

## Vigil Divine Liturgy Propers, December 6\*


**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 (Nicaea, 325). Full of years, he entered into rest. (343)

*Supplement for The Divine Liturgies of our holy fathers John Chrysostom and Basil the Great, 2006*

*The Vigil Divine Liturgy begins on page 104 in the **Divine Liturgies** book. The beginning verses of the Lamp-lighting Psalms ("O Lord, I have cried") are sung in Tone 2 (page 128). At the Psalm verse "on 3" toward the bottom of page 116, continue as follows:*

(on 3)

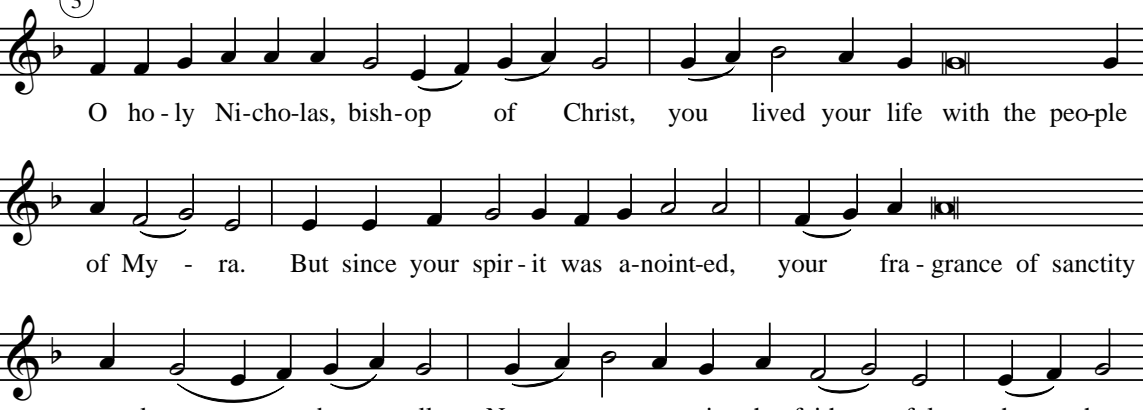
Cantor



Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion,  
Is - ra - el in - deed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

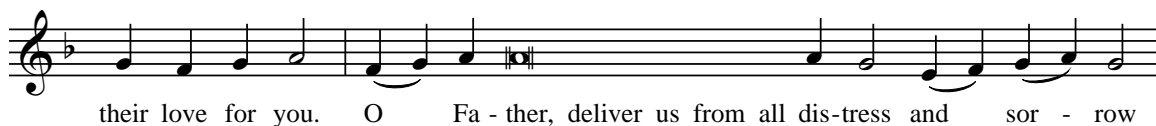
**Stichera of our holy father Nicholas the Wonderworker - Tone 2 samohlasen**

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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

\* to be sung on the evening of December 5.



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* (on 2)



Praise the Lord, all you na - tions; ac-claim him all you peo - ples!

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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



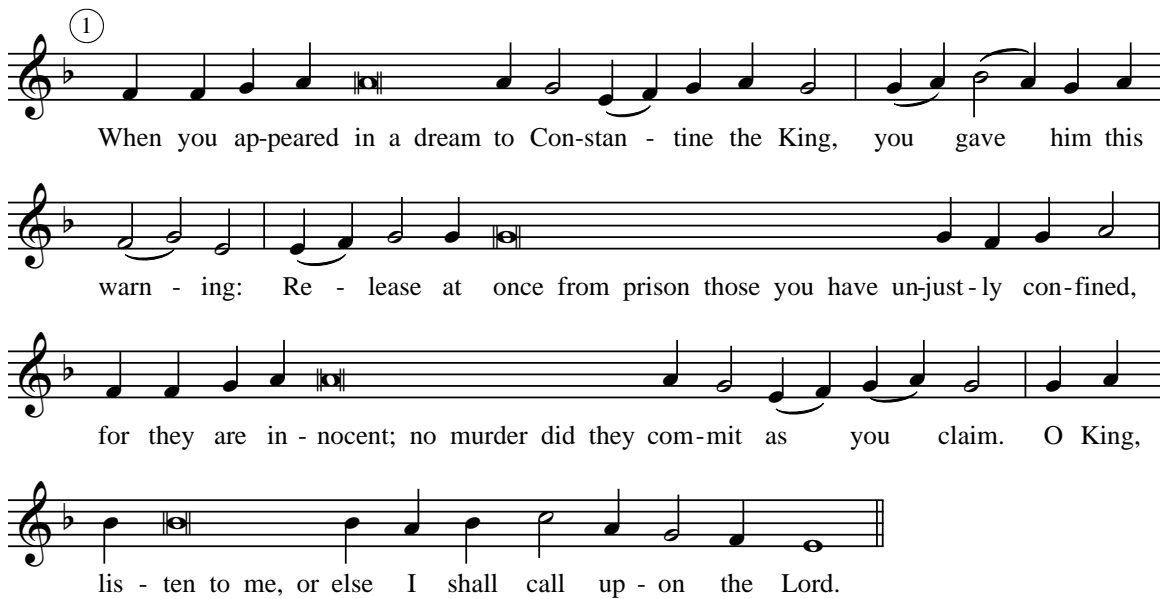
read - y by day or night to de - liv - er us from all dis - tress and sor - row.

