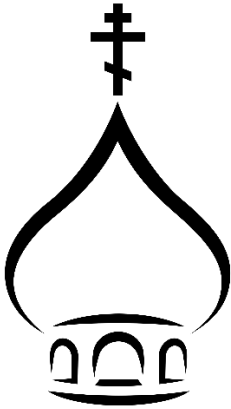


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We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to St. Nicholas Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared 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 6) 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 6**      *(for the Resurrection)*

Possessing victory over hell, O Christ, since Thou art free among the dead, Thou didst ascend the Cross raising with Thyself those who sat in the shades of death. Drawing life from Thy light, O almighty Savior, have mercy on us!

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

Today Christ tramples on death, for He is risen as He said! Let us all sing this song, for He has granted joy to the world: O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life! O Savior Almighty, have mercy on us!

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

Where shall we sinners flee from Thee, Who art in all creation? In heaven Thou dwellest! In hell Thou didst trample on death! In the depths of the sea? Even there is Thy hand, O Master! To Thee we flee, and falling before Thee, we pray: O Thou who didst rise from the dead, have mercy on us!

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

*(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)*

In Thy Cross, we glory, O Christ. We sing and glorify Thy Resurrection. For Thou art our God, and we know no other than Thee.

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

We will always bless the Lord by singing of His Resurrection! for He endured the Cross, trampling down death by death.

*(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.*

Glory to Thy might, O Lord, for Thou didst overthrow the prince of death, by Thy Cross renewing us, granting us life and incorruption.

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

Thy burial destroyed the bonds of hell, O Lord. Thy Resurrection from the dead enlightened the world. O Lord, glory to Thee!

*(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 the Martyrs)      (Thou hast given a sign)*

The most wise Abíbus, the wondrous Samónas, and the glorious Gúrias, the three passion-bearers who have formed a common choir for the faithful, now join our chorus and rejoice with us; for God has granted the souls of the martyrs to perceive spiritually the true nature of what is taking place.

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

You endured pain and unbearable torments, suffering valiantly, O Samónas, Abíbus, and blessed Gúrias, martyrs who are equal in number to the Trinity. And now you enjoy the bliss of the eternal delight of Christ, Who grants you the reward of your labors. Entreat Him fervently that our souls may be saved!

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

Having gone over to the serene harbor, to the quiet life and to the all-tranquil haven, you have exchanged your pains for abiding dispassion, and have received fitting honors from God as a reward from God for your labors, O blessed passion-bearing martyrs.

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

**Tone 2**      *(for the Martyrs)*

Edessa rejoices, for she is enriched with the shrine of the three martyrs, holy Abíbus, Samónas and Gúrias. She cries out, summoning the Christ-loving flock: "Come, all who love the martyrs, be illumined on their splendid memorial! Come and rejoice, all who love the feasts of the Church! Come and behold the heavenly lights who lived on earth! Come and hear what a bitter death the valiant and steadfast saints endured for the sake of everlasting life! As guardians of justice, they saved the virgin who was thrown alive into a grave, bringing to condemnation the pitiless murderer who had reviled them. They pray earnestly to the Holy Trinity that those who celebrate their memory in faith may be delivered from corruption, temptations and all evil."

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

**Tone 6**      *(Theotokion - Dogmatikon)*

Who will not bless thee, O most holy Virgin? Who will not sing of thy most pure childbearing? The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father, but from thee He was ineffably incarnate. God by nature, yet Man for our sake, not two persons, but one known in two natures. Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady, to have mercy on our souls!

**Aposticha**

**Tone 6**      *(for the Resurrection)*

Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior, the Angels in heaven sing! Enable us on earth to glorify Thee in purity of heart!

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

Destroying the gates of hell, breaking the chains of death, Thou didst resurrect the fallen human race as almighty God! O Lord Who didst rise from the dead, glory to thee!

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

Desiring to return us to Paradise, Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb. The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, crying, "Woe to us, O Savior! How dost Thou deign to descend to death? What place can hold Thy life bearing body? Come to us as Thou didst promise! Take away our wailing and tears!" Then the Angel appeared to them: "Stop your lamentations! Go, proclaim to the Apostles: 'The Lord is risen, granting us purification and great mercy!'"

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

Having been crucified as Thou didst will, by Thy burial Thou didst capture death, O Christ, rising on the third day as God in glory, granting the world unending life and great mercy!

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

**Tone 2**      *(for the Martyrs)*

Come, O lovers of the martyrs, let us honor Gúrias, Abíbus, and Samónas with songs of praise, for these warriors of Christ performed wondrous miracles. They did not disdain to honor the oath that had been made to the maiden, but, in answer to her prayers, they saved her life and brought vengeance down upon the lawless Goth. Through their supplications, O Christ our God, save our souls, as Thou art good and the Lover of man!

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

**Tone 2**      *(Theotokion)*

A new miracle surpasses all ancient miracles! Who knows of a Mother who gave birth without a man, who carried in her arms her Creator? This birth is the will of God! Since thou didst carry Him as an infant in thine arms, O most pure one, and since thou dost possess motherly boldness before Him, do not cease praying for us who honor thee, that He may be bountiful and save our souls!

**Troparia**

**Tone 6**      **Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

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

**Tone 5**      **Troparion**      *(Martyrs)*

O Christ our God, Thou hast granted us the miracles of Thy holy martyrs Gúrias, Samónas, and Abíbus, as a stronghold and protection. Through their prayers, strengthen those in authority in ev'ry good deed, for Thou alone art merciful and lovest mankind!

*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**

**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, Irene Witaneck

**Child of God:** Emily Estrin

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