

ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER

ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA

Tone 2

LORD, I CALL UPON THEE, HEAR ME. HEAR ME, O LORD. LORD,

I CALL UP-ON THEE, HEAR ME. RE-CEIVE THE VOICE OF MY PRAYER,

WHEN I CALL UP-ON THEE. HEAR ME, O LORD. LET MY PRAYER

A - RISE IN THY SIGHT AS IN - CENSE AND LET THEE LIFT - ING UP

OF MY HANDS BE AN EVE - NING SAC - RI - FICE HEAR ME, O LORD.

8. Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice.

Verse 8

NICHOLAS LIVING IN MY - RA, YOU WERE MANIFESTED AS MYRRH,

BISH - OP OF CHRIST. A - NOINT - ED WITH THE MYRRH OF THE MIND:

YOU MAKE FRAGRANT WITH MYRRH THOSE WHO KEEP YOUR MEMORIAL

WITH FAITH AND LOVE, LOOSING THEM, FATHER FROM MISERY, DANGER

AND AF - FLIC - TION, BY YOUR IN - TER - CES - SIONS TO CHRIST.

7. Let Thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

Verse 7

NICHOLAS THE SER - VANT OF CHRIST, YOU WERE SHOWN AS TRULY VICTORIOUS

TO THE FAITH - FUL PEO - PLE STRONG IN TEMPTATION AND WOR -

THY OF YOUR NAME CALLED FROM ALL PLACES, YOU ARE SWIFT

TO COME TO THOSE WHO TURN WITH LOVE TO YOUR PRO - TEC - TION.

AP - PEAR - ING BY DAY AND NIGHT TO THE FAITH - FUL, YOU SAVE THEM

FROM DANGER AND TEMP - TA - TION.

6. If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

Verse 6

YOU APPEARED IN A DREAM TO THE EMPEROR CONSTANTINE AND HIS

COUN - SEL - OR AV - LAB - I - US, SPEAKING TO THEM AND PUT - TING

THEM IN FEAR: SET FREE AT ONCE THOSE YOU HOLD UNJUSTLY BOUND

IN PRIS - ON, FOR THEY ARE NOT GUILTY OF LAW - LESS MUR - DER.

AND IF YOU DO NOT LIS - TEN TO MY WORDS, I WILL CALL ON

THE LORD A - GAINST YOU, O KING.

5. For Thy name's sake I wait for thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word, my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Verse 5

GLORIOUS NICHOLAS, THE HOLY PREACH - ER OF CHRIST, YOU ARE THE

GREAT AND FERVENT PROTECTOR OF THOSE IN DAN - GER: THOSE ON LAND

AND SEA, FAR OFF OR NEAR, FOR YOU ARE A MOST COMPASSIONATE

AND MIGHTY INTER - CES - SOR THEREFORE, AS WE ASSEMBLE WE CRY

A - LOUD: PRAY TO THE LORD THAT WE MAY BE DELIVERED FROM ALL

DAN - GER.

4. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord.

