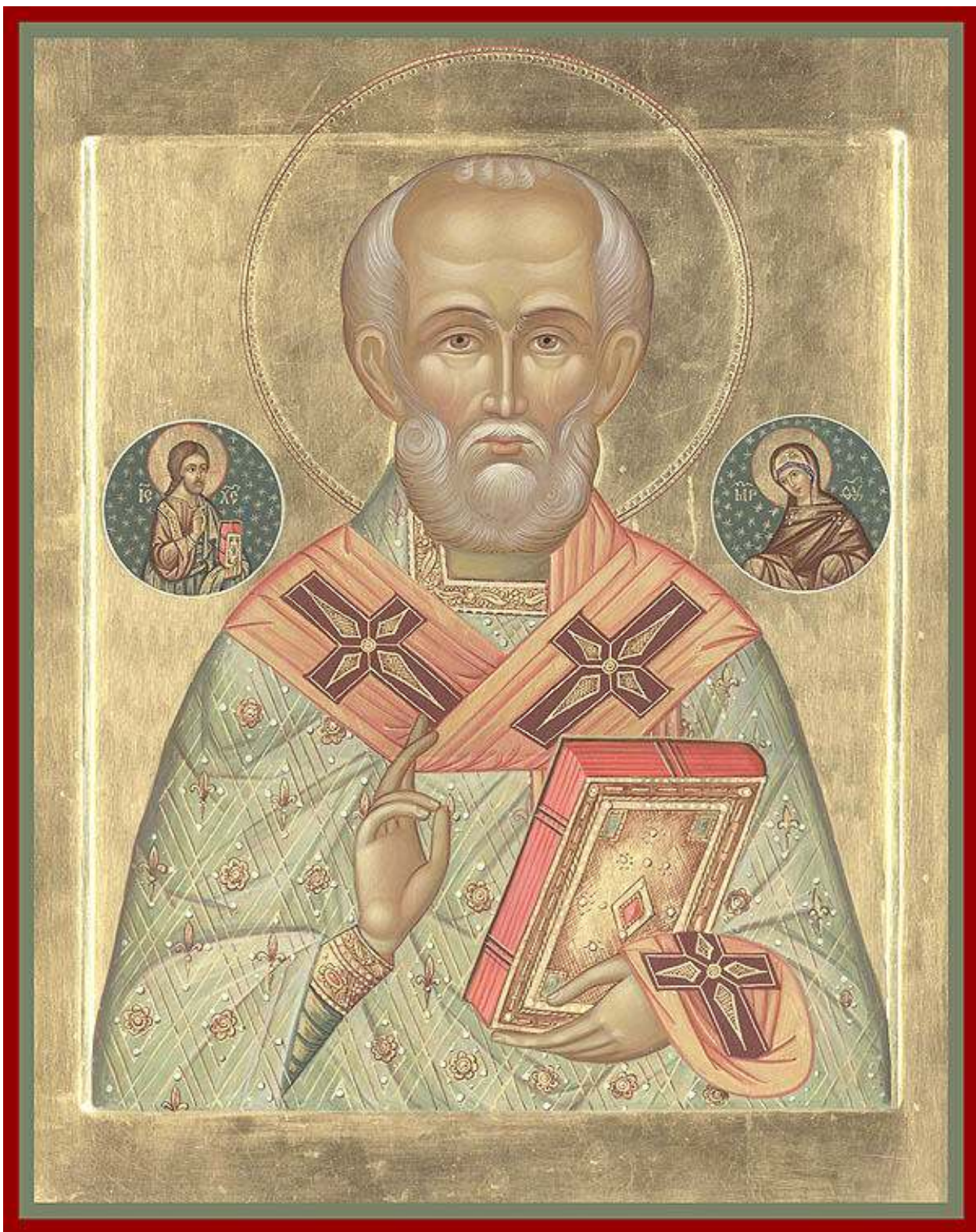


Akathist to our Holy Father St. Nicholas The Wonderworker



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Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen Glory to Thee O God. Glory to Thee. O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere and fillest all things. Treasury of blessings and giver of life, come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity. And, save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty , Holy Immortal, have mercy on us (3).

