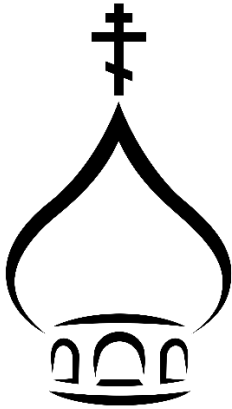


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**Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:**

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 1) 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 1**      *(for the Resurrection)*

Accept our evening prayers, O holy Lord! Grant us remission of sins, for Thou alone hast manifested the Resurrection to the world.

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

Encircle Zion and surround her, O people! Give glory in her to the One Who rose from the dead! For He is our God, Who has delivered us from our transgressions!

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

Come, O people, let us hymn and fall down before Christ, glorifying His Resurrection from the dead! For He is our God, Who has delivered the world from the Enemy's deceit!

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

*(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)*

Be glad, O heavens! Sound trumpets, O foundations of the earth! Sing in gladness, O mountains! Behold Emmanuel has nailed our sins to the Cross! Granting life, He has slain death. He has resurrected Adam as the Lover of man.

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

**Tone 6**      *(for the Fathers)*      *(Despairing for her life)*

The seven honorable councils of the Fathers, held at various times, were brought together under one canon in good order by Patriarch Germanus the New. He established and recorded their teachings; he also presented these Fathers to the Lord as watchful intercessors for our salvation, and as fellow-shepherds of the fold.

*(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: "The seven honorable councils...")

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

The book of the Law instructed the sons of Israel that the seventh day was to be honored, and they devoted themselves to a shadow and revered it. But, O Fathers, who came together in the Seventh Council, at the behest of God, Who fashioned the universe in six days and blessed the seventh day, you have made the seventh more honorable by laying down a definition of the Faith.

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

You have enabled all men, O thrice-blessed Fathers, to come to the knowledge of the Trinity as the Cause of the world's generation; for by your mystical reasoning you established three and four Councils, and you appeared as champions of Orthodoxy, for you showed that, while there are four elements, it is the Trinity Who created them and made the world.

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

It would have been enough for Elisha the Prophet to have bent down only once to give life to the dead son of the woman; but he knelt and bent seven times. And in his foresight he prophesied your gathering, by which you breathed life into the slaying of God the Word, by putting to death Arius and his profane companions.

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

In your wisdom, O venerable Fathers, you mended the garment of Christ, rent by howling dogs; for you could not bear looking upon the nakedness of His Body, but as Shem and Japheth of old who hid their father's nakedness, you put to shame that slayer of his father, the wretched Arius, and those who foolishly follow his teachings.

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

**Tone 6**      *(for the Fathers)*

Today let us praise the mystical trumpets of the Spirit, the God-bearing Fathers, who stand in the midst of the Church, singing true theology, praising the changeless Trinity! They laid low the errors of Arius and upheld the Orthodox Faith. They always entreat the Lord to have mercy on our souls.

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

**Tone 1**      *(Theotokion - Dogmatikon)*

Let us praise the Virgin Mary! The gate of heaven, the glory of the world! The song of the angels, the beauty of the faithful! She was born of man, yet gave birth to God! She was revealed as the heaven, as the temple of the Godhead! She destroyed the wall of enmity! She commenced the peace; she opened the Kingdom! Since she is our foundation of faith, our defender is the Lord Whom

she bore! Courage! Courage! O People of God! For Christ will destroy our enemies since He is all powerful.

## **Aposticha**

### **Tone 1**      *(for the Resurrection)*

We have been freed from sufferings by Thy suffering, O Christ. We have been delivered from corruption by Thy Resurrection. O Lord, glory to Thee!

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

Let creation rejoice! Let the heavens be glad! Let the nations clap their hands with gladness, for Christ our Savior has nailed our sins to the Cross. Slaying death, He has given life. He has resurrected fallen Adam as the Lover of man.

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

As King of heaven and earth, Thou wast voluntarily crucified in Thy love for man. Hell was angered when it met Thee below. Adam rose seeing Thee, the Creator, under the earth. O wonder! How has the Life of all tasted death? Thou didst enlighten the world which cries: O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee!

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

The myrrhbearing women came with haste to Thy tomb, bearing myrrh and lamenting. Not finding Thy most pure body, they learned from the angel of the new and glorious wonder. They told the Apostles: "The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy."

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

### **Tone 4**      *(for the Fathers)*

Today we, the Orthodox, celebrate the annual memory of the God-bearing Fathers who assembled in Nicea. They laid low the godless doctrines of Arius,

driving him from the unity of the Catholic Church, and teaching us how to confess the consubstantial and co-eternal Son of God. They expressed this clearly in the Symbol of Faith, and we follow their divine doctrines, believing in and serving the Son with the Father and the all-Holy Spirit, the consubstantial Trinity and one Divinity.

*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 1**      **Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind!"

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

**Tone 8**      **Troparion**      *(Fathers)*

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith.// O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

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

## **Tone 8      Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

For our sake Thou wast born of the Virgin and didst endure crucifixion, O Good One, destroying death by death. Revealing the Resurrection as God, do not despise the work of Thy hand! Reveal Thy love for man, O Merciful One, and accept the Theotokos praying for us, and save the despairing people, O our Savior!



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 Herman**

**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.**