3. For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all His iniquities.

Verse 4 and 3

WHAT CROWNS OF PRAISE SHALL WE WEAVE THE BISH - OP? ALTHOUGH HE

LIVED IN MY - RA, HE REACH - ES OUT IN SPIRIT TO ALL WHO

SIN - CERE - LY LOVE HIM. HE, THE CONSOLATION OF ALL IN AF - FLIC -

TION, THE REFUGE OF ALL IN DAN - GER, THE TOW - ER OF

GOD - LI - NESS. THE CHAMPION OF THE FAITH - FUL, FOR WHOSE SAKE THE

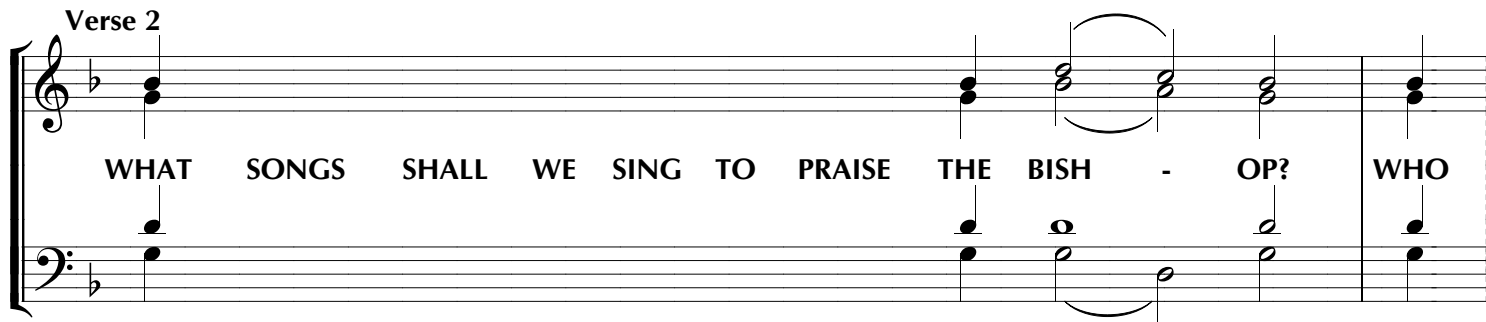
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EN - NE - MY.

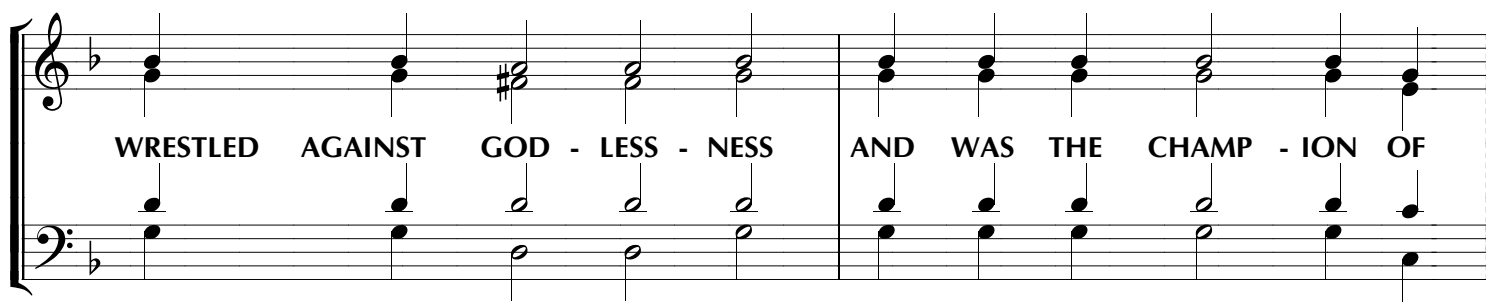
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2. Praise the Lord, all nations. Praise Him, all peoples.

