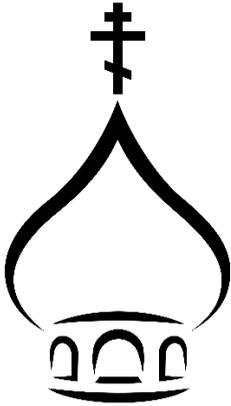


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**Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:**

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!*

*(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)*

The Word of God the Father, begotten before the ages, in the latter times willed to be incarnate of the Virgin and endured crucifixion unto death. He has saved mortal man by His Resurrection.

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

We glorify Thee, O Lord for Thou didst voluntarily endure the Cross for our sake. We fall down in worship before Thee, O almighty Savior. Do not cast us away from Thy face but hear us and save us, O Lover of man, by Thy Resurrection!

*(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.*

Glory to Thee, O Savior Christ, Only-begotten Son of God, who wast nailed to the Cross and resurrected from the tomb on the third day!

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

We glorify Thy Resurrection from the dead, O Christ, by which Thou hast freed Adam's race from the tortures of hell, and as God hast granted to the world eternal life and 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.*

**Tone 4**      *(for Hieromartyr Hierotheus)*      *(Thou hast given a sign)*

Having received the grace of the Holy Spirit, thou didst pass through all the world, O most glorious Hierotheus, teaching all to honor the Unity in three hypostases: the Father without beginning, the Source of the Godhead, and with Him the Son Who is co-enthroned and consubstantial with the Father, Who was born of a Virgin as a man endowed with flesh.

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

Thou didst offer thy soul as a well-pleasing and divinely-sanctified gift, and didst deliver thy body as a divine and sacred offering, which also sanctifies the souls of those who believe in Almighty God, and pours out salvation to the faithful.

For this reason we bless thy memory and thy burial, and we love thy miracles and proclaim thy teachings.

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

Thou didst behold the twelve Apostles at the most glorious dormition of the Ever-virgin, the most pure Theotokos, the Mother of the Lord, and with thee was Dionysius, who described the divine hierarchies. With them we the faithful bless thine all-festive and most holy commemoration, O glorious Hierotheus.

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

**Tone 2**      *(for Hieromartyr Hierotheus)*

When thou wast present at the Mother of God's divine dormition, O blessed herald of God, thou didst gladden the hearts of the faithful by thy divine accounts. Delighting the assembly of the Apostles who preached God, thou didst sing with divine ecstasy of the mysteries of God. Therefore, as thou hast acquired boldness towards Christ, pray on behalf of our souls, O hierarch Hierotheus!

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

**Tone 8**      *(Theotokion)*

O unwedded Virgin, who ineffably didst conceive God in the flesh, O Mother of God most high, accept the cries of thy servants, O blameless one! Grant cleansing of transgressions to all! Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!

**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 1      Troparion    (*Hieromartyr Hierotheus*)**

We the faithful all praise Hierótheus, the disciple of Paul, Hierarch of ^Athens, the world's teacher and a preacher of the Faith, who revealed to us Christ's Mysteries and poured forth streams of godly doctrine. His life was well-pleasing to God, Who is greatly merciful.

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

**Tone 1      Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

When Gabriel announced to thee, O Virgin, saying "Rejoice!" with that word the Master of all was incarnate in thee, the holy Ark, spoken of by the righteous David! Thy womb became more spacious than the heavens, for thou didst carry thy Creator. Glory to Him Who took abode in thee! Glory to Him Who came forth from thee! Glory to Him Who freed us by being born of 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:**

### **Metropolitan Theodosios**

**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, Helen Cotirgasanu, Roberta Cusick, Val Danchenko, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, Patricia G. Fu, David Gowarty, Patricia Grammes, Walter Grigoruk, Rachel Hardesty, Nicholas Hazzard, Jonathan Hontz, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Pauline Kasick, 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 Witaneck

**Child of God:** Emily Estrin

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