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

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy (3).

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

Our Father, Who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And, lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Priest: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

Kontakion 1

Choir/Faithful: O champion wonderworker and superb servant of Christ, / thou who pourest out for all the world the most precious myrrh of mercy / and an inexhaustible sea of miracles, / I praise thee with love, O Saint Nicholas;/

and as thou art one having **boldness** towards the Lord, / from all dangers do thou deliver us, that we may **cry** to thee: // Rejoice, O **Nicholas**, Great **Wonderworker**!

Ekos 1

An angel in manner though earthly by nature did the Creator reveal thee to be; for, foreseeing the fruitful beauty of thy soul, blessed Nicholas, He taught all to cry to thee:

Choir/Faithful:

Rejoice, thou who wast purified from thy **mother's** womb!

Rejoice, thou who wast sanctified even **unto** the end!

Rejoice, thou who didst amaze thy **parents** by thy birth!

Rejoice, thou who didst manifest power of soul straightway **after** birth!

Rejoice, plant of the land of **promise**!

Rejoice, flower of divine **planting**!

Rejoice, virtuous vine of Christ's **vineyard**!

Rejoice, wonderworking tree of the Paradise of **Jesus**!

Rejoice, lily of **paradisaical** growth!

Rejoice, myrrh of the **fragrance** of Christ!

Rejoice, for through thee lamentation is **banished**!

Rejoice, for through thee rejoicing is **brought** to pass!

Rejoice, O **Nicholas**, Great **Wonderworker**!

Kontakion 2

Seeing the effusion of thy myrrh, O divinely-wise one, our souls and bodies are enlightened, understanding thee to be a wonderful, living source of unction, O Nicholas; for with miracles poured out like water through the Grace of God thou finest them that faithfully cry unto God: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ekos 2

Teaching incomprehensible knowledge about the Holy Trinity thou wast a champion of the confession of the Orthodox Faith with the holy fathers in Nicaea; for thou didst confess the Son equal to the Father, co-everlasting and co-enthroned, and thou didst denounce the foolish Arius. Therefore the

faithful have learned to sing to thee:

Choir/Faithful:

Rejoice, great pillar of **piety**!

Rejoice, city of refuge for the **faithful**!

Rejoice, firm stronghold of **Orthodoxy**!

Rejoice, venerable vessel and praise of the Holy **Trinity**!

Rejoice, thou who didst preach the Son of equal honor with the **Father**!

Rejoice, thou who didst expel the demonized Arius from the **council** of the saints!

Rejoice, father, glorious beauty of the **fathers**!

Rejoice, wise goodness of all the **divinely** wise!

Rejoice, thou who utterest **fiery** words!

Rejoice, thou who guidest thy flock so well!

Rejoice, for through thee faith is **strengthened**!

Rejoice, for through thee heresy is **overthrown**!

Rejoice, O **Nicholas**, Great **Wonderworker**!

Kontakion 3

Through power given thee from on high thou didst wipe away every tear from the face of those in cruel suffering, O God-bearing Father Nicholas; for thou wast shown to be a feeder of the hungry, a superb pilot of those on the high seas, a healer of the ailing, and thou hast proved to be a helper to all who cry unto God: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ekos 3

Truly, Father Nicholas, a song should be sung to thee from Heaven, and not from earth; for how can a mere man proclaim the greatness of thy holiness? But we, conquered by thy love, cry unto thee:

Choir/Faithful:

Rejoice, model of lambs and **shepherds**!

Rejoice, holy purification of **mortals**!

Rejoice, container of great **virtues**!

Rejoice, pure and honorable abode of **holiness**!
Rejoice, all-luminous lamp, **beloved** by all!
Rejoice, light golden-rayed and **blameless**!
Rejoice, worthy converser with **angels**!
Rejoice, good **guide** of men!
Rejoice, pious **rule** of faith!
Rejoice, model of spiritual **meekness**!
Rejoice, for through thee we are delivered from bodily **passions**!
Rejoice, for through thee we are filled with **spiritual** delights!
Rejoice, O **Nicholas**, Great **Wonderworker**!

