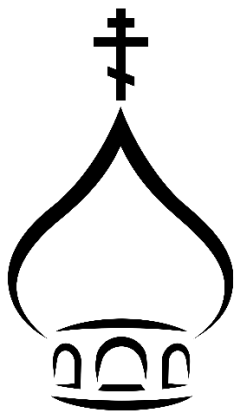


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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

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 2) 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 2 *(for the Resurrection)*

Come, let us worship the Word of God begotten of the Father before all ages, and incarnate of the Virgin Mary! Having endured the Cross, He was buried as He Himself desired. And having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.

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

Christ our Savior nailed to the Cross the bond against us, He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death. We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.

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

With the Archangels let us praise the Resurrection of Christ! He is our Savior, our Redeemer. He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power to judge the world which He made.

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

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

The Angel proclaimed Thee, the crucified and buried Master. He told the women: "Come, see the place where He lay! He is risen as He said, for He is almighty." We worship Thee, O only immortal One. Have mercy on us, O Christ, the Giver of life!

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

Tone 1 *Idiomela, for the Feast* *(by Patriarch Germanus)*

Simeon, tell us, Whom dost thou bear in thine arms, that thou dost rejoice so greatly in the Temple? To Whom dost thou shout and cry aloud: "Now am I set free, for I have seen my Savior?" This is He Who was born of a Virgin; this is God the Word, Who came forth from God, Who for our sakes has taken flesh and has saved man. Let us worship Him!

(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.

Simeon, receive Him Whom Moses once beheld in darkness, granting the Law on Sinai, now that He has become a Babe subject to the Law! This is He Who spoke through the Law. This is He, of Whom the Prophets spoke, Who for our sakes has taken flesh and has saved man. Let us worship Him!

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

Come, let us also go to meet Christ with divine songs! Let us receive Him Whose salvation Simeon saw! This is He Whom David announced; this is He Who spoke in the Prophets, Who, for our sakes, has taken flesh and Who speaks through the Law. Let us worship Him!

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

Tone 1 *(for St. Parthenius)* *(Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)*

The great Parthenius, the namesake of virginity, the beacon of Lampsacus, the radiant morning star of miracles, calleth us all together by his memorial, that we who sing hymns to Christ the Savior may keep the spiritual feast.

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

Thou didst bear God within thyself from childhood by the fire of thy prayers, O all-blessed and wise one. Thou didst burn up legions of demons and didst guide the flock of Lampsacus. Casting down the temples of idols, thou didst renew thyself for God.

(1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. The fish that was thrown away, breathless, yet life-giving; the fruit of the barren field and vineyard; the generous rain promised to those who wept, all proclaimed thy wonder. Thy works are wonderful, O celebrant of sacred mysteries. Therefore, pray that we may be saved.

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

Tone 6 *(for the Feast)*

In the hands of the Elder upon this day Thou wast pleased to be laid, O Christ our God, as upon the chariot of the Cherubim. Deliver us also, who sing Thy praise, calling us back from the tyranny of the passions, and save our souls!

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

Tone 2 *(Theotokion - Dogmatikon)*

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came; as the Bush burned, yet was not consumed, so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin. The Righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame. Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

Aposticha

Tone 2 *(for the Resurrection)*

Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior, has enlightened the whole universe, recalling Thy creation. Glory to Thee, O almighty Lord!

The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

By the Tree Thou didst destroy the curse of the Tree, O Savior. By Thy burial Thou didst mortify the majesty of death. Thou hast enlightened our race by Thy Resurrection. O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

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

When Thou wast seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ, Thou didst restore the beauty of Thy creatures. The soldiers showed their inhumanity when they pierced Thy side with a spear. The Hebrews, not knowing Thy power, asked that Thy tomb might be sealed, but through the mercy of Thy compassion, Thou didst accept the tomb and didst rise on the third day! O Lord, glory to Thee!

Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

O Christ, the Giver of life, for the sake of the dead Thou didst voluntarily endure death, descending into hell as the Mighty One to save those who awaited Thy coming, granting them the life of paradise instead of hell. Grant also to us who glorify Thy Resurrection on the third day cleansing of our sins and great mercy!

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

Tone 6 *(for the Feast, by John the Monk)*

Let the gate of heaven be opened today, for the unoriginate Word of the Father has made a beginning in time without forsaking His divinity. As a Babe forty days old, of His own will He is brought by the Virgin, His Mother, as an offering in the Temple of the Law. The Elder receives Him in his arms, crying as a servant to his Master: "Let me depart, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation!" Glory to Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast come into the world to save mankind!

Troparia

Tone 2 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

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

Tone 4 Troparion *(St. Parthenius)*

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 Parthenius, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

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

Tone 1 Troparion *(Feast)*

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, thou didst accept in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection!

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.