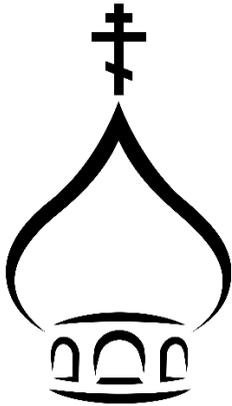


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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

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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(After "Blessed is our God..." and "Amen." :)

Clergy: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! *(thrice)*

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! *(thrice)*

(The clergy then chant the Paschal verses with the choir singing the Troparion "Christ is risen..." after each verse.)

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face! (Ps. 67:1)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire! (Ps. 67:2a)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad! (Ps. 67:2b-3a)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Ps. 117:24)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

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

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

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

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Clergy: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,

Choir: and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

"Lord I Call..." Tone 2

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!

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

Tone 2 *(for the Resurrection)*

Come, let us worship the Word of God begotten of the Father before all ages, and incarnate of the Virgin Mary! Having endured the Cross, He was buried as He Himself desired. And having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.

(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.

Christ our Savior nailed to the Cross the bond against us, He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death. We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.

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

With the Archangels let us praise the Resurrection of Christ! He is our Savior, our Redeemer. He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power to judge the world which He made.

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

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

The Angel proclaimed Thee, the crucified and buried Master. He told the women: "Come, see the place where He lay! He is risen as He said, for He is almighty." We worship Thee, O only immortal One. Have mercy on us, O Christ, the Giver of life!

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

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy the curse of the tree. By Thy burial, Thou didst slay the dominion of death. By Thy rising, Thou didst enlighten the race of man. O Benefactor, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

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

The gates of death opened to Thee from fear, O Lord. When the guards of hell saw Thee they were afraid, for Thou didst demolish the gates of brass and smash the iron chains. Thou hast led us from the darkness and shadows of death, and hast broken our bonds.

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

Tone 2

Let us come and worship in the house of the Lord, singing the hymn of salvation: Cleanse our sins, for Thou wast crucified and raised from the dead, and art in the bosom of the Father!

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

Tone 2 *(Theotokion - Dogmatikon)*

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came; as the Bush burned, yet was not consumed, so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin. The Righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame. Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

Tone 7 Great Prokeimenon

Who is so great a God as our God? / Thou art the God Who workest wonders!
(Ps. 76:13b)

Thou hast made known Thy power among the peoples! (Ps. 76:14a)

And I said, "Now have I begun; this is the change of the right hand of the Most High." (Ps. 76:10)

I remembered the works of the Lord; for from the beginning will I remember Thy wonders! (Ps. 76:11)

Gospel

(John 20:19-25) Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

Aposticha

Tone 2 *(for the Resurrection)*

Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior, has enlightened the whole universe, recalling Thy creation. Glory to Thee, O almighty Lord!

(Then the Paschal Stichera with their verses from Psalm 67)

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; [let those who hate Him flee from before His face!] (Ps. 67:1)

Tone 5

Today, a sacred Pascha is revealed to us: a new and holy Pascha, a mystical Pascha, a Pascha worthy of veneration, a Pascha which is Christ the Redeemer, a blameless Pascha, a great Pascha, a Pascha of the faithful, a Pascha which has opened for us the gates of Paradise, a Pascha which sanctifies all the faithful.

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; [as wax melts before the fire!] (Ps. 67:2a)

Come from that scene, O women bearers of glad tidings, and say to Zion: "Receive from us the glad tidings of joy, of Christ's Resurrection! Exult and be

glad, and rejoice, O Jerusalem, seeing Christ the King, Who comes forth from the tomb like a bridegroom in procession!"

*So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad!
(Ps. 67:2b-3a)*

The myrrh-bearing women, at the break of dawn, drew near to the tomb of the Life-giver. There they found an angel sitting upon the stone. He greeted them with these words: "Why do you seek the Living among the dead? Why do you mourn the Incorrupt amid corruption? Go, proclaim the glad tidings to His disciples!"

This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Ps. 117:24)

Pascha of beauty, the Pascha of the Lord, A Pascha worthy of all honor has dawned for us. O Pascha! Let us embrace each other joyously! Pascha, ransom from affliction! For today, as from a bridal chamber, Christ has shone forth from the tomb, and filled the women with joy saying: "Proclaim the glad tidings to the Apostles!"

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

This is the day of resurrection! Let us be illumined by the feast! Let us embrace each other! Let us call Brothers even those that hate us, and forgive all by the resurrection, and so let us cry:

"Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!" (*thrice*)

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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Child of God: Emily Estrin

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

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