystical trumpets of the Spirit, the God-bearing Fathers, who stand in the midst of the Church, singing true theology, praising the changeless Trinity! They laid low the errors of Arius and upheld the Orthodox Faith. They always entreat the Lord to have mercy on our souls.

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

**Tone 5**      *(Theotokion - Dogmatikon)*

In the Red Sea of old, a type of the Virgin Bride was prefigured. There Moses divided the waters; here Gabriel assisted in the miracle. There Israel crossed the sea without getting wet, here the Virgin gave birth to Christ without seed. After Israel's passage, the sea remained impassable; after Emmanuel's birth, the Virgin remained a Virgin. O ever-existing God Who didst appear as Man, O Lord, have mercy on us!

**Aposticha**

**Tone 5**      *(for the Resurrection)*

We magnify Thee in songs of praise, O incarnate Christ and Savior. By accepting the Cross and death for our sake, as the Lord and Lover of man, Thou didst overthrow the gates of hell, and didst arise on the third day, saving our souls.

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

By being pierced in the side, O Lover of man, Thou hast poured out drops of life and salvation for all. By accepting death in the flesh, Thou hast granted us immortality. Thou hast freed us by being placed in the tomb, and hast resurrected us with Thyself in glory, as God. Glory to Thee, O Lord and Lover of man!

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

Thy crucifixion and descent into hell are awesome, O Lover of man. Thou hast captured it, releasing the ancient prisoners. Thou hast opened Paradise and given it to us. Grant us purification of sins, who glorify Thy Resurrection on the third day! Make us worthy of Paradise and save us, O Lover of man!

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

For our sake, Thou didst accept death in the flesh, to rise from the dead on the third day. Heal us from our earthly passions, and restore us from our evil transgressions; and save us, O Lover of man!

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

**Tone 4**      *(for the Fathers)*

Today we celebrate the annual memory of the God-bearing Fathers who assembled in Nicea. They laid low the godless doctrines of Arius, driving him from the unity of the Catholic Church, and teaching us how to confess the consubstantial and co-eternal Son of God. They expressed this clearly in the Symbol of Faith, and we follow their divine doctrines, believing in and serving the Son with the Father and the all-Holy Spirit, the consubstantial Trinity and one Divinity.

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

**Tone 4**      *(Theotokion)*

Look on the entreaties of thy servants, O Blameless One! Stop all the terrible attacks against us, freeing us from every affliction, for we have only thee as our sure and firm anchor! Do not let us be put to shame, O Lady, for we call on thee for our intercession! Hasten to pray for those who call in faith: Rejoice, O Lady, Help of all: the Joy and Shelter and Salvation of our souls!

**Troparia**

**Tone 5**      **Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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

**Tone 8**      **Troparion**      *(Fathers)*

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

*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, Kylie Pinho, Ryan Pinkowicz, Kiera Pfeiffer, 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.**