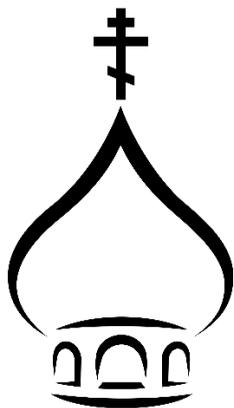


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**Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:**

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 8) 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 8**      *(for the Resurrection)*

We offer to Thee, O Christ, our evening song and reasonable service, for Thou didst will to have mercy on us by Thy Resurrection.

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

Lord, Lord, do not cast us away from Thy face! For Thou didst will to have mercy on us by Thy Resurrection.

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

Rejoice, O holy Zion: Mother of the churches, the abode of God, for thou wast the first to receive remission of sins by the Resurrection.

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

**Tone 2**      *(for the Feast)*      *(Joseph of Arimathea)*

Come, let us faithfully celebrate the divine Transfiguration of Christ; let us be uplifted to the summit of the virtue of Christ's Disciples, that with them, being

taught by the manifestation of the wonderful mysteries, we may glorify the Lord and Savior!

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

Rejoice and exult with reverence, O honorable Church, as we celebrate this precious and most radiant feast; for the Master of all now transforms the disfigurement of man, shining with a brilliance of ineffable glory, and radiantly emitting a brightness more dazzling than the sun in splendor!

*(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.*

The God of all, the Son and Creator, out of His ineffable compassion accepts the form of a servant, and now saves it from its former darkness. Illuminating it with His face, He uncovers the brilliance of His Godhead; because of this, the terrified Disciples fell with their faces pressed to the ground and worshipped the Master of all.

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

**Tone 6**      *(for St. Herman)*      *(Having placed all their hope)*

Rejoice, O Valaam, God's dwelling, for thou hast raised up a wondrous struggler of Christ, who, like a candle upon a candle-stand, hath shone upon the islands of Alaska, a land new and unknown, and hath brought unbelieving people to the right faith; with them, then, let us glorify God, wondrous in His saints!

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

Placing all thy hope in a kingdom to come, thou didst become a stranger to this fleeting world. Passing through Siberian tundras and forests, across rapid rivers and the great ocean, dread and cold, thou wast never separated from the love

of God and His saints. For in all things thy Strength was Christ: now pray to Him for our souls.

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

Placing all thy trust in a Light seen by no mortal eye, thou didst tread boldly in the dark places of the world. Enduring the schemes of the powerful and the impiety of the weak, their pagan beliefs and backsliding, thou wast ever guided by the Light toward Whom thou didst strive. For in all things thy Eye was Christ: now pray to Him for our souls.

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

Placing all thy faith in the promise of God, thou didst go out into the desert wilderness to wander. Threatened by bears and sea monsters, firearms and axes, betrayers and false brethren, thou didst walk not by sight but by faith in the One Who went before thee in thy heart as a pillar of fire and cloud. For in all things thy Salvation was Christ: now pray to Him for our souls.

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

**Tone 6**      *Idiomelon*      *(for St. Herman)*

Following the example of the Trophy-bearer George, whose name thou didst share while in the world, thou didst resign thy post in the army of an earthly czar in order to don the uniform of heaven's ranks, receiving a new name, by which we now call on thee, O Herman! At one time serving as a clerk for a temporal host, thou wast enrolled in the book of eternal life. For thou wast consumed with a zeal like Elijah's, driving thee to the wilderness of Sarov and Valaam, and by this same zeal thou wast cast onto the shores of a foreign land. Even there in America thou didst sing the Lord's song together with the angels, keeping always before the eyes of thy heart the secret light of the King of glory.

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

**Tone 8**      *(Theotokion - Dogmatikon)*

The King of heaven, because of His love for man, appeared on earth and dwelt with men. He took flesh from the pure Virgin and after assuming it, He came forth from her. The Son is one: in two natures, yet one Person. Proclaiming Him as perfect God and perfect Man, we confess Christ our God! Entreat Him, O unwedded Mother, to have mercy on our souls.

**Aposticha**

**Tone 8**      *(for the Resurrection)*

Descending from heaven to ascend the Cross, the eternal Life has come for death to raise those who are fallen; to enlighten those in darkness. O Jesus, our Savior and illuminator, glory to Thee!

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

We glorify Christ, who rose from the dead. He accepted the human body and soul, and freed both from suffering. His most pure soul descended to hell, which He spoiled. His holy body did not see corruption in the tomb. He is the Redeemer of our souls.

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

In psalms and songs we glorify Thy Resurrection from the dead, O Christ. By it, Thou hast freed us from the tortures of hell and as God hast granted eternal life and great mercy.

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

O Master of all, incomprehensible Creator of heaven and earth, by Thy suffering on the Cross Thou hast gained passionlessness for me. Accepting burial and arising in glory, Thou didst resurrect Adam with Thyself by Thine almighty hand. Glory to Thy rising on the third day! By it Thou hast granted us eternal life and cleansing of sins as the only compassionate One.

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

**Tone 6**      *Idiomelon*      (for St. Herman)

On Kodiak Island, O Herman, thy glorification has been shown to us as a father's gift to his children in the Spirit. As from the face of Moses, the giver of the Law, the veil has been lifted, and the glory thou didst behold in thy closet is now broadcast to the ends of land and sea. May God lead us by thy light, O hermit, through the dark places of the desert of this earth, powerless though we be to gaze upon the fullness of that brightness. Walking with thee in Christ's law of love, may we behold at sojourn's end the Pascha of the exalted Cross, bathed in the Resurrection's light: the Cross thou hast planted firmly in America, the Cross which the Son of God has ascended to save the world.

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

**Tone 6**      (for the Feast)

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!"

**Troparia**

**Tone 8**      **Troparion**      (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

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

**Tone 7**      **Troparion**      (St. Herman)

O joyful North Star of the Church of Christ, guiding all men to the Heavenly Kingdom, teacher and apostle of the True Faith, intercessor and defender of the oppressed, adornment of the Orthodox Church in America: Blessed Father Herman of Alaska, pray to our Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of our souls!

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

**Tone 7      Troparion    (Feast)**

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!

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 Witanek

**Child of God:** Emily Estrin

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