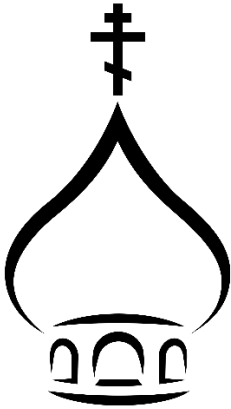


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**Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:**

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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*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)

## **KONTAKION 1**

O Lord and vanquisher of Hades, Greatest Protector, we, Your creatures and servants, offer Your praise, for You have delivered us from eternal death. As You have boundless compassion, save us from all calamity as we cry, "Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me."

## **ICOS 1**

Creator of Angels and Lord of Hosts, as You opened the ears and tongue of the deaf and dumb so long ago, thus open my simple mind and tongue to praise Your Most Holy Name, that we may cry to You words like these:

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Jesus, all powerful, forefathers' deliverance.

Jesus, most sweet, patriarchs' glory.

Jesus, most glorious, kings' power.

Jesus, most beloved, prophets' fulfillment.

Jesus, most marvelous, martyrs' strength.

Jesus, most tranquil, monk's joy.

Jesus, most merciful, priests' sweetness.

Jesus, most compassionate, fasters' abstinence.

Jesus, most tender, holy fathers' rejoicing.

Jesus, most pure, virgins' chastity.

Jesus, pre-eternal salvation of sinners.

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me.

## **KONTAKION 2**

○ Lord, on seeing, the widow weeping greatly as her son was being carried to burial, You were moved to compassion and raised him; so show Your mercy to me, ○ Lover of mankind. Raise my soul which is deadened by sins as I cry, Alleluia!

## **ICOS 2**

Philip sought the unknown knowledge, crying, "Lord, show us the Father." But, You said to him, "Have you been with Me so long and yet do not see that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father?" So, also, I fearfully cry to You, ○ unpursuable One:

Jesus, God before the ages.  
Jesus, Most powerful King.  
Jesus, long suffering Master.  
Jesus, Most merciful Savior.  
Jesus, my gracious Guardian.  
Jesus, cleanser of my sins.  
Jesus, remover of my transgressions.  
Jesus, pardon my unrighteousness.  
Jesus, my hope, do not reject me.  
Jesus, my Helper do not reject me.  
Jesus, my Shepherd, do not lose me.  
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me.

## **KONTAKION 3**

○ Jesus, as Your Apostles remained in Jerusalem, You clothed them with power from above; thus clothe me with the warmth of Your Most Holy Spirit as I lie bare of good deeds, and grant me to sing to You with love, Alleluia!

### **ICOS 3**

O Jesus, having an abundance of compassion, You called publicans and sinners and pagans; do not overlook me who am like them, but as precious myrrh, accept this song:

Jesus, invincible power.  
Jesus, infinite mercy.  
Jesus, luminous beauty.  
Jesus, unyielding love.  
Jesus, Son of the Living God.  
Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner.  
Jesus, hear me, conceived in iniquity.  
Jesus, purify me, born in sin.  
Jesus, teach me who am worthless.  
Jesus, illumine my darkness.  
Jesus, cleanse me, the unclean.  
Jesus, rouse me who am dissolute.  
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me.

### **KONTAKION 4**

Peter was sinking with an interior storm of wavering thoughts, but when he saw You walking physically on the waters, he recognized You as the True God, and receiving the hand of salvation, he said, Alleluia!

### **ICOS 4**

O Lord, the blind man heard You passing on the road and cried, "Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me," and You called him and opened his eyes. Illumine the spiritual eyes of my heart with Your mercy that I may cry and say:

Jesus, Creator of those on high.  
Jesus, Redeemer of those below.  
Jesus, destroyer of those far beneath.  
Jesus, Adorner of all things.  
Jesus, comforter of my soul.

Jesus, Illuminator of my mind.  
Jesus, joy of my heart.  
Jesus, health of my body.  
Jesus, my Savior, save me.  
Jesus, my Deliverer, deliver me from all pain.  
Jesus, my Savior, save me, the unworthy one.  
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me.