Kontakion 4

A storm of bewilderment confuseth our minds: How can we worthily hymn thy wonders, O blessed Nicholas? For no one could count them, even though he had many tongues and willed to tell them; but we make bold to sing to God Who is wonderfully glorified in thee: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ekos 4

People near and far heard of the greatness of thy miracles, O divinely-wise Nicholas, for in the air with the delicate wings of Grace thou art accustomed to forewarn all those in misfortune, quickly delivering all who cry to thee:

Choir/Faithful:

Rejoice, deliverance from **sorrow**!
Rejoice, **gift** of Grace!
Rejoice, dispeller of unexpected **evils**!
Rejoice, planter of **good** desires!
Rejoice, quick comforter of those in mis**fortune**!
Rejoice, dread punisher of wrong**doers**!
Rejoice, abyss of miracles poured **out** by God!
Rejoice, tablets of the law of Christ **written** by God!
Rejoice, strong uplifting of the **fallen**!
Rejoice, support of them that **stand** aright!
Rejoice, for through thee all **deception** is exposed!

Rejoice, for through thee all truth is **realized!**
Rejoice, O **Nicholas**, Great **Wonderworker!**

Kontakion 5

Thou didst appear as a divinely-moving star, guiding those who sailed upon the cruel sea who were once threatened with imminent death if thou hadst not come to the help of those who called upon thee, O wonderworker Saint Nicholas; for, having forbidden the flying demons who shamelessly wanted to sink the ship, thou didst drive them away, and didst teach the faithful whom God saved through thee to cry: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ekos 5

The maidens, prepared for a dishonorable marriage because of their poverty, saw thy great compassion to the poor, O most-blessed Father Nicholas, when by night thou secretly gavest their aged father three bundles of gold, thereby saving him and his daughters from falling into sin. Wherefore, thou hearest from all:

Choir/Faithful:

Rejoice, treasury of great **mercy!**

Rejoice, friend who provided provisions for **people!**

Rejoice, food and consolation of those who **flee** unto thee!

Rejoice, inexhaustible bread of the **hungry!**

Rejoice, God-given wealth of those living in **poverty** on earth!

Rejoice, speedy uplifting of **paupers!**

Rejoice, quick hearing of the **needy!**

Rejoice, acceptable care of the **sorrowful!**

Rejoice, blameless provider for the three **maidens!**

Rejoice, fervent guardian of **purity!**

Rejoice, hope of the **hopeless!**

Rejoice, delight of **all** the world!

Rejoice, O **Nicholas**, Great **Wonderworker!**

Kontakion 6

The whole world proclaimeth thee, O most blessed Nicholas, as a quick

intercessor in adversities; for oftentimes preceding those that travel by land and sail upon the sea thou helpst them in a single hour, at the same time keeping from evils all who cry unto God: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ekos 6

Thou didst shine as a living light, bringing deliverance to the generals who received sentence to an unjust death, when they called upon thee, O good shepherd Nicholas. Thou didst quickly appear in a dream to the Emperor, terrifying him and ordering him to release them unharmed. Therefore, together with them we also gratefully cry unto thee:

Choir/Faithful:

Rejoice, thou who helpst them that fervently **call** upon thee!

Rejoice, thou who deliverest from **unjust** death!

Rejoice, thou who preservest from false **accusation**!

Rejoice, thou who destroyest the counsels of the **unrighteous**!

Rejoice, thou who tearest lies to shreds like **cobwebs**!

Rejoice, thou who gloriously **exaltest** truth!

Rejoice, deliverance of the innocent from their **fetters**!

Rejoice, **revival** of the dead!

Rejoice, revealer of **righteousness**!

Rejoice, exposer of **unrighteousness**!

Rejoice, for through thee the innocent were **saved** from the sword!

Rejoice, for through thee they **enjoyed** the light!

Rejoice, O **Nicholas**, Great **Wonderworker**!

