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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 3) 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 3 *(for the Resurrection)*

By Thy Cross, O Christ our Savior, death's dominion has been shattered; the devil's delusion destroyed. The race of man, being saved by faith, always offers Thee a song.

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

All has been enlightened by Thy Resurrection, O Lord. Paradise has been opened again. All creation, praising Thee, always offers Thee a song.

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

I glorify the power of the Father and the Son. I praise the authority of the Holy Spirit: the undivided, uncreated Godhead, the consubstantial Trinity which reigns forever.

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

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

We bow down in worship before Thy precious Cross, O Christ, and we glorify and praise Thy Resurrection, for by Thy wounds we have all been healed.

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

Tone 4 *(for the Forerunner)* *(Called from on high)*

Thou art the divine mediator between the Old and New Testaments, O Prophet and Forerunner, an angel in the flesh, the denouncer of lawlessness, offspring of a barren womb, a mouth breathing fire. Thou didst rebuke Herod who committed iniquity. Not accepting thy rebuke, he commanded that thy head be cut off. And thou, being the food of abstinence, wast brought in as a divine delight upon a platter, ever denouncing the adulterous one.

(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.

Incited by her lawless mother, the depraved daughter asked for thine all-glorious head, honored by the angels, for she was unable to endure thy denunciation. Therefore, bearing it on a platter and dancing as she carried it, she turned the revelry of those at the banquet into lamentation. But as thou dost ever expose the abomination of debauchery, O blessed one, intercede with Christ that He may save our souls!

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

Made foolish by drunkenness, Herod was tricked by the words of a woman who seduced him by dancing. In fulfillment of his unrighteous oath, he caused thy murder, O righteous and glorious Prophet. But thy death clearly revealed immortality to those who had died before, for thou becamest a preacher and herald for those in hell, proclaiming the saving coming of Christ our God! Entreat Him to save and enlighten our souls!

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

Tone 1 *(for SS. Alexander, John, and Paul)* *(O all-praised martyrs)*

O most blessed Alexander, thou wast a shepherd of the Church; a champion of Orthodoxy who wisely cast down the heresy of Arius. Thou didst pray with supplications, O all-wise and glorious one, that his wickedness be cast out of the Church. Therefore, together we honor thee.

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

O honorable John, thou didst disdain the corruption of the flesh, and in thine abstinence and faith, vigilance and confession, thou wast found to be an earthly angel and heavenly man. Entreat Christ that He grant our souls great mercy!

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

Thou didst truly submit to the divine teachings of the Apostle Paul, and wast carried up to the third heaven by the height of thy virtues, O glorious one, where thou didst hear the ineffable and divine words of the Spirit. O blessed Paul, unshakable foundation of the Orthodox, by thy prayers, may the Savior be merciful to us!

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

Tone 6 *(for the Forerunner)*

Again Herodias raves with raging lust. Oh, dance of deceit and feast of murder! The Baptist is beheaded, and Herod is troubled. Through the prayers of Thy Forerunner, O Lord, grant peace to our souls!

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

Tone 3 *(Theotokion - Dogmatikon)*

How can we not wonder at thy mystical childbearing, O exalted Mother? For without receiving the touch of man, thou gavest birth to a Son in the flesh, O immaculate Virgin. The Son born of the Father before eternity was born of thee at the fullness of time, O honored Lady. He underwent no mingling, no change,

no division, but preserved the fullness of each nature. Entreat Him, O Lady and Virgin and Mother, to save the souls of those who, in the Orthodox manner, confess thee to be the Theotokos.

Aposticha

Tone 3 *(for the Resurrection)*

The sun was darkened by Thy Passion, O Christ, but all creation was enlightened by the light of Thy Resurrection. Accept our evening song, O Lover of man!

The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

Thy life-bearing Resurrection, O Lord, enlightened the whole universe, recalling Thy creation. Delivered from Adam's curse, we sing: O Almighty Lord, glory to Thee!

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

Thou art the changeless God, Who, suffering in the flesh, wast changed. Creation could not endure seeing Thee on the Cross. It was filled with fear while praising Thy patience. By descending to hell and rising on the third day, Thou hast granted to the world life and great mercy.

Holiness befitteth Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

Thou didst endure death, O Christ, to deliver race of men from death. Thou didst rise from the dead on the third day, raising with thyself those who knew Thee as God and enlightening the world. Glory to Thee!

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

Tone 4 *(for the Forerunner)*

Herod's birthday celebration was a lawless and shameful feast, for, spellbound by feminine licentiousness and stricken with madness by a woman's wantonness, he cut off the head of the Forerunner; but he did not cut out the

Prophet's tongue, which had denounced his foolishness. Spilling innocent blood, he wished to conceal a lawless sin; but he could not stop the voice of one who called all to repentance. He joined in taking delight in murder, but let us join in celebrating with love the blessed slaying of John the Baptist; for he was in hell in anticipation to proclaim to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death the Life, the Dayspring from on high, Christ our God, Who alone is rich in mercy.

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 3 **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

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

Tone 2 **Troparion** *(Forerunner)*

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown in truth to be the most honorable of the Prophets, for thou wast deemed worthy to baptize in the steams of the Jordan Him Whom they foretold. Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy, thou didst proclaim to those in hell God Who appeared in the flesh, Who takes away the sin of the world, and grants us great mercy.

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

Tone 2 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

All beyond thought, all most glorious, are thy mysteries, O Theotokos. Sealed in purity, preserved in virginity, thou wast revealed to be the true Mother who gavest birth to the True God. Entreat Him to save our souls.

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

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