## **KONTAKION 5**

In ages past, You redeemed us from the blasphemy of the law by the blood which flowed from Your body, O Jesus; so now rescue us from the chains with which the serpent has ensnared us through bodily passions, lustful impulses, and evil slothfulness, as we cry to you, Alleluia!

## **ICOS 5**

Seeing in human form Him Who created man with his hand, the Hebrew children recognized Him as the Master, and sought to please Him with branches, crying Hosanna! But, we bring You a song, calling:

Jesus, True God.  
Jesus, son of David.  
Jesus, Most Glorious King.  
Jesus, innocent Lamb.  
Jesus, Most radiant Shepherd.  
Jesus, Most radiant infancy.  
Jesus, guide of my youth.  
Jesus, praise of my old age.  
Jesus, hope at my death.  
Jesus, my life after death.  
Jesus, my stillness at Your judgment.  
Jesus, my desire, do not then be ashamed of me.  
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me.

## **KONTAKION 6**

You fulfilled the words and teachings of God's Prophets, O Jesus, for You revealed Yourself upon earth and live among men. You Who are unapproachable erased our pains and thus, being healed through Your wounds, we learn to sing, Alleluia!

## **ICOS 6**

The light of Your truth rose upon the world and banished the diabolic deception, O Our Savior; the idols fell, unable to endure Your strength. While gaining salvation, we cry to You:

Jesus, the Truth, destroying fraud.

Jesus, Light, higher than all lights.

Jesus, fortified King of all the world.

Jesus, God, unsurpassed in mercy.

Jesus, Bread of Life, fill me who am hungry.

Jesus, Fount of Wisdom, quench me who thirst.

Jesus, robe of joy, clothe my wantonness.

Jesus, veil to those who ask, give me tears of repentance.

Jesus, finder of those who knock, open my miserable heart.

Jesus, sinners' redemption, purify me of my sins.

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me.

## **KONTAKION 7**

O Jesus, You were brought to the slaughter as a Lamb, and were voiceless as a sheep before the shears, in Your wish to reveal the hidden secrets of the ages. As God, You Rose from the tomb and ascended to heaven in glory, raising us who cry to You, Alleluia.



## **ICOS 7**

The Creator has shown us a great wonder, for He took flesh from a seedless virgin, Rose from the tomb without breaking the seals, and entered bodily through closed doors to His Apostles. We, therefore, marvel and with faith we sing:

Jesus, incomprehensible word.  
Jesus, unseen word.  
Jesus, untouchable power.  
Jesus, inconceivable Wisdom.  
Jesus, unportrayable Deity.  
Jesus, boundless dominion.  
Jesus, invincible Kingdom.  
Jesus, Eternal Master.  
Jesus, Supreme strength.  
Jesus, Infinite power.  
Jesus, my Creator, pity me.  
Jesus, my Savior, save me.  
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me.

## **KONTAKION 8**

Seeing the Incarnate God, let us estrange ourselves from the useless world and raise our minds to the Divine, that He will raise us to heaven, as we cry to Him, Alleluia!

## **ICOS 8**

When You willingly suffered for us, You remained both entirely below and on high, while maintaining one single unity. Through Your death, You destroyed our death, and by Your Resurrection, You bestowed life upon those who sing:

Jesus, joy of the heart.  
Jesus, strength of the body.  
Jesus, Light of the soul.  
Jesus, delight of the conscience.

Jesus, alertness of the mind.  
Jesus, sure hope.  
Jesus, memory eternal.  
Jesus, highest in the heavens.  
Jesus, exalted glory.  
Jesus, my desire, do not leave me.  
Jesus, my Shepherd, search for me.  
Jesus, my Savior, save me.  
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me.

## **KONTAKION 9**

O Jesus, all the Angelic nature in heaven praise Your Most Holy Name without ceasing, crying, "Holy, Holy, Holy" while we sinners below, with earthly lips, sing: Alleluia!

