

Vesper Propers, December 6, 2015
Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**OUR HOLY FATHER NICHOLAS, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA, THE
WONDERWORKER.** A native of Lycia, he became a monk at the New Sion monastery.

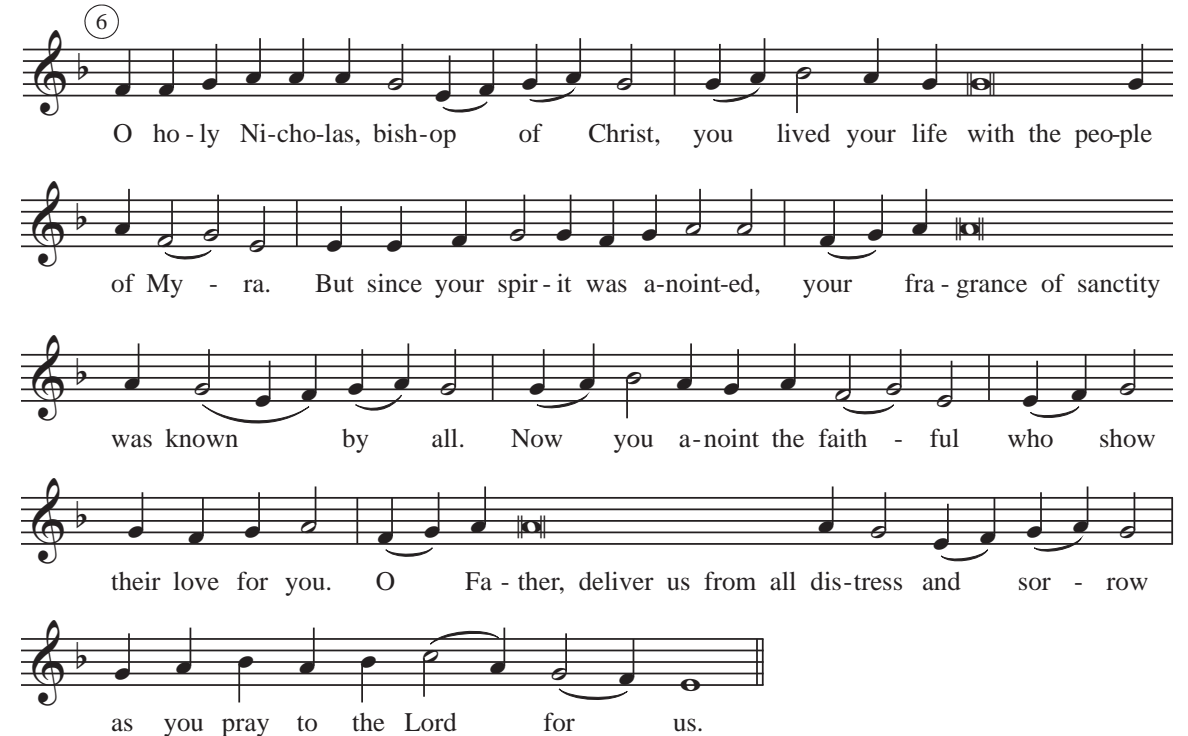
When his parents died, he gave his entire inheritance to the poor. Ordained a priest in Patara, he was famous for his almsgiving. He was chosen as archbishop of Myra, and was a model shepherd in his care for the people of his flock. He was present at the First Ecumenical Council (Nicea, 325). Full of years, he entered into rest. (343)

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006

Tone of the Week: Tone 3 (begins on page 48), stichera 10-7.

Cantor: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

Stichera of our holy father Nicholas the Wonderworker - Tone 2 samohlasen



O ho - ly Ni - cho - las, bish - op of Christ, you lived your life with the people
of My - ra. But since your spir - it was a - noint - ed, your fra - grance of sanctity
was known by all. Now you a - noint the faith - ful who show
their love for you. O Fa - ther, deliver us from all dis - tress and sor - row
as you pray to the Lord for us.

Cantor: My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.

(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

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O ho - ly Ni - cho - las, true ser - vant of Christ, you are tru - ly
a protector of your faith - ful flock, and when - ev - er you were asked for help,
you glad - ly assist - ed those who sought your aid. Now you are al - so
read - y by day or night to de - liv - er us from all dis - tress and sor - row.

Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

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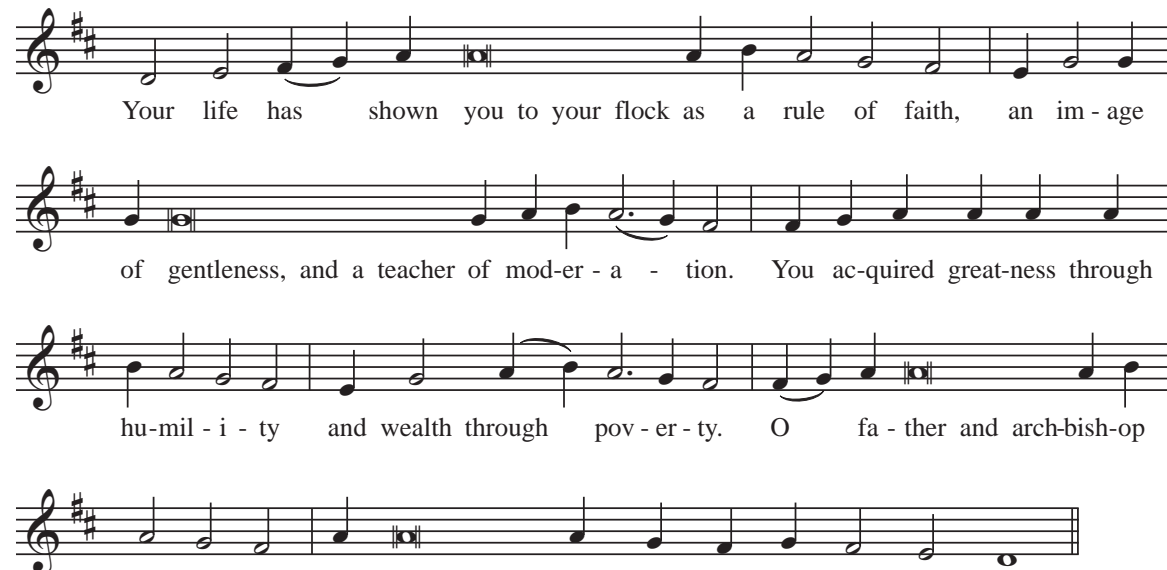
When you ap - peared in a dream to Con - stan - tine the King, you gave him this
warn - ing: Re - lease at once from prison those you have un - just - ly con - fined,
for they are in - nocent; no murder did they com - mit as you claim. O King,
lis - ten to me, or else I shall call up - on the Lord.

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection, in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 57).

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

Troparion of the holy father Nicholas the Wonderworker - Resurrection Tone 4



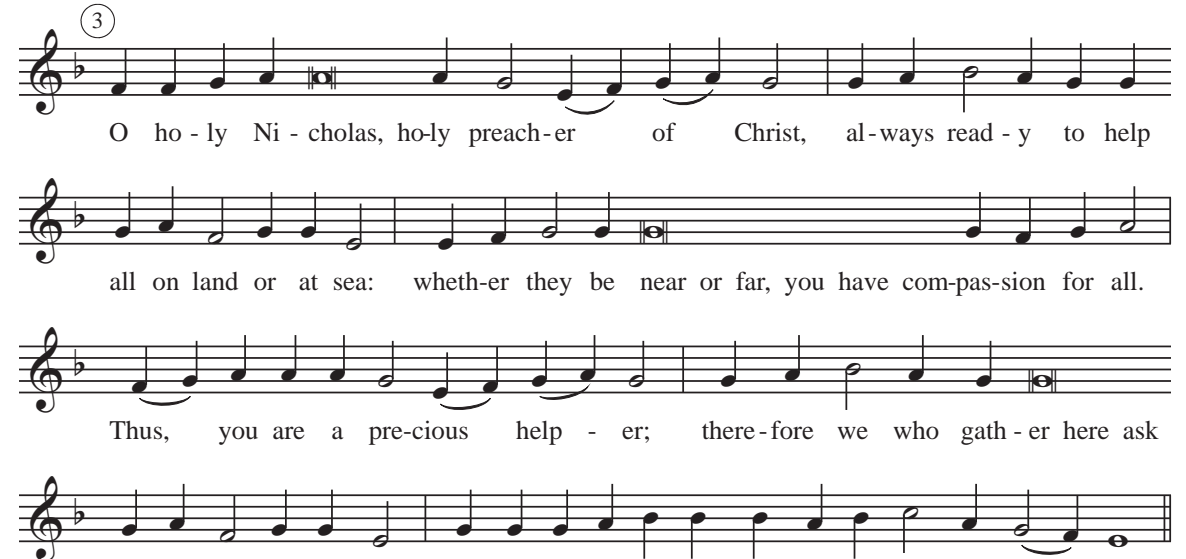
Your life has shown you to your flock as a rule of faith, an im-age
of gentleness, and a teacher of mod-er-a-tion. You ac-quired great-ness through
hu-mil-i-ty and wealth through pov-er-ty. O fa-ther and arch-bish-op
Nich-o-las, in-tercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 4, p. 68).