Kontakion 7

Desiring to dispel the blasphemous stench of heresy, thou didst appear as a truly fragrant, mystical myrrh, O Nicholas; by shepherding the people of Myra, thou hast filled the whole world with thy gracious myrrh. Dispel also from us the stench of abominable sin, that we may acceptably cry unto God: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ekos 7

We understand thee to be a new Noah, a guide of the Ark of salvation, O holy Father Nicholas, who drivest away the storm of all evils by thy direction, and bringest divine calm to those who cry to thee:

Choir/Faithful:

Rejoice, calm harbor of the **storm**-tossed!

Rejoice, sure protection of those who are **drowning**!

Rejoice, good pilot of those who **sail** upon the deeps!

Rejoice, thou who rulest the **raging** of the sea!

Rejoice, guidance of those in **whirl**winds!

Rejoice, warmth of **those** in frosts!

Rejoice, radiance that dispellest the gloom of **sorrow**!

Rejoice, light that illuminest all the **ends** of the earth!

Rejoice, thou who deliverest people from the **abyss** of sin!

Rejoice, thou who castest Satan into the abyss of **hades**!

Rejoice, for through thee we boldly invoke the abyss of God's **compassion**!

Rejoice, for as ones rescued through thee from the flood of wrath, we find **peace** with God!

Rejoice, O **Nicholas**, Great **Wonderworker**!

Kontakion 8

A strange wonder is thy sacred church shown to be to those who flock to thee, O blessed Nicholas; for by offering in it even a small supplication, we receive healing from great illnesses, if only, after God, we place our hope in thee, faithfully crying aloud: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ekos 8

Thou art truly a helper to all, O God-bearing Nicholas, and thou hast gathered together all that flee unto thee, for thou art a deliverer, a nourisher, and a quick healer to all on earth, moving all to cry out in praise to thee:

Choir/Faithful:

Rejoice, source of all kinds of **healing**!

Rejoice, helper of those that suffer **cruelly**!
Rejoice, dawn shining for those wandering in the **night** of sin!
Rejoice, heaven-sent dew for those in the heat of **labors**!
Rejoice, thou who givest prosperity to **those** in need!
Rejoice, thou who preparest an abundance for **those** that ask!
Rejoice, thou who often **foresees** requests!
Rejoice, thou who restorest strength to the aged and gray-**headed**!
Rejoice, convicter of many who have strayed from the **true** way!
Rejoice, faithful steward of the **mysteries** of God!
Rejoice, for through thee we conquer **envy**!
Rejoice, for through thee we lead a **moral** life!
Rejoice, O **Nicholas**, Great Wonder**worker**!

Kontakion 9

Assuage all our pains, O our great intercessor Nicholas, dispensing gracious healings, delighting our souls, and gladdening the hearts of all that fervently hasten to thee for help and cry unto God: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ekos 9

The falsely-theorizing orators of the ungodly, we see, were put to shame by thee, O divinely-wise Father Nicholas; for thou didst confute Arius the blasphemer who divided the Godhead, and Sabellius who mingled the persons of the Holy Trinity, and thou hast strengthened us in Orthodoxy. Therefore we cry unto thee:

Choir/Faithful:

Rejoice, shield that defendest **piety**!
Rejoice, sword that cuttest down **impiety**!
Rejoice, teacher of the divine **commandments**!
Rejoice, destroyer of impious **doctrines**!
Rejoice, ladder set up by God by which we ascend to **Heaven**!
Rejoice, God-given protection, by which many are **sheltered**!
Rejoice, thou who makest wise the unwise by thy **sayings**!
Rejoice, thou who movest the slothful by thy **example**!

Rejoice, inextinguishable brightness of God's **commandments**!
Rejoice, most luminous ray of the Lord's **statutes**!

Rejoice, for through thy teaching the heads of heretics are **broken**!
Rejoice, for through thee the faithful are counted worthy of **glory**!
Rejoice, O **Nicholas**, Great **Wonderworker**!

