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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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Deacon: Bless, Master!

Priest: Blessed is our God always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. Glory to Thee, O God! Glory to Thee! O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth who art everywhere present and fillest all things. Treasury of Blessings, and Giver of Life. Come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. Lord have mercy. (12) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship God our King!

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God!

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God!

Psalm 4

When I called upon Thee, O God of my righteousness, Thou didst hearken unto me; in mine affliction Thou hast enlarged me. Have compassion on me and hear my prayer. O ye sons of men, how long will ye be slow of heart? Why do ye love vanity, and seek after falsehood? Know also that the Lord hath made wondrous His holy one; the Lord will hearken unto me when I cry unto Him. Be angry, and sin not; feel compunction upon your beds for what ye say in your hearts. Sacrifice a sacrifice of righteousness, and hope in the Lord. Many say: Who will show unto us good things? The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, hath been signed upon us; Thou hast given gladness to my heart. From the fruit of their wheat, wine, and oil are they multiplied. In peace in the same place I shall lay me down and sleep. For Thou, O Lord, alone hast made me to dwell in hope.

Psalm 6

Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger, nor chasten me in Thy wrath. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak. Heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled, and my soul is troubled greatly; but Thou, O Lord, how long? Turn to me again, O Lord, deliver my soul; save me for Thy mercy's sake. For in death there is none that is mindful of Thee, and in hades who will confess Thee? I toiled in my groaning; every night I will wash my bed, with tears will I water my couch. Through wrath is mine eye become troubled, I have grown old among all mine enemies. Depart from me all ye that work vanity, for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping. The Lord hath heard my supplication, the Lord hath received my prayer. Let all mine enemies be greatly put to shame and be troubled, let them be turned back, and speedily be greatly put to shame.

Psalm 12

How long, O Lord, wilt Thou utterly forget me? How long wilt Thou turn Thy face away from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul with grievings in my heart by day and by night? How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me? Look upon me, hear me, O Lord my God; enlighten mine eyes, lest at any time I sleep unto death. Lest at any time mine enemy say: I have prevailed against him. They that afflict me will rejoice if I am shaken; but as for me, I have hoped in Thy mercy. My heart will rejoice in Thy salvation. I will sing unto the Lord, Who is my benefactor, and I will chant unto the name of the Lord Most High.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to Thee, O God. (3)

God is With Us

(The following verses from Isaiah 8:8-10, 12-14, 17-18, 9:2,6)

Priest: God is with us! Understand all ye nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us!

Choir: God is with us! Understand all ye nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us!

Priest: Hear this, all you ends of the earth!

Choir: For God is with us! (repeated as the Priest continues)

Submit yourselves, you mighty ones! Even if your strength returns, you shall be over thrown once more. Take counsel, if you wish, but it will come to nothing. Make your plans, if you wish, but they will come to nothing. We do not fear your threats, nor are we troubled. For the Lord our God is holy, and Him we will fear. If I trust in Him, He will be my sanctification. I will wait for Him. He will save me. Behold, I, and the children whom God has given me, are signs and portents in Israel from the Lord of Hosts. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. To those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, a light is risen.

For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given. And the government shall be upon His shoulder. And of His peace there shall be no end. And His Name shall be called the Angel of Great Counsel. Wonderful. Counselor. Mighty God. Eternal Ruler. Prince of Peace. The Father of the World to Come.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Priest: God is with us! Understand all ye nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us!

Choir: God is with us! Understand all ye nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us!

Reader: The day is over; I thank Thee, O Lord! Grant me to pass this evening and this night without sin, and save me, O Savior!

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

The day is over; I glorify Thee, O Master! Grant me to pass this evening and this night without sin, and save me, O Savior!

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

The day is over; I sing to Thee, O Holy One! Grant me to pass this evening and this night free from temptation, and save me, O Savior!

The bodiless cherubim glorify Thee with never-ending songs! The six-winged seraphim exalt Thee with ceaseless voices! All the hosts of angels honor Thee with thrice-holy hymns. For Thou O Father, art from all eternity, with Thy co-eternal Son, and with the Spirit of life, Who is equal to Thee. Thou has revealed the unity of the Trinity. O Most holy Virgin and Mother of God, O eye-witnesses and servants of the Word, O all choirs of prophets and martyrs, who enjoy eternal life, fervently pray for us all, who are in fearful distress, that we may be delivered from the deceit of the Evil One; so that we may sing the song of the Angels: Holy, holy, holy Thrice-holy Lord, have mercy on us and save us!

Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. the only-begotten, Begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, True God of true God, Begotten, not made, of one Essence with the Father; by whom all things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; and suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures. And ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. In one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Troparion

(Tone 1)

When Thou, O Lord wast Baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest! For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son! And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (12)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim: without defilement thou gavest birth to God the Word, true Theotokos we magnify thee. In the name of the Lord, give the blessing Father!

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

Kontakion

(Tone 4)

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, and Thy light, O Lord, hast shone on us, who with understanding praise Thee: Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, O Light Unapproachable!

Reader: O God the Master, Father Almighty, O Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-Begotten Son, and Thou, O Holy Spirit, one Godhead, one Power, have mercy upon me, a sinner, and according to Thy divine judgments save me, Thine unworthy servant, for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship God our King! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God!

Psalm 69

God, be attentive unto helping me; O Lord, make haste to help me. Let them be shamed and confounded that seek after my soul. Let them be turned back and brought to shame that desire evils against me. Let them be turned back straightway in shame that say unto me: Well done! Well done! Let them be glad and rejoice in Thee all that seek after Thee, O God, and let them that love Thy salvation say continually: The Lord be magnified. But as for me, I am poor and needy; O God, come unto mine aid. My helper and my deliverer art Thou, O Lord; make no long tarrying.

Litiya

He who covers Himself with light as with a garment for our sake saw fit to become like us. Today He covers Himself with the streams of the Jordan. He has no need of their cleansing, but He secures new birth for us. O the wonder! Without fire He re-forges, without breaking He re-forms. He saves those enlightened in Him: Christ God, the Savior of our souls.

Intercessions

Deacon: O God, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Visit Thy world with mercy and bounties, exalt the estate of Orthodox Christians, and send down upon us Thy rich mercy. Through the prayers of our all-pure Lady Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary; By the power of the Precious and Life-creating Cross; by the protection of the honorable bodiless powers of heaven; of the honorable and glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable apostles; Of our fathers among the saints, hierarchs and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom; of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia; Of the holy Methodius and Cyril, Equals to the Apostles and Teachers of the Slavs; of our fathers among the saints, the Wonderworkers of Russia, Peter, Alexis, Jonah, and Philip; of the holy, glorious, and rightvictorious martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing fathers; of all the saints who have shown forth in North America; Innocent of Alaska, Equal to the Apostles and Enlightener of the Aleuts; Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Enlightener of N. America; Raphael of Brooklyn, John of Shanghai and San Francisco, Nikolai of Zicha, and Mardarje of Libertyville who labored in America; of the Holy New-Martyrs of Alaska Priest-monk Juvenaly and his unknown companion; and Peter the Aleut; of the Priest-martyrs John of Chicago, Alexander of New York City, and Basil of Poland. Of Alexis of Wilkes-Barre, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America, Jacob of Alaska, and Sabastian of Jackson; and of our father amongst the saints, Herman the Wonderworker of Alaska; and of the Priest-martyr Maksym of Carpatho-Rus, of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the saints. We pray Thee, O most merciful Lord, hear us sinners who entreat Thee, and have mercy on us.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (12)

Deacon: Again we pray for our Metropolitan Tikhon, our Archbishop Mark and all our brotherhood in Christ; and for every Christian soul, afflicted and weary, in need of God's mercies and help; for the protection of this city and those who dwell therein; for the peace and stability of the whole world; for the welfare of the holy Churches of God; for the salvation and help of our fathers and brethren who with diligence and fear of God, do labor and serve; For those who are gone away and those who are abroad; for the healing of those who lie in infirmity; for

the repose, refreshment, blessed memory and forgiveness of sins of all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox gone to their rest before us who lie here and everywhere; for the deliverance of captives; for our brethren who are serving and for all who serve and have served in this holy temple, let us say:

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (12)

Deacon: Again we pray for this country, its President, for all civil authorities, and our armed forces, let us say:

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (12)