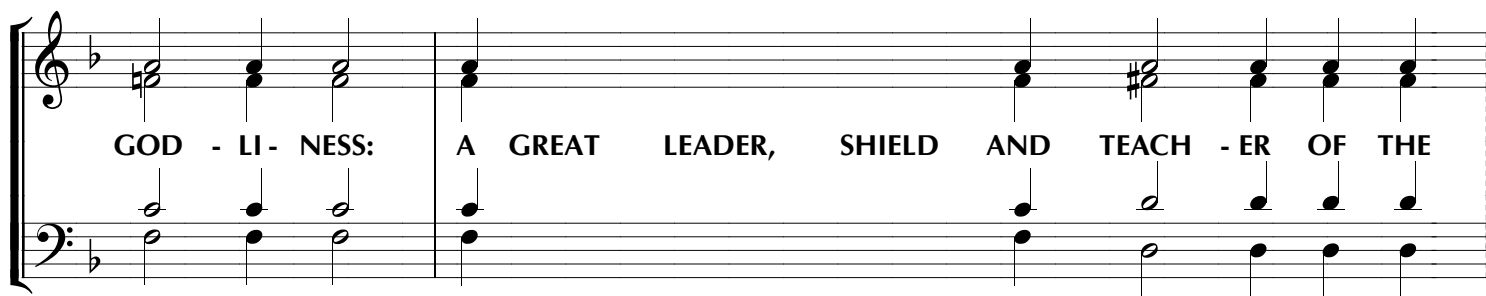
Verse 2



WHAT SONGS SHALL WE SING TO PRAISE THE BISH - OP? WHO



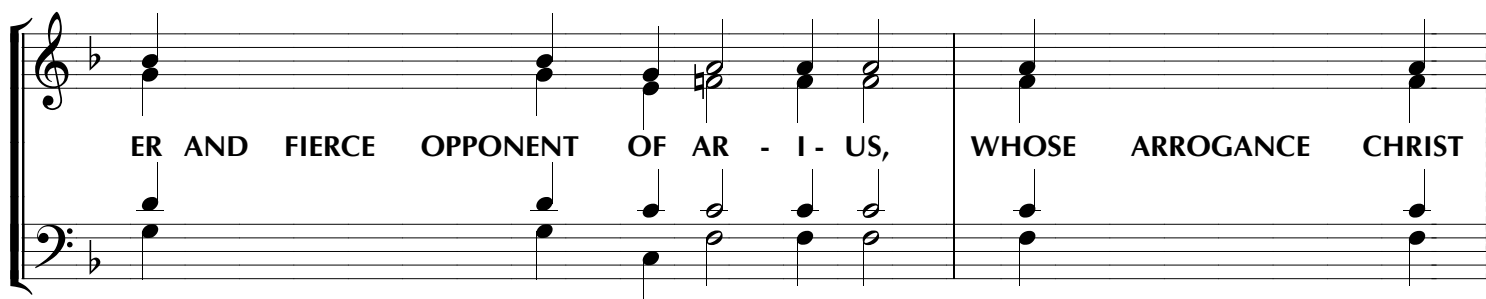
WRESTLED AGAINST GOD - LESS - NESS AND WAS THE CHAMP - ION OF



GOD - LI - NESS: A GREAT LEADER, SHIELD AND TEACH - ER OF THE



CHURCH, PUTTING ALL INGLORIOUS HER - E - SY TO SHAME, THE DE - STROY -



ER AND FIERCE OPPONENT OF AR - I - US, WHOSE ARROGANCE CHRIST

LAID LOW ON HIS AC - COUNT, THROUGH HIS GREAT MER - CY.

1. For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Verse 1

WITH WHAT SONGS OF PROPHECY SHALL WE PRAISE THE BISH - OP?

HE WHO FORESAW THINGS AFAR AND CLEARLY ANNOUNCED THEM

BE - FORE HAND, FORE - TELL - ING THEM AS THOUGH THEY WERE

TAK - ING PLACE. HE WHO LOOKED ROUND THE WHOLE WORLD, MAKING

IN - JUST - ICE CEASE; HE WHO APPEARED IN DREAMS TO THE EMPEROR

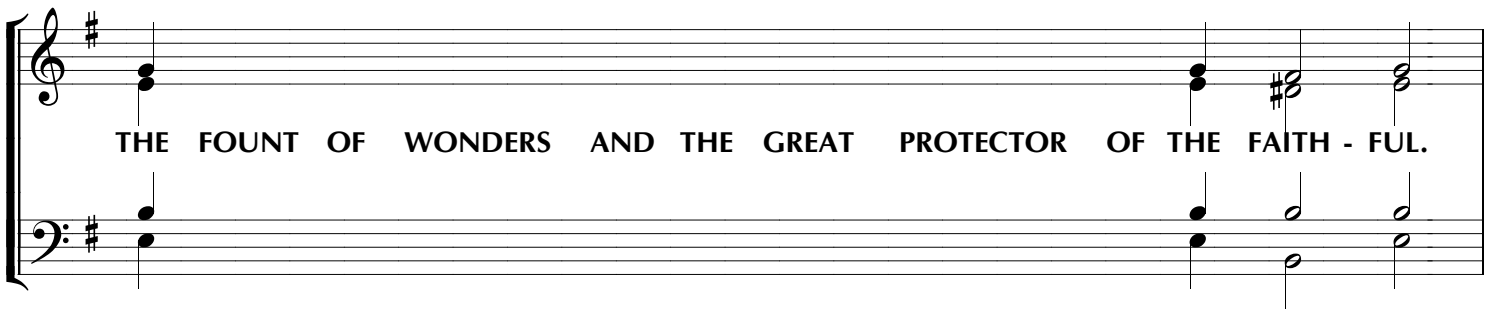
WISE IN GOD, AND DE - LIV - ERED FROM AN UNJUST EXECUTION THOSE

WHO HAD BEEN IN BONDS, AS HE IS RICH IN GREAT MER - CY.

