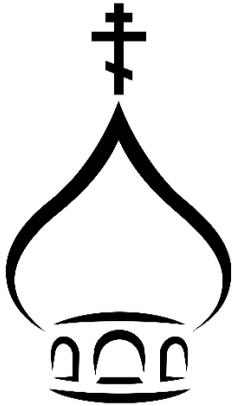


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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

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 7) 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, shouldst 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 I wait 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 Martyr Paramon)* *(Thou hast given a sign)*

Manifestly illumined by the brightness of the Spirit of God, O most blessed Paramon, thou didst despise the total darkness of idolatry. When thy time had come, O most blessed one, thou didst approach the suffering before thee with courageous mind. Revealed as victorious, thou didst cast down the prideful enemy of all mortals, as thou didst magnify Christ. Entreat Him to save and enlighten our souls!

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

Witnessing a great multitude slaughtered for the King and God of all, thou didst burn with divine zeal, O Paramon, crying out: "I am ever a true servant of Christ.

Understand, O evil tyrants, for behold, I was summoned, and now I come to be slain like an innocent lamb. Therefore, do not be deceived: I am forced to become an acceptable sacrifice to Him Who for my sake was freely slain in the flesh."

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

The honored choir of athletes, three hundred seventy in number, with faith cast down the falsehood of the evil-doers' idolatry. Thou also wast crowned with them, having struggled with a courageous mind, O Paramon, and, rejoicing, thou hast joined the choirs of the bodiless hosts. Ever pray with them that we, who honor and bless thee, may be delivered from all sorrow and dangers!

*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 - 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 4 Troparion (*Martyrs*)

Thy holy martyrs Paramon and Philumenus and those with them, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercession, save our souls!

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

Tone 4 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

The mystery of all eternity, unknown even by Angels, through thee, O Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth: God incarnate by union without confusion. He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us, by which He resurrected the first-created man, saving our souls from death.

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

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, Nicolae & Doina Marian, 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 Witanek

Child of God: Emily Estrin

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