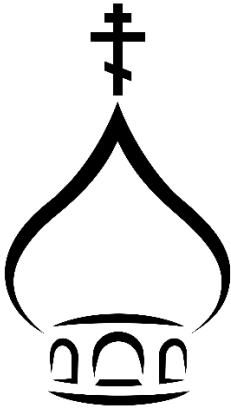


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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

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 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!

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

Tone 8 *Idiomelon* (from the Lenten Triodion)

I fell among thieves by reasonings, I was robbed by my wretched mind. Greatly stricken and wounded in soul, naked of grace, I lie upon the road of life. The priest saw my hopeless wounds and passed me by, the Levite knew my disease and turned away. But in thy love for may thou wast pleased to stoop down to me, O Christ God, not by the road to Samaria, but from the flesh of Mary, grant me healing by pouring out on me thy great mercy.

The righteous await me for thou will deal bountifully with me.

Fame and Praise befits the saints. For they bowed their necks beneath the sword to thee who didst bow the heavens and come down. They shed blood for thee who didst empty thyself and take the form of a servant. By emulating thy poverty they too humbled themselves even unto death. By their prayers have mercy on us O God, according to the abundance of thy mercies.

Out of the depths I cried to thee O Lord, Lord hear my voice!

O Lord thou hast revealed thy sacred disciples as an understandable heaven by their sacred meditations. Deliver me from earthly pains, by abstinence always

elevating my reasoning above wandering to passions, since thou art bountiful and the Lover of man.

Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Since we all have the time for fasting as a companion of divine design, let us weep from our hearts and cry to the savior: O Lord of many mercies, for the sake of thy disciples save those who with fear praise thy great love for man.

If thou O Lord would mark iniquities, Lord who could stand but there is forgiveness with thee.

O most laudable apostles, intercessors for the world, physicians of the sick, protectors of health, preserve us who are passing the time of fasting so that making peace with each other in divine fashion, preserving our minds unsullied by passions, we may sing a song of victory to the risen Christ!

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

What inexpressible loving-kindness, O gracious and long-suffering Lord! Cast me not away from Thy face, O sinless and compassionate Savior, so that with thanksgiving and rejoicing I may cry to Thee: "Save me before I completely perish, O Lord!"

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

Tone 4 *(Theotokion)*

What great condescension! What wonder of nativity. The virgin carries thee, her creator and God, in her arms, O Benefactor, who willed to receive flesh from her, save me before I perish to the end, O Lord.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

O Lord God of vengeance, show Thyself! (*Ps. 93:1*)

Rise up, O Judge of the earth; render to the proud their deserts! (Ps. 93:2)

Reading from Genesis (17:1-9)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. "And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. "No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. "I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. "Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." And God said to Abraham: "As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

Sing to the Lord a new song! (*Ps. 95:1a*)

Sing to the Lord, bless His name! (Ps. 95:2a)

Reading from Proverbs (15:20-16:9)

A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish man despises his mother. Folly is joy to him who is destitute of discernment, but a man of understanding walks uprightly. Without counsel, plans go awry, but in the multitude of counselors they are established. A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, and a word spoken in due season, how good it is! The way of life winds upward for the wise, that he may turn away from hell below. The Lord will destroy the house of the

proud, but He will establish the boundary of the widow. The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord, but the words of the pure are pleasant. He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house, but he who hates bribes will live. The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil. The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous. The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and a good report makes the bones healthy. The ear that hears the rebukes of life will abide among the wise. He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, but he who heeds rebuke gets understanding. The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom, and before honor is humility. The preparations of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirits. Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established. The Lord has made all for Himself, yes, even the wicked for the day of doom. Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; though they join forces, none will go unpunished. In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; and by the fear of the Lord one departs from evil. When a man's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. Better is a little with righteousness, than vast revenues without justice. A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.

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

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

Subdeacons: Michael (Frank) Guydan

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Servants: Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Helen Cotirgasanu, Roberta Cusick, Val Danchenko, Judi Diaz, 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.