Blessing of Bread, p. 119.

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.



O ho-ly Ni-cholas, ho-ly preach-er of Christ, al-ways read-y to help
all on land or at sea: wheth-er they be near or far, you have com-pas-sion for all.
Thus, you are a pre-cious help-er; there-fore we who gath-er here ask
you to pray to the Lord that we be de-liv-ered from all dis-tress and sor-row.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations,
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!



What crowns of praise shall we con-fer up-on the saint-ly Ni-cho-las?
Once pres-ent in the flesh in My-ra, he is pres-ent in spirit to all who love
him pure-ly. He is the lead-er and de-fend-er of ev'-ry one,
a com-fort-er in dis-tress, and a ha-ven of all in dan-ger;

a pil - lar of pi - e - ty, and con-quer-or for be-liev-ers. For his
sake, Christ o-ver-came en - e - mies and shows us great mer - cy.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

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With what songs of praise shall we ex-tol the most saint - ly Ni-cho-las?
He is the foe of wick-ed-ness. He is an out-stand-ing lead - er,
a most pow-er-ful de-fend-er in dis-tress, and a great teach-er of the Church.
He con-founds all those who show dis - hon - or. He is the re - fu - tor
of Arius and his com-pan - ions. Be-cause of him, Christ put down their rag-ings
and showed great mer - cy.

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 54), concluding with

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of our holy father Nicholas the Wonderworker - Tone 6 samohlasen

O man of God, O faithful serv-ant of the Lord, you are a chosen vessel filled
with de-sire for God. You are a pillar and a foun-da - tion of the Church;
you are an heir of the King - dom. O holy father Ni-cho-las, pray to the Lord
for us.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 6, p. 90).

O ho - ly Ni - cho - las, pray for us.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Theotokion

O Zi-on, be hap - py; re-joyce, O Je - ru - sa - lem, the cit - y
of Christ, our God; bid wel-come to the Creator who rests in a man-ger in a cave.
O - pen your gates, Jerusalem, and I will en - ter so that I may see him, who
holds all cre-a - tion in his hands, e-ven though he lies in a manger wrapped
in swad-dling clothes. The angels ever praise this life-giv-ing Lord, who is
the on - ly Sav - ior of all.

Litija Litany, p.116

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon of our holy father Nicholas the Wonderworker - Tone 6 samohlasen

We have gath-ered to celebrate and to praise with song the model of bishops and
a glory to the fa - thers, a foun - tain of miracles and a great help - er of
be - liev - ers. Let us sing to the saint - ly Ni - cho - las: Re-joyce, O
Pro-tec-tor of My - ra who was re-ver-ed as its leader and strong - est
pil - lar. Re - joyce, O radiant star, whose light of miracles shines through - out the
world. Re - joyce, O divine joy to those in sor - row. Re - joyce, O defender of
those who are op - pressed; for e - ven now, all-ho - ly Ni - cho - las,
you still pray to God for us who cele-brate your feast with faith and who
hon - or you with zeal and joy.

Cantor: (Tone 3) Glory... Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 3, page 53).

Readings: Composite 1 (FM 486)
Proverbs 10: 31 through 11: 12 (EOT 312-313)
Wisdom 4: 7-15 (EOT 308)

Litija

Tone 2 Bolhar

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O ho - ly fa - ther Ni - cho-las, Christ has shown you to be the
mod - el of faith. Your hu - mil - i - ty in-spired all in your flock.
From My - ra, your pi - e - ty shines through - out the world.
You are known as the pro - tec - tor of wid - ows and or-phans.
Now we ask your unceasing prayer for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

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O ho - ly fa - ther Ni - cho-las, your re - lics poured out myrrh and

pro - tec - ted My - ra. While you lived you ap - peared in a
dream to the king; by this ap - pear - ance you freed from lash - es, pris - on,
and death, those who were con - demned un - just - ly;
now man - ifest yourself as then, im - plor - ing Christ to save our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

O good and faith - ful worker in the vine - yard of Christ, you endured the hardships of
dai - ly la - bors; you did not complain of those who worked less than you.
You in - creased the tal - ent giv - en you. There - fore, the gates of heav - en
o - pened to you, and now you share in the joy of the Lord.