

Presanctified Liturgy

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Repose of St. Nikolai of Zhicha



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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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Rest of St. Nikolai of Zhicha

"Lord I Call..."

(Tone 8) 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 8 *Idiomelon* (from the Lenten Triodion)

While fasting in body, O brethren, let us also fast in spirit! Let us loose the bonds of iniquity! Let us undo the chains of injustice! Let us break the yoke of oppression! Let us give food to the hungry! Let us shelter the poor and homeless, so that we may receive great mercy from Christ our God!

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

(Repeat: "While fasting in body, O brethren...")

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

Tone 8 (to the Martyrs)

Whatever is excellent and worthy of praise is rightly ascribed to the saints, for they bowed their necks beneath the sword, for Thy sake, Who bowed the heavens and came down. They shed their blood for Thee, Who emptied Thyself, taking the form of a servant. They humbled themselves even unto death, following the example of Thy lowliness. By their prayers have mercy on us, O God, according to Thine abundant mercy!

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

Tone 2 *(to the Apostles, by Joseph)* *(When Thou didst appear)*

Jesus, the true spiritual Sun, sent you out as lightning into all the world, O Apostles and eyewitnesses of God. He dispersed the darkness of error, enlightening those held fast in the gloom of ignorance. Entreat Him to send down on us as well His illumination and great mercy!

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

Glorified by fasting, Elijah rode in the divine chariot of virtues and was carried up to the height of heaven. Eagerly follow his example, O my humble soul! Fast from every evil and jealousy, from strife and fleeting pleasures! Then thou wilt escape the everlasting torment of Gehenna, crying out to Christ: "Glory to Thee, O Lord!"

(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.

Tone 5 *(to the Apostles, by Theodore)* *(O venerable father)*

O Apostles of God, fervent intercessors for the world, defenders of the Orthodox, you have power to approach Christ our God with boldness. Intercede for us, we pray you, that we may keep the holy fast in peace and receive the grace of the consubstantial Trinity! O great and glorious preachers, worthy of all honor, pray for our souls!

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

Tone 6 *(from the Menaion, for St. Nikolai)*

Thou wast revealed in every way as a most sacred bearer of light, invested with divine and holy anointing in the Holy Spirit, ablaze with the brightness that comes from God, always radiantly approaching the Holy of Holies, and partaking

of the saving Mysteries by grace. As a true and most glorious hierarch, with boldness thou dost intercede for our souls.

(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 revealed...")

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

Thy life was resplendent with virtues that enlightened the faithful and dispelled the fog of error, for thou didst truly appear as a radiant sun, O all-blessed Hierarch. And now thou hast made thy dwelling where the Light that knows no evening shines; by the grace of the Holy Spirit thou hast become a son of the day. Therefore, as we celebrate thy divine and revered memory, we lovingly honor thee, O Father Nikolai.

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

Thy pure mind dwelt in God through faith. Meditating on incorruption while in a mortal and corruptible body, thou didst acquire the splendor of the Bodiless Powers. By remaining passionless thou wast adorned with dispassion, O Father and most-wise Hierarch Nikolai, radiant beacon and intercessor for those who honor thy memory.

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

Tone 8 *(from the Menaion, for St. Nikolai)*

The fruit of thy virtues, O venerable Father Nikolai, has enlightened the hearts of the faithful. For, upon hearing of thine immeasurable humility, who would not wonder at thy patience, gentleness, and compassion? Thou hast instructed all in the ways of God. And now, as thou art adorned with the never-fading crown, ever intercede on behalf of our souls!

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

Tone 8 *(Theotokion)*

Receive the Archangel Gabriel's voice, crying: "Rejoice, O Mother of God, for thou hast borne for the world Christ the Giver of Life!"

Tone 5 **Prokeimenon**

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.
(Ps. 11:7)

Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 12:1a)

Reading from Genesis (1:24-2:3)

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. "Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon

Consider and answer me, / O Lord my God! (Ps. 12:3a)

How long, O Lord, wilt Thou forget me forever? How long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me? (Ps. 12:1)

Reading from Proverbs (2:1-22)

My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk uprightly; he guards the paths of justice, and preserves the way of His saints. Then you will understand righteousness and justice, equity and every good path. When wisdom enters your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul, discretion will preserve you; understanding will keep you, to deliver you from the way of evil, from the man who speaks perverse things, from those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness; who rejoice in doing evil, and delight in the perversity of the wicked; whose ways are crooked, and who are devious in their paths; to deliver you from the immoral woman, from the seductress who flatters with her words, who forsakes the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God. For her house leads down to death, and her paths to the dead; none who go to her return, nor do they regain the paths of life - so you may walk in the way of goodness, and keep to the paths of righteousness. For the upright will dwell in the land, and the blameless will remain in it; but the wicked will be cut off from the earth, and the unfaithful will be uprooted from it.

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 for the Health of the Servants of God:

Metropolitan Herman

Igumen David Lewis

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