*Cantor* (on 1)



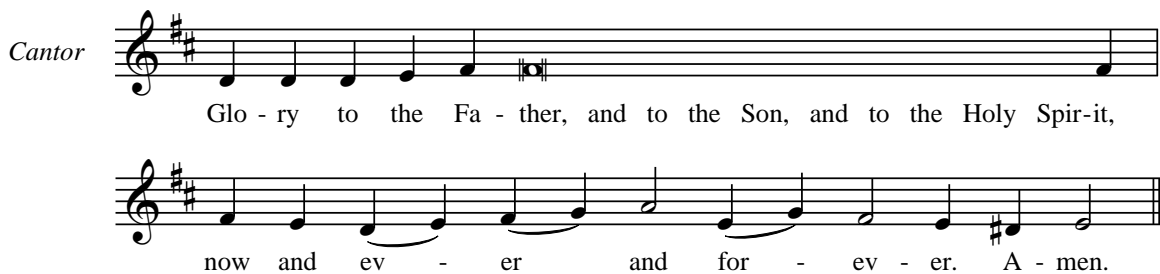
Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith - ful for - ev - er.

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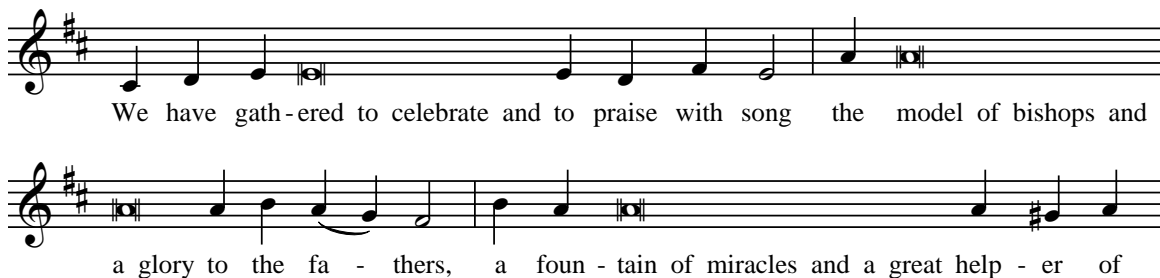
When you ap-peared in a dream to Con-stan - tine the King, you gave him this  
warn - ing: Re - lease at once from prison those you have un-just - ly con-fined,  
for they are in - nocent; no murder did they com-mit as you claim. O King,  
lis - ten to me, or else I shall call up - on the Lord.

*Cantor*



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it,  
now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

**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 - vered 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.

*As the doxastikon is sung, the clergy enter the Holy Place with the gospel book and censer.*

*The service continues on page 117 with the singing of the Hymn of the Evening, "O Joyful Light".*


*The prokeimenon of the day of the week is sung (pages 120-121).*

Then the following Old Testament readings are chanted. One reading may be chosen if desired.

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

After the Small Litany (page 122), the Divine Liturgy continues with the Thrice-Holy Hymn ("Holy God") on page 27 of the *Divine Liturgies* book.

**Prokeimenon of our holy father Nicholas - Tone 7** (Psalm 63:11,2):



The just man will re-joyce in the Lord, re - joyce in the Lord  
and will put his trust in him.

*Verse:* Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

**Alleluia of our holy father Nicholas - Tone 4** (Psalm 131:9; 111:1):



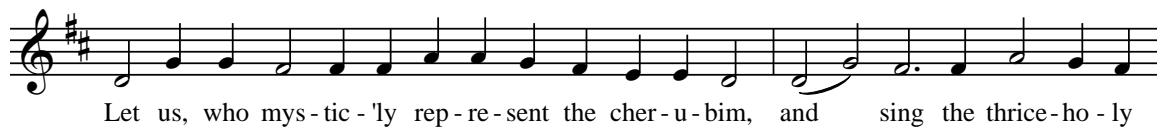
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

*Verse:* Your priests will be clothed with righteousness and your saints will rejoice.

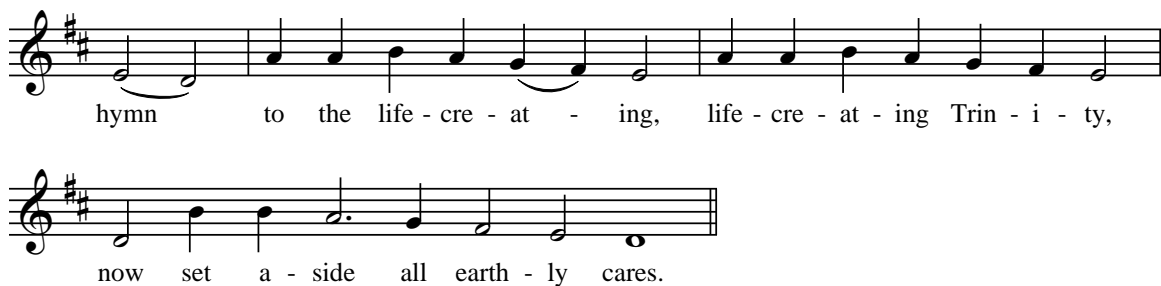
*Verse:* Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.

