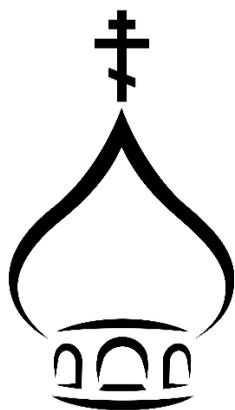


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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

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!

(10) *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy Name.*

Tone 4 *(for the Resurrection)*

We glorify Thy Resurrection on the third day, O Christ God, by always honoring Thy life-creating Cross; by it Thou hast renewed the corrupted nature of man, O almighty One. By it Thou hast renewed our entrance to heaven, for Thou art good and the Lover of man.

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

Thou didst loose the Tree's verdict of disobedience, O Savior, by being voluntarily nailed to the tree of the Cross. By descending to hell, O almighty God, Thou didst break the bonds of death. Therefore, we adore Thy Resurrection from the dead, singing in joy: "Glory to Thee, O all-powerful Lord!"

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

Thou didst smash the gates of hell, O Lord, and by Thy death Thou didst demolish the kingdom of death. Thou didst deliver the race of men from corruption, granting the world life, incorruption and great mercy.

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

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

Come, O people, let us sing of the Savior's Resurrection on the third day! By it, we have been freed from the unbreakable bonds of hell. By it, we have received life and incorruption. Save us by Thy Resurrection! O Life-creating and almighty Savior, glory to Thee!

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

Angels and men sing of Thy Resurrection on the third day, O Savior. By it, the ends of the earth have been illumined. By it we have been delivered from bondage to the Enemy. Save us by Thy Resurrection! O life-creating and almighty Savior, 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.

Thou hast shattered the gates of brass and destroyed the chains of death, O Christ God. Thou hast raised the fallen human race. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to Thee!

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

O Lord, Thy begetting from the Father is timeless and everlasting. Thine incarnation from the Virgin is beyond words and understanding. Thy descent into hell is terrible for the devil and his angels. Thou hast trampled on death, rising on the third day, and granting men incorruption and great mercy.

(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 *Idiomela* *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Brothers, let us not pray like the Pharisee! He who exalts himself will be humbled. Let us prepare to abase ourselves by fasting; let us cry aloud with the voice of the Publican: "O God, forgive us sinners!"

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

(Repeat: "Brothers, let us not pray like the Pharisee...")

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

The Pharisee went up to the temple with a proud and empty heart; the Publican bowed himself in repentance. They both stood before Thee, O Master: the one, through boasting, lost his reward, but the other, with tears and sighs, won Thy blessing: Strengthen me, O Christ our God, as I weep in Thy presence, since Thou art the Lover of man!

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

Tone 8 *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

I know the value of tears, O almighty Lord: they delivered Hezekiah from the gates of death, and rescued the harlot from repeated sins. Tears justified the Publican instead of the Pharisee. I pray Thee, O Lord: "Number me with the former, and have mercy on me!"

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

Tone 4 *(Theotokion - Dogmatikon)*

The Prophet David was a father of the Lord through thee, O Virgin. He foretold in songs the One Who worked wonders in thee: "At Thy right hand stood the Queen," Thy Mother, the mediatrix of life, since God was freely born of her without a father. He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in passion, so He took the lost sheep upon His shoulder and brought it to His Father, joining it to the heavenly powers. Christ Who has great and rich mercy has saved the world, O Theotokos.

Aposticha

Tone 4 *(for the Resurrection)*

By ascending the Cross, O Lord, Thou hast annulled our ancestral curse. By descending to hell, Thou hast freed the eternal prisoners, granting incorruption to the human race. Therefore in songs we glorify Thy life-creating and saving Resurrection.

The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

By hanging upon the tree, O only powerful Lord, Thou didst shake all of creation. By being laid in the tomb Thou hast raised those who dwelt in the tombs, granting life and incorruption to the human race. Therefore in songs we glorify Thy rising on the third day.

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

The lawless people, O Christ, handed Thee over to Pilate, condemned to be crucified, thus proving themselves ungrateful before their Benefactor. But voluntarily Thou didst endure burial, rising by Thy own power on the third day as God, granting us life everlasting and great mercy.

Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

With tears the women reached Thy tomb, searching for Thee, but not finding Thee. They wept with wailing and lamented: "Woe to us! Our Savior, King of all, how wast Thou stolen? What place can hold Thy life-bearing body?" An Angel replied to them: "Do not weep, but go and proclaim that the Lord is risen, granting us joy as the only compassionate One!"

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

Tone 5 *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

The weight of my transgressions burdens mine eyes: I cannot lift my gaze to the heights of heaven, O Lord. Accept me in repentance, as Thou didst accept the Publican; have mercy on me, O Savior!

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

Tone 5 *(Theotokion)*

O most precious Virgin, thou art the gate, the temple, the palace, the throne of the King. From thee, my Redeemer, Christ the Lord, appeared to those asleep in darkness. He is the Sun of Righteousness, Who desired to enlighten His image, whom He had created. Since thou dost possess motherly boldness before Him, O all-praised Lady, pray unceasingly that our souls may be saved!

Troparia

Tone 4 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world 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 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.