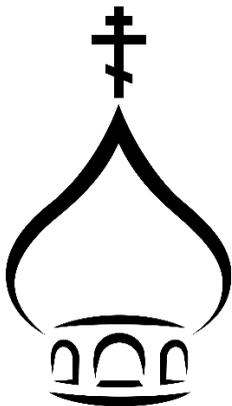


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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

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 7 *(for the Resurrection)*

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, Who destroyed the dominion of death! Let us sing to Him with the bodiless hosts, for He enlightened the race of man! O our Maker and Savior, glory to Thee!

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

Thou didst endure the Cross and burial for our sake. By Thy death, Thou didst destroy death as God. We fall down before Thy Resurrection on the third day, O Savior, glory to Thee!

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

When the Apostles beheld the Resurrection of the Maker, they were amazed and sang the angelic praise. This is the glory of the Church. This is the richness of the Kingdom. O Lord, crucified for our sake, glory to Thee!

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

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

Thou wast held by lawless men, O Christ, but to me, Thou art God, and I am not ashamed. Thou wast smitten on the cheek, but I do not deny Thee. Thou wast nailed to the Cross and I do not conceal it, for I glory in Thy Resurrection: Thy death is my life. O almighty Lord and Lover of man, glory to Thee!

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

Tone 4 *(for St. Anthony) (Called from on high)*

Burning with divine love and radiant with the Spirit, thy soul rose to desire truly infinite love. Thou didst despise flesh and blood and didst live apart from the world, yet thou wast united to it by great silence and abstinence. Therefore thou wast fulfilled as thou didst desire, and as a star radiant with blessings, O Anthony, thou dost illumine our souls.

(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.

(Repeat: "Burning with divine love... ")

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

Thou wast radiant with divine light by the grace of the Holy Spirit, O Father Anthony. Thou didst shatter the flying weapons of the demons. By thy godly teachings thou didst expose their evil snares. Thou wast a radiant light for monks: the first to adorn the desert; a prayerful and skilled physician of the sick, and the first clear example of the ascetic life.

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

(Repeat: "Thou wast radiant... ")

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

O Anthony, pure in heart and soul, an earthly angel and a heavenly man, a teacher of chastity, a clear measure of abstinence; now thou dost live with thy Master, O blessed saint. Thou dost offer Him unceasing praise, as do the Angels, all holy monastics, and martyrs. Do thou free from sin and danger those that ever keep thy holy memory!

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

(Repeat: "O Anthony, pure in heart and soul...")

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

Tone 6 *(for St. Anthony, by Sykeotes)*

Thou didst set thy mind as master over the deadly passions, keeping the image unharmed through the ascetic life. Thus thou didst rise into the perfect likeness, for, bravely curbing nature, thou didst hasten to subjéct to that which is better: and didst make the body servant to the spirit. Therefore thou wast revealed as the chief of those living the monastic life, a citizen of the desert, a master teaching those who didst come to thee, a perfect example of virtue. Now the shadows have been set aside, O Anthony, and in heaven thou beholdest in purity the Holy Trinity, as thou dost pray with boldness for those who honor thee with faith and love.

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

Tone 7 *(Theotokion - Dogmatikon)*

No tongue can speak of thy wonderful childbearing, for the order of nature was overruled by God. Thou wast revealed to be a Mother above nature, for thou didst remain a Virgin beyond reason and understanding. Thy conception was most glorious, O Theotokos! The manner of thy giving birth was ineffable, O Virgin! Knowing thee to be the Mother of God, devoutly we pray to thee: "Beseech Him to save our souls!"

Aposticha

Tone 7 *(for the Resurrection)*

As the Savior of the world Thou didst arise from the tomb. As God Thou didst resurrect the race of man with Thy flesh. O Lord, glory to Thee!

The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

Come, let us worship the One Who rose from the dead, and enlightened all creation! By His death, He saved us from the torments of hell. By His Resurrection He has granted us eternal life and great mercy.

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

Thou didst descend into hell, capturing death, O Christ. In three days Thou didst rise again, resurrecting us who glorify Thy Resurrection, O Lord and Lover of man.

Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

When Thou wast placed in the tomb as one asleep, the sight was great and awesome. But when Thou didst rise on the third day as almighty God, Thou didst resurrect Adam with Thyself. Glory to Thy Resurrection, only Lover of man!

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

Tone 8

We honor thee, O Anthony our father, as the instructor of a multitude of monks. We have indeed learned to walk rightly in thy footsteps. Blessed art thou, for having labored for Christ, thou didst denounce the power of the enemy. Thou wast a converser with the Angels and a companion of Paul of Thebes. Together with them, entreat the Lord that He grant mercy to our souls!

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 7 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

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

Tone 4 Troparion (*St. Anthony*)

Thou didst imitate the ways of zealous Elijah, and didst follow the straight path of John the Baptist. Thou didst become a desert-dweller, strengthening the world by thy prayers. O Father Anthony, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved!

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.

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.