**Cherubic Hymn**

*on the hymn, "O kto, kto"*

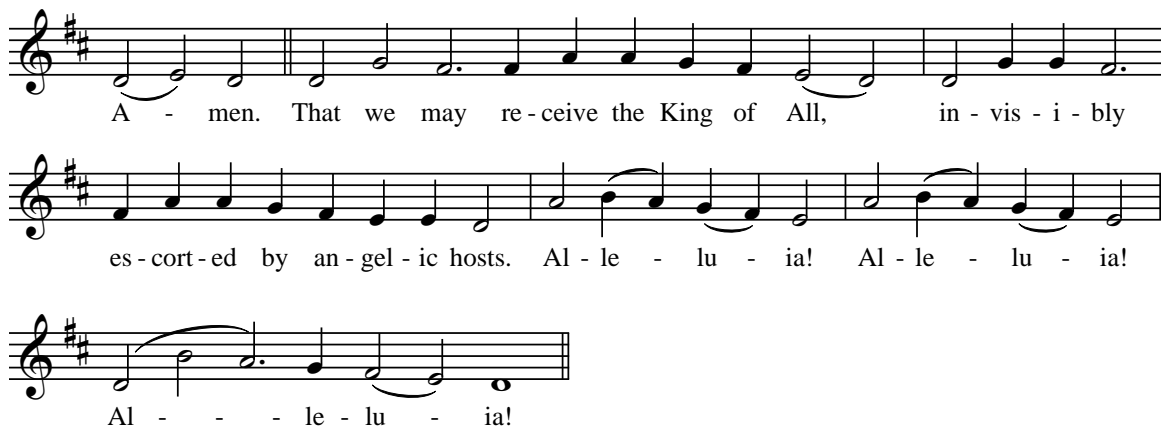


Let us, who mys - tic - 'ly rep - re - sent the cher - u - bim, and sing the thrice - ho - ly



hymn to the life - cre - at - ing, life - cre - at - ing Trin - i - ty,  
now set a - side all earth - ly cares.

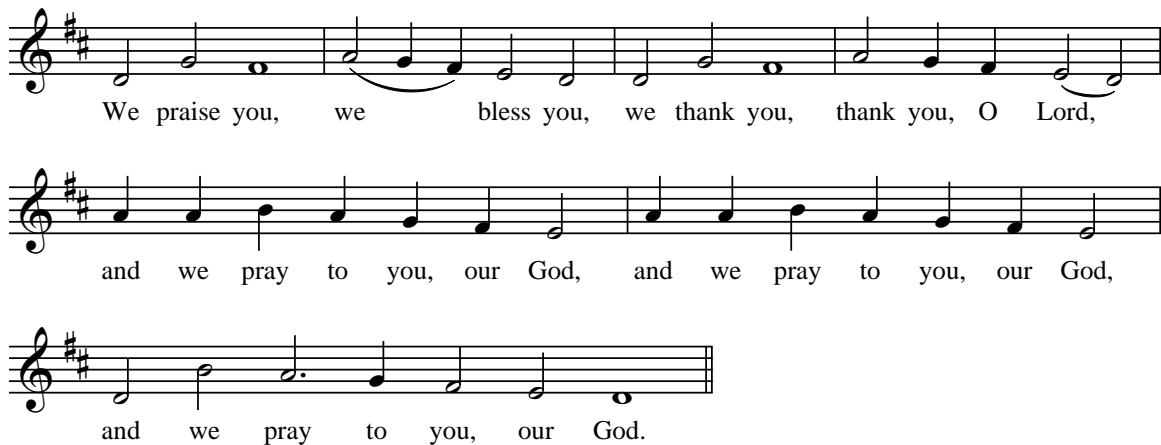
**After the commemorations:**



A - men. That we may re - ceive the King of All, in - vis - i - bly  
es - cort - ed by an - gel - ic hosts. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - - - le - lu - ia!

**Anamnesis Acclamation**


*on the hymn, "O kto, kto"*



We praise you, we bless you, we thank you, thank you, O Lord,  
and we pray to you, our God, and we pray to you, our God,  
and we pray to you, our God.

**Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):**

*on the hymn, "O kto, kto"*



The just man will be re-mem-bered for ev - er; e - vil news he will not fear.

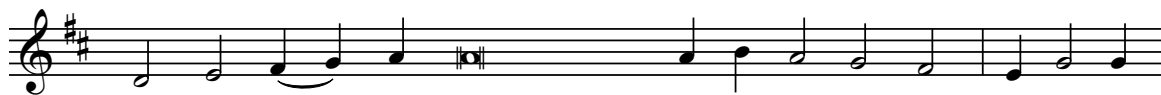
*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*The following hymn may be sung at the end of the Divine Liturgy if desired, either after the Ambon Prayer (if bread is blessed) or after the dismissal.*

**Troparion of the holy father Nicholas the Wonderworker - 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.