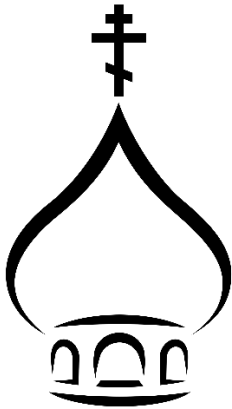


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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

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 6) 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!

V. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy Name.

Tone 6 *Idiomelon* (from the Lenten Triodion)

Departing from Thy divine commandments, as from Jerusalem, going down to the passions of Jericho, I was led astray by the vain glory of the cares of this life. I fell prey to my own thieving thoughts. They stripped me of the robe of sonship that was mine by grace. Now I lie wounded, as one without the breath of life. The priest approached and saw my body, but passed me by. The Levite looked at it with loathing and walked away, but Thou didst anoint me as with oil, O Lord, Who ineffably didst take flesh from the Virgin and of Thine own will didst pour out blood and water from Thy side for our salvation. Bind up my gaping wounds with linen, O Christ our God, and in Thy compassion join me to the heavenly choir!

(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!

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

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

(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.

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

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

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

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

Then the bodiless Angel replied: "When God so wills, the order of nature is overcome, and what is beyond man comes to pass. Believe that my sayings are true, O all-holy and immaculate Lady!" And she cried aloud: "Let it be to me according to thy word, and I shall bear Him Who is without flesh! He shall borrow flesh from me, that through this union of natures He may lead man up to his ancient glory, for He alone has power so to do."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 2 *(Theotokion, by Theophanes)*

Today the eternal mystery is revealed. The Son of God becomes the Son of man. By accepting the lowest, He grants me the highest. Of old, Adam was deceived; he sought to become God, but he did not receive his desire. Now God becomes Man, that He may make Adam God. Let creation rejoice! Let nature exult: for the Archangel stands in fear before the Virgin, and saying: "Rejoice!" he brings her the greeting by which our sorrow is healed. Glory to Thee, O Lord, Who in Thy compassion didst become a man!

Tone 4 **Prokeimenon**

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness. *(Ps. 102:8a)*

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy Name!
(Ps. 102:a)

Reading from Genesis (22:1-18)

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided." Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son - "blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the

seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.
(Ps. 103:26)

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)

Reading from Proverbs (17:17-18:5)

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. A man devoid of understanding shakes hands in a pledge, and becomes surety for his friend. He who loves transgression loves strife, and he who exalts his gate seeks destruction. He who has a deceitful heart finds no good, and he who has a perverse tongue falls into evil. He who begets a scoffer does so to his sorrow, and the father of a fool has no joy. A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones. A wicked man accepts a bribe behind the back to pervert the ways of justice. Wisdom is in the sight of him who has understanding, but the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth. A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her who bore him. Also, to punish the righteous is not good, nor to strike princes for their uprightness. He who has knowledge spares his words, and a man of understanding is of a calm spirit. Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; when he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive. A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; he rages against all wise judgment. A fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart. When the wicked comes, contempt comes also; and with dishonor comes reproach. The words of a man's mouth are deep waters; the wellspring of wisdom is a flowing brook. It is not good to show partiality to the wicked, or to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

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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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.