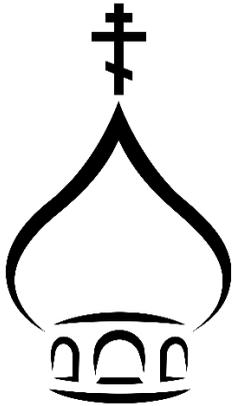


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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

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

Tone 2 *(for St. Nicholas) (Joseph of Arimathea)*

O Nicholas, living in Myra, thou wast anointed with spiritual myrrh, and wast revealed to be truly myrrh, O bishop of Christ. Thou makest fragrant with myrrh those who keep thy memorial with faith and love, freeing them from misery, danger and affliction, by thine intercessions to Christ, O holy Father.

(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.

O Holy Nicholas, the servant of Christ, as a true namesake of victory, thou wast shown to the faithful people to be strong amid temptations and grief. Called from all places, thou art swift to come to those who turn with love to thy protection. Appearing by day and night to the faithful, thou savest them from dangers and temptations.

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

Thou didst appear in a dream to the Emperor Constantine and his counselor Avlavius, speaking to them, and putting them in fear: "Set free at once those thou holdest unjustly bound in prison, for they are not guilty of lawless murder! And if thou listen not to my words, O King, I will beseech the Lord and intercede against thee!"

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

O glorious Nicholas, the holy preacher of Christ, thou art the great and fervent protector of those in danger, those on land and sea, far off or near; for thou art

a most compassionate and mighty intercessor. Therefore, as we assemble, we cry aloud: "Pray to the Lord that we may be delivered from all danger!"

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

Tone 2 *(for St. Nicholas) (With what crowns)*

What crowns of praise shall we weave for the Bishop? Although he lived in Myra, he reaches out in spirit to all who sincerely love him. He is the consolation of all in affliction, the refuge of all in danger, the tower of godliness, the champion of the faithful, for whose sake the greatly merciful Christ has laid low the arrogance of the Enemy.

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

What songs of praise shall we sing to the Bishop? He wrestled against godlessness and was the champion of godliness, a great leader, shield and teacher of the Church, who put all inglorious heresy to shame, the destroyer and fierce opponent of Arius, whose arrogance was overthrown by Christ, Who grants to the world great mercy.

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

Tone 6 *(for St. Nicholas)*

You that love the feasts, let us gather and sing the praises of the fair ornament of bishops, the glory of the Fathers, the fount of wonders and the great protector of the faithful. Let us say: "Rejoice, guardian of the people of Myra, their chief and honored counselor and the pillar that cannot be moved! Rejoice, light filled with brightness! Thou makest the ends of the world shine with wonders. Rejoice, divine delight of the afflicted, the fervent advocate of those who suffer from injustice! And now, all-blessed Nicholas, never cease praying to Christ our God for those who honor the high feast of thy memorial with faith and love!"

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 befits 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 6 (for St. Nicholas, by John the Monk)

O man of God and faithful servant, minister of the Lord and man of desires, chosen vessel, pillar and foundation of the Church, inheritor of the Kingdom, let thy supplication for us to the Lord be unceasing!

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

Tone 6 (for the Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ)

O unwedded Virgin, from whence hast thou come? Who has given thee birth? Who is thy mother? How canst thou carry thy Creator in thy arms? How is thy womb free from corruption? Most holy one, we see great and fearful mysteries upon earth fulfilled in thee; we adorn the cave as a house worthy of thee; we ask the heavens to send us a star, for behold, the Magi proceed from the East to the West, desiring to see the Salvation of mortal men shining in thine arms as a Pillar of Flame.

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 4 Troparion (St. Nicholas)

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of humility and teacher of abstinence. So you won the heights by humility, riches by poverty; O Holy Father Nicholas intercede with Christ our God to 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.