Deacon: Again we pray that He will keep this city and this holy church, and every city and countryside from wrath, famine, plague, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, foreign invasion, civil war, and sudden death; that our good God, who loves mankind, will be gracious and conciliatory, and turn away and dispel all the wrath stirred up against us and all sickness, and may deliver us from His righteous chastisement which impendeth against us, and have mercy on us.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Deacon: Again we pray that the Lord God will hearken unto the voice of supplication of us sinners, and have mercy upon us.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Priest: Hear us, O God our Savior, Thou hope of all the ends of the earth and of those who are far off upon the sea; and be merciful, be merciful, O Master, regarding our sins, and have mercy on us. For Thou art a merciful God, Who lovest mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

Choir: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: O Master, great in mercy, Lord Jesus Christ our God, through the prayers of our all-pure Lady Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary; by the might of the precious and life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable bodiless powers of heaven; and of all Thy saints; make our prayer acceptable, grant us forgiveness of our trespasses, shelter us under the shadow of Thy wings; drive away from us every enemy and adversary, give peace to our life, O Lord; have mercy on us and on Thy world and save our souls, for Thou art good and lovest mankind.

Choir: Amen.

Aposticha

(Tone 2) John saw Thee coming to him in the Jordan, O Christ God, and he said: "Thou hast no uncleanness, O Lord, why dost thou come to Thy servant? In whose name will I baptize Thee? In the name of the Father? But in Thyself Thou bearest the Father. In the name of the Son? But Thou Thyself art the Son incarnate. In the name of the Holy Spirit? But by Thy breath Thou canst give the Spirit to the faithful." O God Who hast shone forth, have mercy on us!

The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back.

The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee and were afraid. For the Cherubim cannot lift up their eyes to Thy glory, and the Seraphim cannot gaze at Thee; but they stand by Thee in fear: the cherubim bear Thee up, and the seraphim glorify Thy might. With them, O merciful Lord, we proclaim Thy praise and say: O God Who hast shone forth, have mercy on us!

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? Thou Jordan, that thou didst turn back?

Today the Maker of heaven and earth comes to the Jordan in human flesh. He who is sinless asks to be baptized, that He may cleanse the world from the error

of the Enemy. The Master of all is baptized by a servant; through water He gives cleansing to the human race. Let us cry aloud to Him: O God Who hast shone forth, glory to Thee!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Tone 6) When the Son Who was born of a Virgin asked to be baptized in the Jordan, the Shining Lamp, born of a barren woman, cried to Him in fear and joy: "Sanctify me, O Master, by Thy divine Epiphany!"

St. Symeon's Prayer

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people, Israel.

Trisagion

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord have mercy. (3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

When Thou, O Lord wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest! For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son! And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee! (3)

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Lord, Jesus Christ our God, who didst bless the five loaves in the wilderness and from them didst feed the five thousand: do Thou, the same Lord, bless these loaves, wheat, wine and oil; and sanctify all the faithful who shall partake of them. For it is Thou, O Christ our God, who does bless and sanctify all things; and unto Thee we send up glory, with Thy Father Who has no beginning, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen. Blessed be the name of the Lord, henceforth and forever more. (2)

Great Blessing of Water

The voice of the Lord upon the waters crieth saying: Come, receive ye all the Spirit of wisdom, the Spirit of understanding; the Spirit of the fear of God of Christ Who is made manifest! (3)

Today the nature of the waters is sanctified, and the Jordan doth burst forth and turneth back the flood of its streams; seeing the Master wash Himself! (2)

As a man, Thou didst come to the river, O Christ the King, hastening to receive the baptism of a servant, at the hands of the Forerunner, because of our sins, O Thou Good One who lovest man! (2)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

To the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord! Thou didst come, O Lord, taking the form of a servant, asking for baptism, Thou knowest not sin!

The waters saw Thee and were afraid! The Forerunner began to tremble and cried saying: How shall the servant lay hands on the Master? Sanctify me and the waters, O Savior Who takest away the sins of the world.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the prophecy of Isaiah! (35:1-10)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Thus saith the Lord: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not pass over it, and fools shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion

with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the prophecy of Isaiah! (55:1-13)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Thus saith the Lord: "Lo, every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Harken diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in fatness. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call nations that you know not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. "Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and return not thither but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it." For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign which shall not be cut off.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the prophecy of Isaiah. (12:3-6)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name; make known his deeds among the nations, proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Epistle

Deacon: Let us attend!

Priest: Peace be to all!

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the third tone: The Lord is my light and my Savior whom shall I fear?

Choir: The Lord is my light and my Savior whom shall I fear?

Reader: The Lord is the defender of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Choir: The Lord is my light and my Savior whom shall I fear?