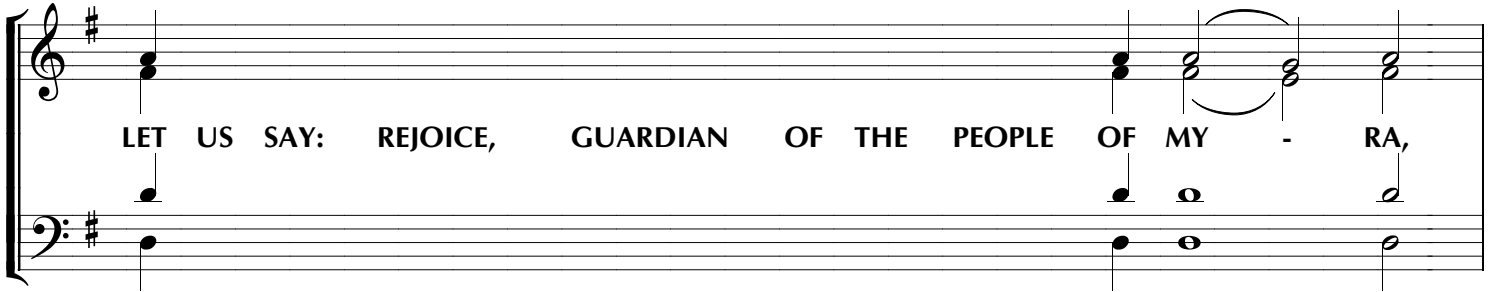
Glory in the 6th tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

YOU THAT LOVE THE FEASTS, LET US GATHER AND SING THE PRAISES OF

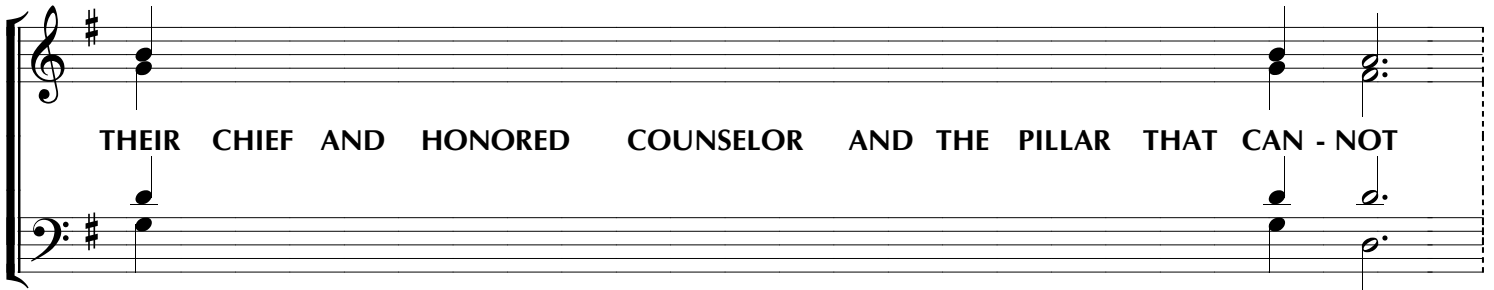
THE FAIR ORNAMENT OF THE BISH - OPS, THE GLORY OF THE FA - THERS,



THE FOUNT OF WONDERS AND THE GREAT PROTECTOR OF THE FAITH - FUL.



