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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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### The First Antiphon

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name, give glory to His praise! *(Ps. 65:1)*

*Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

The voice of Thy thunder was in the whirlwind; Thy lightning lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook. *(Ps. 76:17b-18) (Refrain)*

Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. *(Ps. 103:2) (Refrain)*

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

### The Second Antiphon

Mount Zion in the far north is the city of the great King. *(Ps. 47:2)*

*Refrain:* O Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

And He brought them to the mountain of His sanctuary, this mountain which His right hand had won. *(Ps. 77:58) (Refrain)*

The Mount Zion which He loved, He built as His sanctuary with mighty strength. *(Ps. 77:73b-74a) (Refrain)*

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

*("Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God... ")*

## **The Third Antiphon**

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (*Ps. 124:1*)

### **Tone 7      Troparion**

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos! O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

As the mountains are round about it, so the Lord is round about His people, from this time and forevermore. (*Ps. 124:2*)

*Troparion of the Feast*

O Lord, who shall sojourn in Thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell on Thy holy mountain? (*Ps. 14:1*)

*Troparion of the Feast*

Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? (*Ps. 23:3*)

*Troparion of the Feast*

### **Entrance Verse**

Send out Thy light and Thy truth; they have led me and brought me to Thy holy mountain. (*Ps. 42:3*)

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## **Tone 7      Kontakion**

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

## **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)*

## **Epistle**

(2 Peter 1:10-19) Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease. For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

## **Tone 8**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine! (Ps. 88:11a)*

*Blessed are the people who know the festal shout! (Ps. 88:14b)*

## **Gospel**

(Matthew 17:1-9) Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

*(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)*

## **Tone 4**

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!

Thy childbearing was without corruption; God came forth from thy body clothed in flesh, and appeared on earth and dwelt among men. Therefore we all magnify thee, O Theotokos.

## **Communion Hymn**

O Lord, we will walk in the light of Thy countenance, and will exult in Thy Name forever. (Ps. 88:15)

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:**

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**Child of God:** Emily Estrin

**Handmaiden of God:** Corinne Gahles Stuckey and her unborn child

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