Reader: The Lord is my light and my Savior...

Choir: ...whom shall I fear?

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the First Epistle of the holy apostle Paul to the Corinthians. (10-1-4)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, I want you to know that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same supernatural food and all drank the same supernatural drink. For they drank from the supernatural Rock which followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

Priest: Peace be unto you, reader.

Reader: And to your spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia (3)

Reader: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters! The God of glory thunders;
the Lord
upon many waters!

Choir: Alleluia (3)

Reader: What ails you, sea, that you flee, and Jordan, that you turn back?

Choir: Alleluia (3)

Gospel

Deacon: Wisdom, let us attend, let us listen to the holy Gospel!

Priest: Peace be unto you all!

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Mark! (1: 9-11)

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee!

Priest: Let us attend! In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; in Whom I am well pleased."

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee!

Great Litany

Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy (repeat after each petition)

For the peace that is from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

For this holy house and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

For our Metropolitan Tikhon, for our Archbishop Mark, for the honorable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

For the president of our country, for all civil authorities, and for our armed forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

For this city, for every city and country, and for the faithful dwelling in them, let us pray to the Lord.

For favorable weather, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

For travelers by land, by sea, and by air; for the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

For this water, that it may be sanctified by the power and operation and descent of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

For these waters, that the cleansing operation of the Super-substantial Trinity may come down upon them, let us pray to the Lord.

That they may be given the grace of redemption and the blessing of Jordan, by the power, operation and descent of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

That Satan may speedily be crushed under our feet, and that every evil council directed against us may be brought to nothing, let us pray to the Lord.

That the Lord our God may deliver us from every attack and temptation of the Adversary and make us worthy of the good things which are promised, let us pray to the Lord.

That we may be enlightened with the light of knowledge and of piety through the descent of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

That the Lord our God may send down the blessing of Jordan and sanctify these waters, let us pray to the Lord.

That this water may become a gift of sanctification, and a remission of sins, for the healing of soul and body and for every good purpose, let us pray to the Lord.

That this water may spring up unto life eternal, let us pray to the Lord.

That it may serve to turn away every intention of our enemies, both visible and invisible, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who draw of it and take of it for the sanctification of their homes, let us pray to the Lord.

That it may become cleansing of the souls and bodies of all who in faith draw near and partake of it, let us pray to the Lord.

That we may be made worthy to be filled with sanctification through partaking of these waters by the invisible manifestation of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

That the Lord God may hearken to the voice of entreaty of us sinners and have mercy on us, let us pray to the Lord.

That we may be delivered from all affliction, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Commemorating our most holy, most-pure, most-blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son in the bosom of the Father, true God, Source of Life and Immortality, Light of Light: as Thou didst come into the world to enlighten it, illumine our minds with Thy Holy Spirit, and accept us as we offer Thee glory and thanksgiving for Thy wonderful, mighty works from all ages, and for Thy saving dispensation in these latter times, when Thou didst cloth Thyself in our weak and poor substance and condescended to the place of a servant. Thou art the King of all, yet Thou didst condescend to be baptized in Jordan at the hands of a servant, that having sanctified the nature of water, sinless One, Thou might lead us to a new birth through water and the Spirit and restore us again to our first freedom. We celebrate the memory of this divine mystery and pray to Thee, Lord and Lover of mankind: According to Thy divine promise, sprinkle cleansing water upon us, Thine unworthy servants, as a gift of Thy compassion. May the supplications of us sinners over this water be well pleasing to Thy goodness and may Thy blessing through it be bestowed upon us and all Thy faithful people, to the glory of Thy Holy and Adorable name. For unto Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship, together with Thy Father Who

is without beginning and Thine All holy, Good and Life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Great art Thou, O Lord, and marvelous are all Thy works, and no word suffices to hymn Thy wonders! (3)