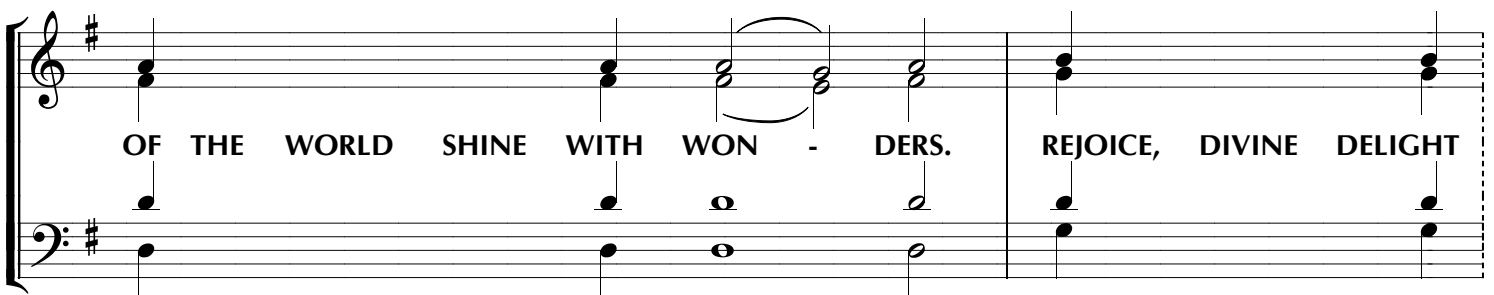
LET US SAY: REJOICE, GUARDIAN OF THE PEOPLE OF MY - RA,



THEIR CHIEF AND HONORED COUNSELOR AND THE PILLAR THAT CAN - NOT



BE MOVED! REJOICE, LIGHT FILLED WITH BRIGHT - NESS! THAT MAKES THE ENDS



OF THE WORLD SHINE WITH WON - DERS. REJOICE, DIVINE DELIGHT

OF THE AF - FLIC - TED, THE FIRM ADVOCATE OF THOSE WHO SUFFER

FROM IN - JUS - TICE! AND NOW, ALL - BLESSED NICH - O - LAS, NEVER CEASE

PRAYING TO CHRIST OUR GOD FOR THOSE WHO HONOR THE HIGH FEAST OF

YOUR ME - MO - RI - AL WITH FAITH AND LOVE.

Now and ever in the same tone: Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

MAKE READY, CAVE, FOR THE EWE LAMB COMES, BEAR - ING CHRIST IN

HER WOMB. MANGER, RECEIVE HIM WHO BY A WORD HAS RELEASED

THE DWELLERS OF EARTH FROM LAW - LESS - NESS. SHEPHERDS A - BID -

ING IN THE FIELDS, BEAR WITNESS TO THE FEARFUL WON - DER;

YOU MAGI FROM PERSIA, OFFER TO THE KING GOLD, MYRRH AND FRANK -

IN - CENSE, FOR THE LORD HAS APPEARED FROM A VIRGIN MO - THER,

AND SHE, BENDING OVER HIM AS A HAND - MAI - DEN WORSHIPPED HIM

AS HE LAY IN HER ARMS, SAY - ING TO HIM: HOW WERE YOU SOWN

AS A SEED IN ME? HOW HAVE YOU GROWN WITH - IN ME,

MY DE - LIV - ER - ER AND MY GOD.

O GLADSOME LIGHT

PROKIMENON OF THE DAY

3 OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

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The reading from Proverbs (Composite 2)

The memory of the righteous is with praise and the blessing of the Lord is upon his head. Blessed is the man who has found wisdom and the mortal who has understanding. For it is better to purchase her than treasuries of gold and silver. She is more precious than precious stones and all that is precious is unworthy of her. For length of days and years of life are in her right hand; and in her left hand are riches and glory. Out if her mouth proceeds righteousness and she bears law and mercy upon her tongue.

Hear me, O child, for I will speak noble things. Blessed is the man who keeps my ways, for my ways are the way of life, and in them is prepared favor from the Lord. Therefore, I pray you, and utter my voice to the sons of men: For I, wisdom, have dwelt with counsel and knowledge and I have called upon understanding. Counsel and safety are mine, understanding and strength are mine. I love those who love me and those seeking me shall find grace.

Understand craftiness, O you who are simple, and imbibe knowledge, you who are untaught. Hear me again, for I will speak noble things: I will open *my mouth* and from my lips *shall* come what is right. For my throat shall meditate truth; false lips are an abomination before me. All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing in them that is twisted or perverse. They are all straight to him who understands and right to those who find knowledge.

I shall instruct you in truth, so that your hope will be in the Lord and you shall be filled with the Spirit.

The reading from Proverbs (10:31-11-12)

The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, But the perverse tongue will be cut out. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked what is perverse. Dishonest scales are an abomination to the Lord, But a just weight is His delight. When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom. The integrity of the upright will guide them, But the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them. Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, But righteousness delivers from death. The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way aright, But the wicked will fall by his own wickedness. The righteousness of the upright will deliver them, But the unfaithful will be caught by their lust. When a wicked man dies, his expectation will perish, And the hope of the unjust perishes. The righteous is delivered from trouble, And it comes to the wicked instead. The hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor, But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered. When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices; And when the wicked perish, there is jubilation. By the blessing of the upright

the city is exalted, But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked. He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor, But a man of understanding holds his peace.

