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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 2 **Troparion** *(Saturday)*

Apostles, Martyrs, and Prophets, Hierarchs, Holy Monks, and Righteous Ones: who completed well the fight and kept the faith, you have boldness before the Savior. We pray: "intercede for us with Him, as He is good, that He may save our souls."

Tone 2 **Troparion** *(Prophet Hosea)*

We celebrate the memory of Thy prophet Hoseas, O Lord; through him we beseech Thee: save our souls

Tone 4 **Troparion** *(Monk-Martyr Andrew of Crete)*

Trained in asceticism on the mountain, with the weapon of the Cross thou didst destroy the spiritual assaults of the hostile powers, O all-blessed one; Again thou didst bravely prepare for combat and didst slay Copronymus with the sword of faith; for both struggles thou hast been crowned by God, monk-martyr Andrew of eternal memory.

Tone 4 **Kontakion** *(Prophet Hosea)*

Illumined by the Spirit, thy heart was a vessel of illustrious prophecy, seeing far-off things as though they were present. Therefore, we venerate thee, glorious prophet Hosea

Tone 3 Kontakion *(Monk-Martyr Andrew of Crete)*

Today the Queen of cities celebrates the radiant feast of thy light-bearing memory, and invites every city and country to join her. She rejoices for she has gained a great treasure: thy body which sustained many struggles, martyr Andrew, beacon of Orthodoxy

Tone 6 Steadfast Protectress

Steadfast Protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the Creator, despise not the cry of us sinners, but in thy goodness, comes speedily to help us who call on thee in faith, hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for thou dost always protect those who honor thee.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(Saturday)*

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O ye righteous; and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

> ***Vs.*** *"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." (Psalm 31:1-11)*

Epistle

(2 Corinthians 1:8-11) For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us, you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Vs. *The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of all their troubles. (Ps. 33:17)*

Vs. *Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver them out of them all. (Ps. 33:19)*

Gospel

(Luke 6:1-10) Now it happened on the second Sabbath after the first that He went through the grainfields. And His disciples plucked the heads of grain and ate them, rubbing them in their hands. And some of the Pharisees said to them, "Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?" But Jesus answering them said, "Have you not even read this, what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he went into the house of God, took and ate the showbread, and also gave some to those with him, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat?" And He said to them, "The Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath." Now it happened on another Sabbath, also, that He entered the synagogue and taught. And a man was there whose right hand was withered. So the scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely, whether He would heal on the Sabbath, that they might find an accusation against Him. But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand, "Arise and stand here." And he arose and stood. Then Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy?" And when He had looked around at them all, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

Hymns sung at the Ordination

O holy martyrs, who fought the good fight and have received your crowns: entreat ye the Lord, that He will have mercy on our souls.

Glory to Thee, O Christ God, the apostles' boast, the martyrs joy, whose preaching was the consubstantial Trinity.

Rejoice, O Isaiah, A virgin is with child; and shall bear a son, Emmanuel: both God and man, and Orient is His name, whom magnifying we call the Virgin blessed.

Communion Hymn

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!