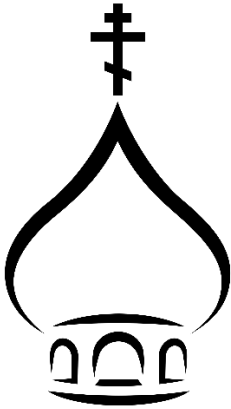


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*(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)*

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## "Lord I Call..."

(Tone 7) 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 7**      *Idiomelon*      (from the Lenten Triodion)

Like the Prodigal, I have turned away from Thy grace. I have spent the riches of Thy goodness, O Lord. I now run to Thee, crying, O tender-hearted One: "I have sinned, O God, have mercy on me!"

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

**Tone 1**      (for the Martyrs, in the Tone of the week)

Unique is the festival of the martyrs, who, with the outpouring of their blood, choked a multitude of demons, stopped all the shameful sacrifices, and destroyed the delusion of idolatry by their patient suffering. And now, they pray to Christ that He may grant peace and great mercy to our souls.

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

Through the prayers of all the saints and of the Theotokos, grant us Thy peace, and have mercy on us, O Lord, for Thou alone art compassionate!

*(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.*

Your confession of faith in the arena, O saints, filled the demonic hosts with fear and freed mankind from error. As you were being beheaded, you cried aloud: "May the sacrifice of our souls be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, for, by desiring Thee, the Lover of man, we have cared nothing for this temporal life!"

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

You made a wise exchange, O saints. You offered your blood and received heaven in return. You suffered for a time and now rejoice eternally. Your trade was wise indeed! Forsaking the corruptible, you received the incorruptible. Now rejoicing with the angelic host, you ceaselessly praise the consubstantial Trinity.

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

**Tone 2**      *(from the Menaion, for Ven. Nicetas)      (Joseph of Arimathea)*

Thou didst direct souls with thy teaching. as one who with faith didst guide others to knowledge of mystical things, thou didst show thyself to be a divine builder. Sowing the saving and good seeds, thou didst harvest fruits in abundance, O God-bearer, bringing them to thy Master. Now thou standest before Him, O blessed one, rejoicing. Remember thy flock, which always honors thee, O divinely-inspired Nicetas!

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

Meek and gentle by nature, thou wast fervent in defending the Orthodox faith. Covered with faith as with armor and armed with abstinence as with a spear,

thou didst denounce all blasphemous heresy, O divinely-wise Nicetas, honoring the divine icon of the Savior and clearly obeying the decrees of the Fathers.

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

When the benighted tyrant with brutal cruelty confined thee by harsh banishments to the darkest places, thou didst patiently endure the savagery of wild beasts, O Father. In thy mind thou didst glorify them as if they were the dwellings of Paradise. Now thou dost behold their true beauty, enjoying the rewards of thy labors.

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

**Tone 1**      *(for the Departed, by St. John of Damascus)*

What pleasure in life is not mixed with grief? What earthly glory endures forever? All things are feeble shadows and deluding dreams. Death sweeps them away in a single moment. But in the light of Thy face, O Christ, and in the sweetness of Thy beauty, give rest to those whom Thou hast chosen, for Thou alone lovest mankind!

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

**Tone 1**      *(Theotokion - Dogmatikon)*

Let us praise the Virgin Mary! The gate of heaven, the glory of the world! The song of the angels, the beauty of the faithful! She was born of man, yet gave birth to God! She was revealed as the heaven, as the temple of the Godhead! She destroyed the wall of enmity! She commenced the peace; she opened the Kingdom! Since she is our foundation of faith, our defender is the Lord Whom she bore! Courage! Courage! O People of God! For Christ will destroy our enemies since He is all powerful.

**Tone 4**      **Prokeimenon**

O grant us Thy help against the enemy, for vain is the help of men! *(Ps. 59:12)*

*O God, Thou hast rejected us, and hast broken our defenses. (Ps. 59:1a)*

**Reading from Genesis (8:4-21a)**

Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen. So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth. He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground. But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself. And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark. Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth. So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore. And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry. And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried. Then God spoke to Noah, saying, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. "Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark. Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of

every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma.

## **Tone 6      Prokeimenon**

Hear my cry, O Lord, listen to my prayer! (*Ps. 60:1*)

*From the ends of the earth I call to Thee. (Ps. 60:2a)*

### **Reading from Proverbs (10:31-11:12)**

The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut out. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked what is perverse. Dishonest scales are an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is His delight. When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble is wisdom. The integrity of the upright will guide them, but the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them. Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death. The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way aright, but the wicked will fall by his own wickedness. The righteousness of the upright will deliver them, but the unfaithful will be caught by their lust. When a wicked man dies, his expectation will perish, and the hope of the unjust perishes. The righteous is delivered from trouble, and it comes to the wicked instead. The hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor, but through knowledge the righteous will be delivered. When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices; and when the wicked perish, there is jubilation. By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked. He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor, but a man of understanding holds his peace.

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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**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.**