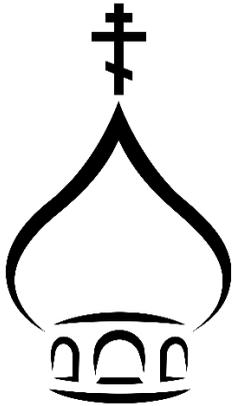


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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

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, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

We praise the Savior incarnate of the Virgin, for He was crucified for our sake and resurrected on the third day, granting us great mercy.

(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.

Christ descended to hell proclaiming the glad tidings: "Behold! Now I have triumphed! I am the Resurrection, I will lead you out, for I have shattered the gates of death!"

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

Standing unworthily in Thy most pure house, O Christ God, we offer our evening song, crying from the depths: Thou Who didst enlighten the world, by Thy Resurrection on the third day, O Lover of man, deliver Thy people from the hand of thine enemies!

(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 Marcian and Martyrius) (As one valiant among the martyrs)*

Having completed the course and kept the Faith, O Marcian and Martyrius, you have been wreathed with a crown of martyrdom. You are unshakable pillars of the Church, breasts flowing with the milk of truth, beacons and shining pearls, who have enlightened creation with the splendor of piety.

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

You were godly twins, sharing a single heart and mind. You destroyed the division of Arius, by teaching all to worship the Son as consubstantial with the

Father, and equally unoriginate with the Spirit: the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity, one Essence in three undivided Persons.

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

You showed yourselves to be followers of the holy preacher Paul, like him in zeal and one with him in mind and heart: you drowned the adversaries with the blood you poured out, drying up the torrent of wicked heresies. O Marcian and Martyrius, revealed as rivers of piety watering the Church of Christ.

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

Tone 1 *(for Marcian and Martyrius, by Germanos)*

You were disciples and followers of the one who preached and confessed the consubstantial Trinity. Persecuted with him, O blessed ones, you preferred death by the sword to blasphemous heresy. Therefore, God has adorned you with crowns of martyrdom, and you have received boldness before Him, pray that those who honor your memory may be delivered from misfortunes!

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 befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

Thou didst endure death, O Christ, to deliver the 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 3 *(for Marcian and Martyrius, by Germanos)*

Marcian and Martyrius conquered heresies with the shield of Faith and enlightened the world with the light of Orthodoxy. They are champions of the Trinity and spiritual beacons of the Church. Obedient to Paul, the equal of the Apostles, they cast down the teachings of Arius and Nestorius, refuting also the confusions of Sabellius and Severus. They theologized about the Unity in Trinity, the God Who was incarnate of the Virgin. The most blessed ones preached to all one Christ in two natures. Now that they have received crowns of victory from heaven, these heralds of God intercede on our behalf for great mercy.

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

Tone 3 *(Theotokion)*

By the will of the Father, without seed, of the Holy Spirit thou didst conceive the Son of God. He was born of the Father before eternity without a mother, but now for our sake He didst come from thee without a father! Do not cease entreating Him to deliver our souls from harm!

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 3 **Troparion** *(Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius)*

In holy zeal you dispelled the error of Arius and proclaimed the Trinity, one in essence. Holy martyrs Marcian and Martyrius, unshaken bulwarks of Orthodoxy, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy!

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

Tone 3 **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

We praise thee as the mediatrix of our salvation, O Virgin Theotokos. For thy Son, our God, Who took flesh from thee, accepted the Passion on the Cross, delivering us from corruption as the Lover of Man.

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

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.