The reading from the Wisdom of Solomon (4:7-15)

But the righteous man, though he die early, will be at rest. For old age is not honored for length of time, nor measured by number of years; but understanding is gray hair for men, and a blameless life is ripe old age. There was one who pleased God and was loved by him, He was caught up lest evil change his understanding or guile deceive his soul. For the fascination of wickedness obscures what is good, and roving desire perverts the innocent mind. Being perfected in a short time, he fulfilled long years; for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he took him quickly from the midst of wickedness. Yet the peoples saw and did not understand, nor take such a thing to heart, that God's grace and mercy are his elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

Litriya

TONE 2 - Verse 1

CHRIST OUR GOD HAS MADE YOU MANIFEST HIERARCH NICH - O - LAS,

AS AN EXAMPLE OF FAITH AND AN IMAGE OF MEEK - NESS TO

YOUR FLOCK. FOR YOU BROUGHT A SWEET FRAGRANCE IN - TO MY - RA,

SHINING BRIGHTLY BY YOUR DIVINE ACTS OF VIR - TUE, AS THE ADVOCATE

OF ORPHANS AND WID - OWS. THEREFORE NEVER CEASE TO INTERCEDE

THAT OUR SOULS MAY BE SAVED.

Verse 2

FA - THER NICH - O - LAS, THE SHRINE OF YOUR FRAGRANT RELICS

GRACES MYRA A - BUN - DANT - LY AND AS YOU APPEARED IN A DREAM

TO THE EM - PER - OR, SETTING FREE THOSE UNJUSTLY CONDEMNED TO

PRI - SON, DEATH, AND BONDS, SO NOW ALSO YOU VISIBLY IN - TER -

CEDE FOR OUR SOULS.

Verse 3

FA - THER NICH - O - LAS, EVEN THOUGH THE CITY OF MYRA IS SI - LENT,

STILL, THE WHOLE WORLD IS ENLIGHTENED BY THE FRAGRANCE OF

YOUR MYRRH AND MA - NY WON - DERS, RAISES HYMNS OF PRAISE

TOGETHER WITH THOSE CONDEMNED AND SAVED BY YOU, AND WITH THE

PEOPLE OF MYRA WE ALSO CRY A - LOUD IN SONGS: INTERCEDE

THAT OUR SOULS MAY BE SAVE.

TONE 4 -Verse 4

FA - THER NICH - O - LAS, YOU ARE THE FRAGRANT TEMPLE OF THE

ALL HO - LY SPIR - IT: AS A FOUN - TAIN FLOWING WITH THE MYRRH

OF GLADNESS; THE DI - VINE SPIC - ES OF CHRIST. FOR YOU HAVE GONE

OUT INTO ALL THE EARTH AS AN IMITATOR OF THE A- POS -

TLES THROUGH THE TEL - LING OF YOUR WON - DERS. YOU HAVE

APPEARED IN DREAMS TO PEO - PLE FAR AND NEAR, DELIVERING THOSE

WHO WERE TO DIE UN - JUST - LY FROM THE SWORD, AND SAVING FROM

DAN - GERS THOSE WHO CALL ON YOU. AS WE PRAISE YOU UN - CEAS -

ING LY, SET US FREE FROM APPROACHING CALAMITIES BY YOUR IN -

TER - CES - SIONS.

TONE 8 -Verse 5

THE FRUIT OF YOUR BRAVE DEEDS VENERABLE FA - THER, HAS

ENLIGHTENED AND BROUGHT JOY TO THE HEARTS OF THE FAITH - FUL.

WHO CANNOT WONDER AT YOUR MEASURELESS PA - TIENCE AND HU - MI - LI -

TY? AT YOUR GRAC - IOUS - NESS TOWARDS THE POOR, AT YOUR

COMPASSION FOR THE AF - FLIC - TED? YOU HAVE DIVINELY

TAUGHT ALL THINGS WELL HI - ER - ARCH NICH - O - LAS, AND NOW

WEARING YOUR UNFADING CROWN YOU IN - TER - CEDE FOR OUR SOULS.

Verse 6

O NICH - O - LAS, FOR IN THE COURSE OF THIS TEM - PO - RAL LIFE

YOU HAVE RUN THE RACE TO THE PRAISE OF THE LORD, WHO HAS

GIVEN YOU GLORY IN THE TRUE AND HEA - VEN - LY LIFE. SINCE YOU HAVE

BOLDNESS BEFORE HIM, PRAY THAT OUR SOULS MAY BE SAVED.