For by Thine own will, Thou hast brought all things into being from nothing; by Thy might Thou dost sustain all creation and by Thy providence directing the world. Thou hast fittingly framed creation out of four elements; Thou hast crowned the circle of the year with four seasons. All the reason-endowed powers tremble before Thee. The sun sings Thy praises and the moon glorifies Thee. The stars meet together before Thee. The light obeys Thee. The deeps shudder before Thee. The water springs serve Thee. Thou hast spread out the heavens like a curtain. Thou hast established the earth upon the waters. With sand Thou hast walled in the sea. Thou hast poured forth air for breathing. The angelic powers minister to Thee. The choirs of archangels worship Thee. The many-eyed cherubim and the six-winged seraphim as they stand round about and fly, cover themselves in fear before Thine unapproachable glory. For Thou art the Unoriginate, Uncircumscribed and Ineffable God, Who came down upon earth, taking the form of a servant and being made in the likeness of men. For Thou, O Master, for the sake of Thy tender mercy, could not endure, to see the human race under the tyranny of the devil, but Thou didst come and saved us. We confess Thy grace; we proclaim Thy mercy; we do not conceal Thy bountiful compassion. Thou hast set free the offspring of our human nature; by Thy birth Thou hast sanctified a Virgin's womb. All creation sings praises to Thee, for Thou hast revealed Thyself. Thou hast appeared on earth, our God, and dwelt among men. Thou hast sanctified the streams of Jordan, sending down from heaven Thine All-holy Spirit, and crushing the heads of the serpents that lurked there.

Wherefore, O King, Who Loves mankind, come now through the descent of Thy Holy Spirit, and sanctify this water! (3)

And give it the grace of redemption, the blessing of Jordan. Make it a fountain of incorruption, a gift of sanctification for the remission of sins, a protection against disease, the destruction of demons, inaccessible to hostile powers, filled

with angelic might. May it be to all those who draw from it and partake of it for the cleansing of their souls and bodies, for the healing of their passions, for the sanctification of their homes and for every good purpose.

For Thou art our God, Who through water and the Spirit, has renewed our nature, grown corrupt in sin. Thou art our God, Who with water drowned sin in the days of Noah. Thou art our God, Who by the sea through Moses, set free from slavery to Pharaoh the Hebrew race. Thou art our God, Who cleaved the rock in the wilderness so that water gushed forth and streams overflowed and satisfied Thy thirsty people. Thou art our God, Who by water and fire through Elijah, brought Israel back from the error of Baal.

Do Thou Thyself, O Master, sanctify this water by Thy Holy Spirit. (3)

Grant to all who touch it, anoint themselves with it and partake of it, sanctification, blessing, cleansing and health. And save, Lord, our faithful rulers and keep them in peace beneath Thy protection. Subdue under them every enemy and adversary; grant all their petitions which are unto salvation and life eternal. Remember O Lord, our Metropolitan Tikhon, and our Archbishop Mark, all the priests, deacons and clergy, all in the monastic order and all Thy people here present, together with our brethren who are absent for a just cause, and have mercy on them and on us, according to Thy great mercy. That by the elements, by the angels and by men, by things visible and invisible, Thine Allholy name may be glorified, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: Incline Thine ear, O Lord, and listen to us, Who didst will to be baptized in the Jordan, and didst sanctify the waters. And bless us all who by the bowing of our necks signify our servitude and make us worthy to be filled with Thy sanctification through partaking of this water and by being sprinkled with it. And may be for us, O Lord, for the healing of soul and body. For Thou are the sanctification of our souls and bodies, and to Thee we send up glory, thanksgiving and worship, with Thy Father Who is without beginning and Thine All-holy, Good and Life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Troparion

When Thou, O Lord wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son! And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee! (3)

Let us the faithful praise the greatness of God's plan for us. For He Who alone is pure and undefiled becomes a man because of our transgressions. He is cleansed with our cleansing in the Jordan, sanctifying both us and the waters, and crushing the heads of the dragons in the water. Therefore, let us draw water in gladness, for upon those who draw in faith the grace of the Spirit is invisibly bestowed by Christ God, the Savior of our souls.

Choir: Blessed be the name of the Lord, henceforth and forevermore! (1)

Priest: The blessing of the Lord be upon you all through His grace and love towards mankind, always now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen!

Dismissal

Priest: Glory to Thee O Christ our God and our only sure hope, glory to Thee!

Choir: Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen. Lord, have mercy! (3), Father (Master) bless!

Priest: May He who was Baptized by John in the Jordan for the sake of our salvation, Christ our True God, through the prayers of His Most pure Mother, of the Holy and Glorious alllaudable Apostles, and of all the Saints who have shown forth in this North American land, of the Holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, have mercy on us and save us, for as much as He is good and loves mankind!

Choir: Amen!

Heavenly Father...

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

Deacons: Geoffrey LoBalbo

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, Sherry Hromiak, 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, Alex Roberts, 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.