Kontakion 10

Desiring to save thy soul, thou didst truly subject thy body to the spirit, O our Father Nicholas; for first by silence and wrestling with thoughts, thou didst join contemplation to activity; and by contemplation thou didst acquire perfect knowledge with which thou didst boldly converse with God and angels, always crying: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ekos 10

Thou art a rampart, O most blessed one, to those who praise thy miracles, and to all that have recourse to thine intercession; wherefore, free also us, who are poor in virtue, from poverty, temptations, illness, and needs of various kinds, as we cry unto thee:

Choir/Faithful:

Rejoice, thou who rescuest from eternal **misery**!
Rejoice, thou who bestowest incorruptible **riches**!
Rejoice, imperishable food for those that hunger after **righteousness**!
Rejoice, inexhaustible drink for those that **thirst** for life!
Rejoice, thou who preservest from **revolution** and war!
Rejoice, thou who freest us from chains and **imprisonment**!
Rejoice, glorious intercessor in **misfortunes**!
Rejoice, great defender in **temptations**!
Rejoice, thou Who hast rescued many from **destruction**!
Rejoice, thou who hast kept countless **numbers** unharmed!
Rejoice, for through thee sinners escape a **frightful** death!
Rejoice, for through thee those who repent obtain **eternal** life!
Rejoice, O **Nicholas**, Great **Wonderworker**!

Kontakion 11

A song to the Most Holy Trinity didst thou bring, surpassing others in thought, word, and deed, O most blessed Nicholas; for with much searching thou didst explain the precepts of the true Faith, guiding us to sing with faith, hope, and love to the one God in Trinity: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ekos 11

We see thee as a brilliant and inextinguishable ray for those in the darkness of this life, O God-chosen Father Nicholas; for thou conversest with the immaterial angelic lights concerning the uncreated light of the Trinity, and thou enlightenest the souls of the faithful who cry unto thee:

Choir/Faithful:

Rejoice, radiance of the **Three**-sunned Light!

Rejoice, daystar of the never-**setting** Sun!

Rejoice, lamp kindled by the **Divine** Flame!

Rejoice, for thou hast quenched the demonic flame of **impiety**!

Rejoice, bright preaching of the **Orthodox** Faith!

Rejoice, luminous radiance of the light of the **Gospel**!

Rejoice, lightning that consumest **heresy**!

Rejoice, thunder that terrifies **sinners**!

Rejoice, teacher of true **knowledge**!

Rejoice, revealer of the secret mind!

Rejoice, for through thee the worship of the creatures hath been **abolished**!

Rejoice, for through thee we have learned to worship the Creator in the **Trinity**!

Rejoice, O **Nicholas**, Great **Wonderworker**!

Kontakion 12

Knowing the Grace that hath been given thee by God, we long and joyfully celebrate thy memory, O most glorious Father Nicholas, and with all our soul we flee to thy wonderful intercession; unable to count thy glorious deeds which are like the sands of the seashore and the multitude of the stars, being at a loss to understand, we cry unto God: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ekos 12

While we sing of thy wonders, we praise thee, O all-praised Nicholas; for in thee God Who is glorified in the Trinity is wonderfully glorified. But even if we were to offer thee a multitude of psalms and hymns composed from the soul, O holy wonderworker, we should do nothing to equal the gift of thy miracles, and amazed by them we cry unto thee:

Choir/Faithful:

Rejoice, servant of the King of kings and **Lord** of lords!

Rejoice, co-dweller with His heavenly **servants**!

Rejoice, support of **faithful** kings!

Rejoice, exaltation of the race of **Christians**!

Rejoice, namesake of **victory**!

Rejoice, eminent **victor**!

Rejoice, mirror of all the **virtues**!

Rejoice, strong buttress of all who **flee** unto thee!

Rejoice, after God and the Theotokos, **all** our hope!

Rejoice, health of our bodies and **salvation** of our souls!

Rejoice, for through thee we are delivered from **eternal** death!

Rejoice, for through thee we are deemed worthy of **eternal** life!

Rejoice, O **Nicholas**, Great **Wonderworker**!

