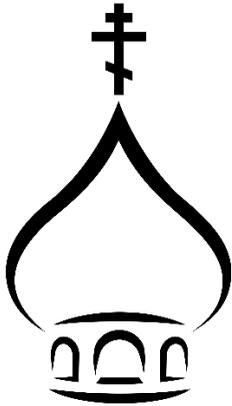


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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

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!

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

Tone 4 *Idiomela* (by Cosmas the Monk)

Before Thy Crucifixion, O Lord, the mountain became as heaven, and like a tabernacle the cloud spread itself out, when Thou wast transfigured, and the Father bore witness to Thee. Peter was present with James and John, since they were to be with Thee at the time of Thy betrayal, that, having seen Thy wondrous works, they might not be afraid of Thy sufferings. Grant us to venerate Thy sufferings in peace, through Thy mercy!

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

(Repeat: "Before Thy Crucifixion, O Lord, the mountain...")

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

Before Thy Crucifixion, O Lord, Thou didst take Thy Disciples to a high mountain and wast transfigured before them, illumining them with bright rays of Thy pow'r. From love of man and in Thy sovereign might, it was Thy desire to show them the splendor of Thy Resurrection. In peace count us also worthy of this splendor, O God, in Thy mercy and Thy love for mankind!

(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: "Before Thy Crucifixion, O Lord, Thou didst take...")

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

The mountain that once was veiled in gloom and smoke, is now holy and revered, since Thy feet, O Lord, have stood upon it. For by Thy dread Transfiguration, the mystery hidden before the ages has been made manifest in the last times to Peter, James, and John. Unable to endure the shining of Thy face and the brilliance of Thy garments, they fell to the ground upon their faces. Seized with wonder and amazement, they saw Moses and Elijah talking with Thee about the things that would befall Thee; and a voice came in testimony from the Father saying: "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him!" It is He Who grants the world great mercy!

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

(Repeat: "The mountain that once was veiled...")

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

When Thou wast transfigured upon a high mountain, O Savior, having with Thee the chief Disciples, Thou didst shine forth in glorious majesty, proving that those who excel in the height of their virtues shall be made worthy of divine glory. Moses and Elijah, talking with Christ, showed that He is Lord of both the living and the dead, the God Who spoke of old through the Law and the Prophets. The voice of the Father testified to Him from the cloud of light, saying: "Listen to Him, Who through the Cross has despoiled hell and has given the dead eternal life!"

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

(Repeat: "When Thou wast transfigured...")

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

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!

Aposticha

Tone 1 *Idiomela*

He Who of old spoke through symbols to Moses on Mount Sinai saying: "I am He Who is," was transfigured today upon Mount Tabor before the Disciples. In His own person He showed them the nature of man arrayed in the original beauty of the Image. Calling Moses and Elijah to be witnesses of this surpassing grace, He made them partakers of the gladness, foretelling His death on the Cross and His saving Resurrection.

The heavens art Thine, the earth also is Thine; the world and all that is in it, Thou hast founded them! (Ps 88/89:11)

David, the ancestor of God, foresaw in the Spirit the sojourn with men of the only-begotten Son in the flesh, and from afar, called the creation together to rejoice with him, prophetically lifting up his voice to cry: "Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in Thy name!" For Thou didst go up to this mountain with Thy Disciples and wast transfigured, O Christ, making the image that had grown dark in Adam to shine once again like lightning, and transforming it into the glory and splendor of Thine own Divinity. Therefore we cry aloud to Thee: "O Lord and Creator of all things, glory to Thee!"

Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in Thy name! (Ps 88/89:12)

When the chosen Apostles beheld upon the mountain of the Transfiguration the overwhelming flood of Thy light, O Christ who hast no beginning, and Thine unapproachable Divinity, they were caught up in a divine trance. The cloud of light shone around them on every side, and they heard the voice of the Father confirming the mystery of Thine incarnation, that even after taking flesh, Thou remainest the only-begotten Son and the Savior of the world!

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

Tone 6

Today on Mount Tabor, O Lord, Thou hast shown the glory of Thy divine form to Thy chosen Disciples, Peter, James and John. For they looked upon Thy garments that gleamed like the light and at Thy face that shone more than the sun. Unable to endure the vision of Thy brightness that none can bear, they fell to the earth, powerless to gaze at the sight, for they heard a voice that bore witness from above: "This is My beloved Son Who has come into the world to save mankind!"

Troparion

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos! O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

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.