## **ICOS 9**

We see most eloquent orators as speechless as fish, regarding You, O Jesus, my Savior. It surpasses their power to speak of how You are both unchangeable God and complete man; while we marvel at this mystery, and cry to You with faith:

Jesus, Eternal God.  
Jesus, King of kings.  
Jesus, Lord of lords.  
Jesus, Judge of the living and the dead.  
Jesus, hope of the hopeless.  
Jesus, comforter of those who mourn.  
Jesus, glory of the poor.  
Jesus, do not judge me by my deeds.  
Jesus, cleanse me by Your great mercy.  
Jesus, banish my despondency.  
Jesus, enlighten the hidden thoughts of my heart.  
Jesus, grant me remembrance of death,  
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me.

## **KONTAKION 10**

You came to our fading and darkened nature, O Dawn of dawns, and humbled Yourself to death in Your desire to save the world; therefore, Your Name is Glorified above all names, and from all heavenly and earthly inheritance, Your hear: Alleluia!

## **ICOS 10**

O Eternal King, True Comforter, Christ, as You cleanse the ten lepers and healed the soul of that love of money, Zachaeus the Publican, so also cleanse us of all defilement that we may sing to You in humility, saying:

Jesus, incorruptible treasure.

Jesus, unfailing wealth.

Jesus, strong food.

Jesus, inexhaustible drink.

Jesus, garment of the poor.

Jesus, Defender of widows.

Jesus, Shelter of the needy.

Jesus, Helper of the weary.

Jesus, Guide of pilgrims.

Jesus, Pilot of those who sail the sea.

Jesus, serenity of the distressed.

Jesus, God, raise me, the fallen one.

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me.

## **KONTAKION 11**

I, the unworthy one, bring a most humble song, and cry to You as did the woman of Cana, "Jesus, have mercy on me". I have no daughter, but my flesh, which is cruelly possessed by sin and becoming with rage; so heal me, who cry to You: Alleluia!

## **ICOS 11**

O Light which enlightens those in darkness of ignorance; Paul, who previously had persecuted You, experienced the voice of the power of the Divine wisdom. He then understood the swiftness of the soul's conversion. So, enlighten the darkness of my soul, for me, who cry to You:

Jesus, my Most powerful King.  
Jesus, my Almighty God.  
Jesus, my Immortal Lord.  
Jesus, my Most exalted Creator.  
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Jesus, heal my body, wounded by sins.  
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Jesus, my cleanser of my mind from vile thoughts.  
Jesus, my Keeper of my heart from evil desire.  
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me.

## **KONTAKION 12**

Grant me Your grace, O Jesus, absolver of all debts. Accept me who repent as You received Peter who abandoned You. Summon me from despondency as in ages past when You called Paul who persecuted You, and thus hear me who cry to You: Alleluia!

## **ICOS 12**

We exalt You, praising Your Incarnation and, as Thomas, we believe that You are the Lord and God, seated with the Father, Who will come to judge the living and the dead. On that day, grant me, the unworthy one, to stand at Your right, as I sing:

Jesus, Eternal King, have mercy on me.  
Jesus, fragrant flower, make me fragrant.

Jesus, beloved warmth, make me warm.  
Jesus, Eternal shelter, shield me.  
Jesus, radiant garment, cover me.  
Jesus, Honorable pearl, illumine me.  
Jesus, precious jewel, shine upon me.  
Jesus, Sun of Righteousness, illumine me.  
Jesus, Holy Light, beam on me.  
Jesus, Savior, save me from spiritual and bodily torments.  
Jesus, Deliverer, deliver me from the bonds of the Adversary.  
Jesus, Savior, save me from the unquenchable fire and other eternal torments.  
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me.

### **KONTAKION 13**

O Sweetest and long suffering Jesus, now receive this, our prayer, as You received the widow's mite. Preserve Your heritage from all visible and invisible enemies: from foreign invasion, helplessness, hunger, falseness, and mortal wounds. Deliver from future torments all who call to You: Alleluia!

### **ICOS 13**

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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, Kylie Pinho, 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 Witanek

**Child of God:** Emily Estrin

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