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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.

Let us praise Him Who voluntarily was crucified in the flesh for our sake. He suffered, was buried, but rose from the dead. By Orthodoxy confirm Thy Church, O Christ. Grant peace for our life as the gracious Lover of man.

(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.

We stand before Thy life-bearing tomb unworthily, O Christ God, offering glory to Thine ineffable compassion. Thou hast accepted the Cross and death, O sinless One to grant Resurrection to the world as the Lover of man.

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

Tone 1 *(for Sts. Cyrus and John) (Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)*

You brightly illumine the whole universe with the radiance of your miracles like brilliant lamps made worthy of heaven by grace, set there like stars, O Cyrus and John because of the virtues of your perfect lives.

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

(Repeat: "You brightly illumine...")

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

You have indeed received the skill from God to heal the passions of soul and body. O martyrs of the Lord, you heal all supernaturally, not by the cure of human medicine, but by divine inspiration.

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

As you stand in the midst of the heavenly powers, O Cyrus and John, brightly shining lamps and brave sufferers, you heal the bodily and spiritual wounds of those on earth for the sake of Christ to Whom you pray for us.

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

Tone 8 *(for Sts. Cyrus and John)*

The pair of martyrs, miracle-working Cyrus and John, shine on us today, curing our spiritual infirmities. They both, as equal to the angels, bring healing. They lived until the end as if with one life and were joined to Christ by their martyred blood! Both, having appeared to the gathered soldiers, have been enrolled as citizens of the heavenly armies. Therefore they grant healings and pray for the souls of those of us who celebrate their memory with faith.

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 2 *(for Sts. Cyrus and John)*

O assembly of the faithful, let us gather today! Let us crown Cyrus and John with hymns! They are soldiers of grace who grant it abundantly to those who ask. They have been revealed to all, in various ways, as brilliant physicians who pray for our souls.

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

Tone 2 *(Theotokion)*

A new miracle surpasses all ancient miracles! Who knows of a Mother who gave birth without a man, who carried in her arms her Creator? This birth is the will of God! Since thou didst carry Him as an infant in thine arms, O most pure one, and

since thou dost possess motherly boldness before Him, do not cease praying for us who honor thee, that He may be bountiful and save our souls!

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 5 Troparion *(Sts. Cyrus and John)*

O Christ God; Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy martyrs Cyrus and John, as an invincible rampart; through their prayers frustrate the plans of the heathens, and strengthen the faith of the Orthodox Christians, for Thou alone art good and lovest mankind.

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

Tone 5 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

Rejoice, Impassable Gate of the Lord! Rejoice, Wall and Protection of those who run to thee! Rejoice, Unshakable Refuge! Rejoice, thou who knewest not wedlock, who gavest birth in the flesh to thy Creator and God! Do not cease praying for those who praise and worship thy Son!

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

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Deacons: Geoffrey LoBalbo

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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.