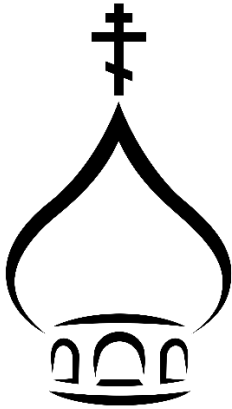


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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

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 4) 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!

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

Tone 4 *(As one valiant among martyrs)*

Let us worthily honor the instruments of grace: John, Basil, and Gregory, the harps of the Spirit, the resounding trumpets of preaching, awesome and clear in tone, thundering from the heights to declare the glory of God to the ends of the earth!

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

Let us worthily honor the three champions: the bulwarks of devotion, the three apostles added to the twelve, rivers overflowing with living water from Eden, flooding the face of the earth with life-bearing and divine streams! They have formed the faith, as the elements form creation.

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

It is said: "There is no speech, nor are there words that are not heard in their voices"; for the proclamation of the godly and wise teachers has gone out through all the earth and the sea of creation. Therefore, through their divine precepts, great things are gathered and assembled into one true doctrine for the ends of the earth.

(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.

Let us who follow their teachings praise the instruments of the Holy Spirit with hymns; they are the trumpets of truth, the words of orators! Let us entreat them, for they are bold before the Lord, that He may always grant forgiveness to all of us, and great peace to the whole world!

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

Tone 2 *(With what crowns)*

With what wreaths of praise shall we crown the teachers? In separate bodies, they were united in spirit: God-bearing intercessors, equal in number to the Trinity, ministers and lights who illumine the universe, pillars of the Church, whom Christ, our merciful God, crowns with wreaths of victorious glory.

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

With what beautiful hymns shall we crown the God-bearing and heavenly initiates? Preachers of the mysteries, leading theologians of the Orthodox Faith: Basil, manifest in holiness, Gregory, godly and divinely inspired, John of the golden tongue, whom the Trinity, the greatly merciful Lord, has fittingly glorified.

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

With what words of praise shall we extol the holy hierarchs? Equals to the Apostles in grace and the honor of spiritual gifts, destroyers of impiety, saviors and guides in word and deed, earthly angels and heavenly men, Christ-like shepherds in the faith, whom Christ, the greatly merciful Lord of glory, has honored.

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

With what wreaths of praise shall we crown Chrysostom, together with Basil and Gregory? Precious vessels of the Spirit, champions of the pure Faith, pillars of the Church and strength of the faithful, consolation for sinners, springs overflowing with water from which we drink for the delight of our souls, as we ask forgiveness of sins and great mercy.

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

Tone 6

Today let us praise the mystical trumpets of the Spirit, the God-bearing Fathers, who stand in the midst of the Church, singing true theology, praising the changeless Trinity! They laid low the errors of Arius and upheld the Orthodox Faith. They always entreat the Lord to have mercy on our souls.

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 1 *(O all-praised martyrs)*

Today let us worthily gather to praise the spiritual initiates of the mysteries, the trumpets of God and reflections of His glory: Basil the Great, the divine Gregory of fiery inspiration, and John, the truly golden-mouthed! They pour out streams of golden teachings on us.

Thy saints shall exult in glory and rejoice upon their beds. (Ps. 149:5)

Let us praise with worthy hymns the foundations of the faith: the godly and watchful minds, the radiant golden-streamed rivers and the shining beacons, the champions of the Trinity, the vessels of the grace of the Spirit, the unshakable pillars and the strength of the Church!

*Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness and Thy saints will shout for joy.
(Ps. 131:9)*

O thrice-blessed Basil, divinely wise Gregory, and most golden and all-honored John, you were instruments of the Spirit, trumpets of divine thunder, lightning flashes of preaching, most radiant beacons, shining with the golden light of God! Pray to Christ that He may save those who honor you!

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

Tone 2

Today, the souls of mortals are raised up from earthly things. Today, on the saints' memorial, they become heavenly. The gates of heaven are opened, and the words of the Master are spoken to us. Words proclaim the Word, and tongues sing hymns to His wonders. We cry out to the Savior: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God, for through them peace has been given to the faithful!

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

Tone 2 *(Forefeast of the Meeting of the Lord)*

Today Christ is carried in the sanctuary as an Infant; today He Who gave the Law to Moses becomes subject to the Law. The armies of angels wondered, seeing Him Who holds all things carried in the arms of an elderly man. Filled with reverence, Simeon cried out, rejoicing: "O Savior, now let me depart from this fleeting life to a rest that grows not old, for I have seen Thee, and I rejoice!"

Troparia

Tone 1 **Troparion** *(Three Hierarchs)*

Let us who love their words come together with hymns, and honor the three great torch-bearers of the triune Godhead: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom! These men have enlightened the world with the rays of their divine doctrines. They are sweetly flowing rivers of wisdom, and have filled all creation with springs of heavenly knowledge. They ceaselessly intercede for us before the Holy Trinity.

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

Tone 4 Troparion *(Three Hierarchs)*

As sharers of the Apostles' life and character and teachers of the universe, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the world, and great mercy to our souls!

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

Tone 8 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

For our sake Thou wast born of the Virgin and didst endure crucifixion, O Good One, destroying death by death. Revealing the Resurrection as God, do not despise the work of Thy hand! Reveal Thy love for man, O Merciful One, and accept the Theotokos praying for us, and save the despairing people, O our Savior!

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.