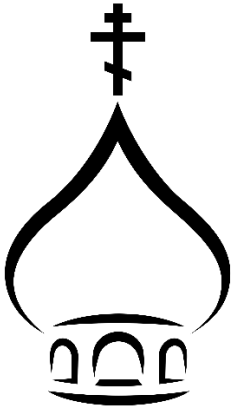


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We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to St. Nicholas Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared 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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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

(for the Resurrection)

We offer to Thee, O Christ, our evening song and reasonable service, for Thou didst will to have mercy on us by Thy Resurrection.

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

Lord, Lord, do not cast us away from Thy face! For Thou didst will to have mercy on us by Thy Resurrection.

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

Rejoice, O holy Zion: Mother of the churches, the abode of God, for thou wast the first to receive remission of sins by the Resurrection.

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

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

The Word of God the Father, begotten before the ages, in the latter times willed to be incarnate of the Virgin and endured crucifixion unto death. He has saved mortal man by His Resurrection.

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

We glorify Thee, O Lord, for Thou didst voluntarily endure the Cross for our sake. We fall down in worship before Thee, O almighty Savior. Do not cast us away from Thy face but hear us and save us, O Lover of man, by Thy Resurrection!

(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.

Glory to Thee, O Savior Christ, Only-begotten Son of God, who wast nailed to the Cross and resurrected from the tomb on the third day!

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

Tone 6 *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

(Having placed all their hope)

O Lord, Whom nothing can contain or grasp, from all eternity Thou hast shone forth from the Father before the morning star. The Prophets, inspired by the Holy Spirit, foretold that Thou wouldst take flesh and assume the form of a child, from her who is ever-virgin. Thou didst live among men; Thou wast seen by material creation. Through the prayers of the Prophets, O compassionate One, make us worthy to receive Thy light, for we sing praises to Thy glorious Resurrection!

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

The Prophets bore the fruit of eternal life; they prepared the way of the Lord. By their words they proclaimed Thee; by their deeds they honored Thee: they would not worship creation instead of Thee, the Creator. As Thy Gospel commands, they renounced the world. They foretold Thy Passion by suffering themselves. Through their prayers, O Lord, enable us to pass over the battlefield of Lent without sin!

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

Thou art infinite in Thy divine nature, O Master; in these latter days Thou didst accept the limitations of the flesh. By assuming our body, Thou didst accept all its weaknesses. Therefore we make images of Thy form; we venerate them, having Thee in mind. We fall down before Thee in love; by so doing we follow the tradition of the Apostles and are given the grace of healing.

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

Today the Church of Christ receives honorable adornment: the holy icons of Christ our Savior, the Theotokos, and all the Saints. The Church exults in their grace! We lift them up with joy and gladness! We glorify God, the Lover of man, Him Who patiently suffered for our sake!

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

Tone 2

(from the Lenten Triodion)

Grace and truth have shone forth. The predictions of old have been clearly fulfilled. Behold, the Church adorns herself with the form of Christ incarnate! The icons of the new creation transcend the adornments of the old. As the Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God, so now the icons reveal the presence of the One we adore. By honoring them we will never go astray. It is our glory to fall down and worship Christ in the flesh. Come, O faithful, venerate His image and cry out: O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!

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 8 *(for the Resurrection)*

Descending from heaven to ascend the Cross, the eternal Life has come for death to raise those who are fallen; to enlighten those in darkness. O Jesus, our Savior and illuminator, glory to Thee!

The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

We glorify Christ, who rose from the dead. He accepted the human body and soul, and freed both from suffering. His most pure soul descended to hell, which He spoiled. His holy body did not see corruption in the tomb. He is the Redeemer of our souls.

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

In psalms and songs we glorify Thy Resurrection from the dead, O Christ. By it, Thou hast freed us from the tortures of hell and as God hast granted eternal life and great mercy.

Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

O Master of all, incomprehensible Creator of heaven and earth, by Thy suffering on the Cross Thou hast gained passionlessness for me. Accepting burial and arising in glory, Thou didst resurrect Adam with Thyself by Thine almighty hand. Glory to Thy rising on the third day! By it Thou hast granted us eternal life and cleansing of sins as the only compassionate One.

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

Tone 2 *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Advancing from false doctrine to true faith, illumined with the light of knowledge, let us clap our hands and offer grateful praise to God in song! With due honor let us venerate the holy icons of Christ, of the all-pure Virgin, and of all the saints, depicted on walls or panels or sacred vessels, rejecting the godless teaching of the heretics! For as Saint Basil says: "The honor shown to the image

passes to its prototype." By the prayers of Thy pure Mother and of all the saints, we beseech Thee, O Christ our God, to grant us great mercy!

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 8 **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

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

Tone 2 **Troparion** *(Sunday of Orthodoxy)*

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One; and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thine own will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the Enemy. Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: "Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world."

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

Tone 2 **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

All beyond thought, all most glorious, are thy mysteries, O Theotokos. Sealed in purity, preserved in virginity, thou wast revealed to be the true Mother who gavest birth to the True God. Entreat Him to save our souls.

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:

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Igumen David Lewis

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Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.