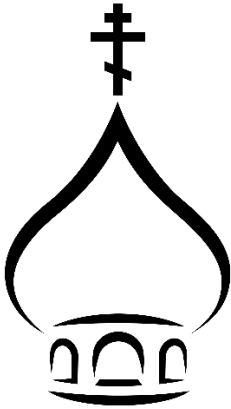


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**Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:**

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 2) 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 2**      *(for the Resurrection)*

Come, let us worship the Word of God begotten of the Father before all ages, and incarnate of the Virgin Mary! Having endured the Cross, He was buried as He Himself desired. And having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.

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

Christ our Savior nailed to the Cross the bond against us, He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death. We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.

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

With the Archangels let us praise the Resurrection of Christ! He is our Savior, our Redeemer. He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power to judge the world which He made.

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

*(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)*

The Angel proclaimed Thee, the crucified and buried Master. He told the women: "Come, see the place where He lay! He is risen as He said, for He is

almighty." We worship Thee, O only immortal One. Have mercy on us, O Christ, the Giver of life!

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

**Tone 8**      *(for St. Luke)*      *(What shall we call thee)*

What shall we call thee, O Apostle? Heaven, for thou hast made an account of the glory of God for us? Lightning, for thou hast illumined the world with radiance? A cloud, for thou rainest down in a torrent the knowledge of God? A chalice pouring the rich wine of wisdom to gladden our hearts? Pray to the Lord that He may save our souls!

*(5) For Thy Name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

How shall we address thee, O chosen of God? Golden ark of the covenant that Christ laid down? River flowing forth to us from Paradise? Beacon made radiant by spiritual light? Lamp that enlightens the Church? Bread of life, divine table, cup of spiritual drink? Pray to the Lord that He may save our souls!

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

What shall we call thee, O God-inspired speaker? A faithful steward of the mysteries of Christ? A servant of the divine tent not made with human hands, perfected in the fullness of time by the Builder of wisdom? He entrusted to thee the new Law of grace, inscribed in Zion on tablets hewn from the rock of love. O faithful witness, pray to Him that our souls may be saved!

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

What shall we call thee, O glorious one? Treasury of heavenly gifts? Steadfast physician of our souls and bodies? Fellow-laborer of Paul and his companion in travel and hardship, who set down the Acts of the Apostles? O Luke, thine

exceeding goodness has won thee many names. Pray to the Lord that He may save our souls!

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

How shall I address thee, O divinely-speaking one, for thou didst bring us the good tidings of Christ? Doctor, for thou dost cure the passions of souls? Candlestick shining with a light of the intellect? Base and foundation of the Faith, for thou didst write down for us the most sacred Gospel? Pray that our souls may be saved!

*(1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

What shall I now call thee, O wondrous one? Trustworthy witness of the teachings of wisdom? Able recorder of the Apostles' teaching? Unshakeable pillar of piety? Indestructible rampart of the Church? Many are thy strengths, and greater in number are thy spiritual gifts. Pray that our souls may be saved!

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

**Tone 6**            *(for St. Luke)*            *(by Anatolius)*

O Apostle of Christ, compiler of divine dogmas and foundation of the Church, thou wast the attendant and imitator of Paul, the chosen vessel. By wisdom thou hast rescued us from the turmoil of ignorance, for our hearts were in the depths of destruction. Therefore we beseech thee: "Most admirable Luke, thou pride of Antioch, pray to our Savior and God for those who celebrate thy most honorable memory in faith!"

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

**Tone 2**            *(Theotokion - Dogmatikon)*

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came; as the Bush burned, yet was not consumed, so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin. The Righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame. Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

## **Aposticha**

### **Tone 2**      *(for the Resurrection)*

Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior, has enlightened the whole universe, recalling Thy creation. Glory to Thee, O almighty Lord!

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

By the Tree Thou didst destroy the curse of the Tree, O Savior. By Thy burial Thou didst mortify the majesty of death. Thou hast enlightened our race by Thy Resurrection. O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

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

When Thou wast seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ, Thou didst restore the beauty of Thy creatures. The soldiers showed their inhumanity when they pierced Thy side with a spear. The Hebrews, not knowing Thy power, asked that Thy tomb might be sealed, but through the mercy of Thy compassion, Thou didst accept the tomb and didst rise on the third day! O Lord, glory to Thee!

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

O Christ, the Giver of life, for the sake of the dead Thou didst voluntarily endure death, descending into hell as the Mighty One to save those who awaited Thy coming, granting them the life of paradise instead of hell. Grant also to us who glorify Thy Resurrection on the third day cleansing of our sins and great mercy!

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

### **Tone 6**

All-wise Apostle, faithful laborer of the Savior, witness of the triumph of His Passion, thou hast completed the race, thou hast kept the faith, harvesting the peoples from the darkness of error, offering us as a sweet-smelling oblation to the heavenly King. Now as thou dost stand before the Judge of all, pray that He may rescue us from our sins and deliver us from eternal death, when He comes in glory on the Day of Judgment!

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

**Tone 6**      *(Theotokion)*

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord, was born of thee, O most pure Virgin. By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his ancient curse. Unceasingly we magnify thee as the Mother of God! Rejoice, O celestial Joy! Rejoice, O Lady: the protection, intercession and salvation of our souls!

**Troparia**

**Tone 2**      **Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

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

**Tone 5**      **Troparion**      *(St. Luke)*

Let us praise with sacred songs the holy Apostle Luke, the recorder of the joyous Gospel of Christ and the scribe of the Acts of the Apostles; for his writings are a testimony of the Church of Christ. He is the physician of human weaknesses and infirmities. He heals the wounds of our souls, and constantly intercedes for our salvation.

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

**Tone 5**      **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

Rejoice, Impassable Gate of the Lord! Rejoice, Wall and Protection of those who run to thee! Rejoice, Unshakable Refuge! Rejoice, thou who knewest not wedlock, who gavest birth in the flesh to thy Creator and God! Do not cease praying for those who praise and worship thy Son!

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.**