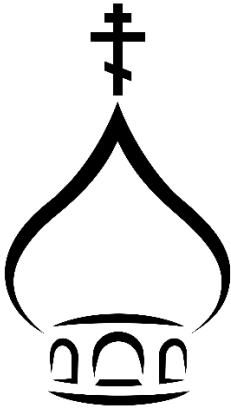


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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

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.*

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

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

Tone 4 *Idiomelon* (from the Lenten Triodion)

Like the Prodigal, I recklessly squandered my Father's riches. Forlorn and destitute, I dwelt in a land of evil men. In my foolishness I became like the senseless beasts, stripped of all divine grace. But now I have returned and cry to Thee, the compassionate and merciful Father: "I have sinned, O God, but receive me in repentance, and have mercy on me!"

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

Tone 4 (for the Martyrs)

O Martyrs of the Lord, living sacrifices, spiritual oblations, perfect victims, sheep who know God and are known by Him, whose fold no wolf can enter; pray that we too may graze with you beside still waters!

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

Tone 6 *(from the Triodion, by Joseph) (Having placed all their hope)*

O Apostles, eyewitnesses of God, rays of light from the spiritual Sun: entreat Him to enlighten our souls and deliver us from the dark night of passions! Pray that we may see the day of salvation! By your prayers and intercessions, may our hearts, which the Evil One has wounded, be cleansed, so that, saved by faith, we may always honor you, who save the world by your wise preaching.

(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.

Like the Prodigal, I wandered off into an evil land. I recklessly squandered the riches that Thou gavest me. Now I pine with hunger, starved of good deeds. Stripped of divine grace, I am clothed with the shame of sin. I have sinned, and yet I know Thy goodness. Receive me as one of Thy hired servants, O compassionate Christ, by the prayers of the Apostles, who loved Thee!

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

Tone 6 *(from the Triodion, by Theodore) (At the right hand of the Savior)*

O Apostles of the Savior, lights of the world, its benefactors and its saviors, like the heavens you tell the glory of God, adorned with stars of miracles and signs of healing. Fervently intercede before the Lord for us, that He may accept our prayers as incense, and make us worthy to behold and kiss the life-giving Cross with fear! As we venerate Thy Cross, O Savior, send down on us great mercy in Thy love for mankind!

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

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

Called to the New World by the grace of God as a skilled helmsman of the ship of Christ, thou didst endure dangers on the sea, as thou leddest those adrift in

darkness, delusion, and the storms of passions to the calm harbor of salvation. Pray for us now, Holy Father Innocent, before the Holy Trinity!

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

A prophet raised up from among the Aleuts heard from an angel that thou wouldst journey afar, leaving thy family to speak with a great man. Once his words had been fulfilled, by the infinite wisdom and mercy of God we received thee again as the first bishop to rule our land. Intercede now for the flock thou hast gathered!

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

People of two continents with different tongues and customs rejoice today through thee in the mystery of the tongues of Pentecost and in the fall of the cursed tower of human pride, which kept at enmity all the nations of the earth, until they were caught in the net of faith worshipping the consubstantial Trinity.

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

Tone 6 *(for St. Innocent)*

In mortal danger from a storm at sea, thou didst look to the North Star of the Church of Christ, and, through the prayers of St. Herman of Alaska, found grace and deliverance. With him now intercede for our souls!

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

Tone 6 *(Theotokion)*

I lift up the eyes of my heart to thee, O Lady; despise not my weak plea, and in the hour when thy Son shall come to judge the world, be my helper and protector.

Tone 4 **Prokeimenon**

I will trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever. *(Ps. 51:8b)*

*Why dost thou boast, O mighty man, of mischief done against the godly?
(Ps. 51:1)*

Reading from Genesis (7:6-9)

Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth. So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood. Of clean animals, of animals that are unclean, of birds, and of everything that creeps on the earth, two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female, as God had commanded Noah.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

When the Lord turns back the captivity of His people. Let Jacob rejoice and let Israel be glad.] *(Ps. 13:8b)*

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." (Ps. 13:1)

Reading from Proverbs (9:12-18)

If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, and if you scoff, you will bear it alone." A foolish woman is clamorous; she is simple, and knows nothing. For she sits at the door of her house, on a seat by the highest places of the city, to call to those who pass by, who go straight on their way: "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here"; and as for him who lacks understanding, she says to him, "Stolen water is sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant." But he does not know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of hell.

Communion Hymn

Taste and see that the Lord is good! *(Ps. 33:8a)*

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! *(Ps. 111:6)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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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Priests: Matthew Joyner, Ian Shipley, John Nightingale

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Subdeacons: Michael (Frank) Guydan

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, 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, Victoria Lustig, Olga Maksimova, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Nicolae & Doina Marian, Mary Orzolek, Kylie Pinho, Ryan Pinkowicz, Kiera Pheiffer, Gordon Roberts, Clara Roman, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Nancy A. Sabol, Robert Schainfeld, Cate Shea, Francine Slivka, Michael Slivka, Julia Smith, Julia G. Smolenski, Dorothy Stafiniak, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, Irene Witanek

Child of God: Emily Estrin

Handmaidens of God: Corinne Gahles Stuckey, Amanda Riley, Natalie Stepanoff and their unborn children

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