Kontakion 13

O most holy and most wonderful Father Nicholas, consolation of all in sorrow, accept our present offering, and entreat the Lord that we be delivered from Gehenna through thy God-pleasing intercession, that with thee we may sing: Alleluia! (**Thrice.**)

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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An angel in manner though earthly by nature did the Creator reveal thee to be; for, foreseeing the fruitful beauty of thy soul, blessed Nicholas, He taught all to cry to thee:

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Kontakion 1

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Priest: Again and again on bended knees let us pray to our Holy Father Nicholas

Choir/Faithful: O Holy Father **Nicholas** pray to **God** for us.

Prayer to Saint Nicholas

O all-praised and all-honored hierarch, great wonderworker, saint of Christ, Father Nicholas, man of God and faithful servant, man of love, chosen vessel, strong pillar of the Church, most brilliant lamp, star that illuminest and enlightenest the whole world: thou art a righteous man that didst flourish like a palm tree planted in the courts of his Lord; dwelling in Myra thou hast diffused the fragrance of myrrh, and thou poorest out the ever-flowing myrrh of the Grace of God. By thy presence, most holy Father, the sea was sanctified when thy most wonderful relics were carried from east to west to the city of Bari, to praise the name of the Lord. a most superb and marvelous

wonderworker, speedy helper, fervent intercessor, good shepherd that saveth the rational flock from all dangers, we glorify and magnify thee as the hope of all Christians, a fountain of miracles, a defender of the faithful, a most wise teacher, a feeder of the hungry, the gladness of those that mourn, clothing of the naked, healer of the sick, pilot of those that sail the sea, liberator of prisoners, nourisher and protector of widows and orphans, guardian of chastity, gentle tutor of children, support of the aged, guide of fasters, rest of those that labor, abundant riches of the poor and needy. Hearken unto us that pray unto thee and flee to thy protection, show thy mediation on our behalf with the Most High, and obtain through thy God-pleasing intercessions all that is useful for the salvation of our souls and bodies; keep this holy this church, every city and town, and every Christian country, and the people that dwell therein, from all oppression through thy help; for we know, we know that the prayer of a righteous man availeth much for good; and after the Most-blessed Virgin Mary, we have thee as a righteous mediator with the All-merciful God, and to thy fervent intercession and protection we humbly hasten. Do thou keep us, as a watchful and good shepherd, from all enemies, Pestilence, earthquake, hail, famine, flood, fire, the sword, the invasion of enemies, and in all our misfortunes and afflictions do thou give us a helping hand and open the doors of God's compassion; for we are unworthy to look upon the height of Heaven because of the multitude of our iniquities; we are bound by the bonds of sin and have not done the will of our Creator nor kept His commandments. Wherefore, we bow the knees of our broken and humble heart to our maker, and we ask thy fatherly intercession with Him: help us, O servant of God, lest we perish with our sins, deliver us from all evil, and from every adverse thing, direct our minds and strengthen our hearts in the Orthodox Faith, which, through thy mediation and intercession, neither wounds, nor threats, nor plague, nor the wrath of our Creator shall lessen; but grant that we may live a peaceful life here and see the good things in the land of the living, glorifying the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God glorified and worshiped in Trinity, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir/Faithful: Amen.

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Choir/Faithful: Lord have mercy (3)

Priest: Again we pray for His Beatitude, Metropolitan _____, His)Grace /Eminence), (Arch) Bishop _____, for priests, deacons, and all other clergy; and for all our brethren in Christ.

Choir/Faithful: Lord have mercy (3)

Priest. Again we pray for the president of our country , for all civil authorities and for our armed forces everywhere. Choir/Faithful: Lord have mercy (3)

Priest: Again we pray for mercy, life peace, health, salvation and visitation for the servants of God_ _____ and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

Choir/Faithful: Lord have mercy (3)

Priest: Furthermore, we pray for the people here present, awaiting from Thee great and bountiful mercies for all the brethren and for all Christians.

Choir/Faithful: Lord have mercy (3)

Priest: For Thou art a merciful God, and lovest mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir/Faithful: Amen.

Priest: Wisdom! Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Choir/Faithful: More honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim! Without defilement you gave birth to God the Word; true Theotokos we magnify you.

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee !

Choir/Faithful: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord have mercy (3). Father bless.

Priest: [pronounces the dismissal and faithful venerate the Cross]

