

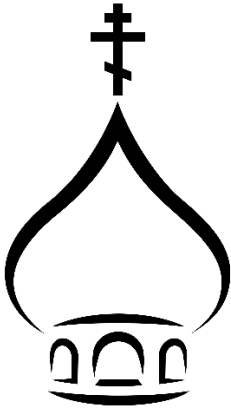
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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

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 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.

Tone 2 *(for the Feast, by John the Monk)*

Our Light that enlightens all comes to be baptized. The Forerunner sees Him and rejoices in His soul. His hand trembles as he shows Him to the people: "Behold, the Redeemer of Israel, the One Who frees us from corruption." O sinless One, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

(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.

A servant baptized our Redeemer and the coming of the Spirit bore witness to Him. The hosts of Angels saw this and shook with fear. And the voice of the Father was heard from heaven: "The One on Whom the Forerunner lays his hand, He is My beloved Son; I am well pleased in Him." O Christ our God, glory to Thee!

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

The streams of the Jordan received Thee, their Source, and the Comforter descended in the form of a dove. He Who bowed the heavens now bows His head. The Clay cries aloud to the Potter: "Why dost Thou command me to do what is beyond me; for it is I that should be baptized by Thee?" O sinless One, Christ our God, 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 5 *(for St. Gregory)*

O righteous father, holy Gregory: flute played by the breath of the Comforter, filled with the clear melody of godliness, candlestick enlightening many with divine light, herald of truth, foundation of theology, fountain of heavenly doctrine, torrent of teaching sweet as honey, lyre, playing songs written by God, gladdening the hearts of the faithful! Wise one, pray without ceasing to Christ, Who was baptized in the streams of Jordan for the renewal of the world, that He may save our souls!

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

O righteous Father, all-praised Gregory, battle axe hewing down the assaults of heresy, two-edged sword of the Comforter, dagger piercing the heart of false doctrine, fire consuming the brushwood of error, winnowing fan able to separate the chaff of vanities from the kernel of doctrine, ruler measuring the way to salvation with precision, pray without ceasing to Christ, Who was baptized in the streams of Jordan for the renewal of the world, that He may save our souls!

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

O righteous Father, all-blessed Gregory, mouth that pours out blessed words, drawing them from the inexhaustible and divine wells of salvation, expounding all words of prayer; rule that directs to virtue; thou didst become radiant by contemplation of things divine, illumined by the brightness of the uncreated Trinity, Whose invincible champion thou didst become. O venerable Father, pray without ceasing to Christ, Who refashioned the world in the streams of the Jordan, that He may save our souls!

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

Tone 4 *(for St. Gregory)*

O Gregory of Nyssa, thou wast adorned with wise words and valiant deeds. Thou didst gladden the faithful with thy God-proclaiming voice; and didst enlighten us with knowledge explaining the unity of the Trinity. Thou didst defeat alien

teachings with true doctrine; establishing the faith with strength. And now thou dost stand before Christ with His bodiless servants: pray that He may grant peace and great mercy to our souls!

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 4 *(for St. Gregory)*

O God-revealing Gregory, thou didst pass thy life in godliness. Thou didst make thine actions radiant through contemplation; desiring divine wisdom for thy love; thou wast enriched with graces flowing from the Spirit. Thy words drip with sweetness, like honey from the comb; and thou dost gladden the Church of God with thy divine thoughts. Now, as thou dost gaze upon the Lord in heaven, never cease to pray for us who honor thy memory!

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

Tone 4 *(for the Feast)*

By fire and the Spirit, Thou dost wash away the sin of the world. When the Baptist saw Thee coming, he was afraid. He trembled and cried out, saying: "I dare not hold Thy spotless head. Sanctify me with Thine Epiphany, O Master Who lovest mankind!"

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 4 Troparion (St. Gregory)

In truth thou wast revealed to thy flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; thy humility exalted thee; and thy poverty enriched thee. O Hierarch Father Gregory, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

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

Tone 1 Troparion (Feast)

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore 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.

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.