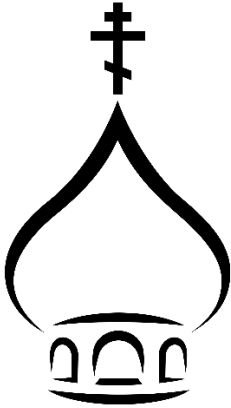


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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

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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Tone 4 Troparion (*St. Nicholas*)

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of humility and teacher of abstinence. So you won the heights by humility, riches by poverty; O Holy Father Nicholas intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Tone 3 Kontakion (*St. Nicholas*)

Thou didst appear as a priest in Myra, O Saint Nicholas, fulfilling the Gospel of Christ, O venerable one; thou didst lay down thy life for thy people and didst rescue the innocent from death. Therefore, thou hast been blest as a great initiate of the grace of God.

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (*St. Nicholas*)

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him. (*Ps. 63:10a*)

Epistle

(Hebrews 13:17-21 (St. Nicholas)) Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably. But I especially urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Thy priests shall be clothed in righteousness, and Thy saints shall rejoice.
(Ps. 131:9)*

The Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation. (Ps. 131:14)

Gospel

(Luke 6:17-23 (St. Nicholas)) And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all. Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

Communion Hymn

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. (Ps. 111:6)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!