Glory in the 6th tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

GOOD AND FAITH - FUL SER - VANT; WOR - KER OF THE VINE - YARD OF CHRIST:

YOU HAVE BORNE BOTH THE BUR - DEN OF THE DAY, AND INCREASED THE

TAL - ENT GIV - EN TO YOU. YOU HAVE NOT SHOWN ENVY TOWARDS THOSE

COM - ING AF - TER YOU, THEREFORE THE GATE OF HEAVEN HAS BEEN

O - PENED TO YOU: ENTER INTO THE JOY OF YOUR LORD AND

PRAY FOR US HO - LY NICH - O - LAS.

Now and ever in the same tone: Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

TRI - UMPH, O ZI - ON! REJOICE, JERUSALEM, CITY OF CHRIST OUR GOD!

RECEIVE THE CREATOR CONTAINED WITHIN A CAVE AND A MAN - GER.

O - PEN THE GATES TO ME; I WILL ENTER TO SEE A CHILD WRAPPED

IN SWAD - LING CLOTHES WHO UPHOLDS THE CREATION IN THE PALM OF

HIS HAND, WHOSE PRAISES THE ANGELS SING WITH UN - CEAS - ING VOICE:

THE LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE WHO SAVES THE RACE OF MEN.

ΑΠΟΣΤΙΧΑ

ΤΟΝΕ 5 - Verse 1

RE - JOICE, SAINT - LY HEAD, PURE ABODE OF THE VIR - TUES

HO - LY EX - AM - PLE OF THE DI - VINE PRIEST - HOOD, GREAT SHEP - HERD

AND BRIGHT LUMINARY WHO BEAR THE NAME OF VIC - TO - RY; YOU ARE

COMPASSIONATE TO THOSE WHO CALL ON YOU IN PRAYER, YOU ARE

A DELIVERER AND PROTECTOR OF THOSE WHO HONOR YOUR GLO - RI - OUS

MEM - O - RY IN FAITH. PRAY THAT CHRIST MAY GRANT THE WORLD GREAT

MER - CY.

VERSE: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Verse 2

RE - JOICE, MOST SACRED MIND, PURE DWELLING OF THE TRIN - I - TY,

PILLAR OF THE CHURCH AND PROTECTION OF THE FAITH - FUL HELP OF

THE FALLEN, STAR EVER DISPERSING TEMPTATIONS AND AF - FLIC - TIONS

THROUGH THE RA - DIANCE OF YOUR PRAYERS, WELL - PLEAS - ING TO GOD.

YOU ARE A CALM HAVEN HIERARCH NICH - O - LAS WHERE THOSE FLEE -

ING ARE SAVED FROM THE THREATEN - ING WAVE OF LIFE. PRAY THAT CHRIST

MAY GRANT OUR SOULS GREAT MER - CY.

VERSE: Thy priest, O Lord, are clothed with righteousness.

Verse 3

RE - JOICE, FOR YOU ARE FILLED WITH DI - VINE ZEAL! BY FEARFUL

VISIONS AND WARN - INGS IN DREAMS YOU DELIVERED THOSE ABOUT TO

DIE UNJUSTLY FROM AN E - VIL SENT - ENCE. NICH - O - LAS, A

FOUNT POURING FORTH MYRRH ABUNDANTLY IN MY - RA: REFRESHING

SOULS WHILE EXPELLING THE STENCH OF PAS - SIONS. YOU WERE A

SCYTHE CUTTING THE WEEDS OF ER - OR; A FAN WINNOWING THE

CHAFF OF ARIUS' TEACH - INGS. ENTREAT CHRIST TO SEND OUR SOULS GREAT

MER - CY.

Glory in the 2nd tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

MAN OF GOD, FAITHFUL SERVANT, MIN - IS - TER OF THE LORD,

MAN OF DESIRE AND CHOSEN VES - SEL, PIL - LAR AND PROTECTOR

OF THE CHURCH, INHERITOR OF THE KING - DOM LET YOUR SUPPLICATION

FOR US TO THE KING BE UN - CEAS - ING.

Now and ever in the same tone: Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O UNWEDDED VIRGIN, FROM WHERE HAVE YOU COME? WHO HAS GIV -

EN YOU BIRTH? WHO IS YOUR MO - THER? HOW CAN YOU CARRY

YOUR CRE - A - TOR IN YOUR ARMS? HOW IS YOUR WOMB FREE FROM

COR - RUP - TION? MOST HOLY ONE, WE SEE GREAT AND FEARFUL

MYSTERIES UPON EARTH FUL - FILLED IN YOU; WE ADORN THE CAVE AS

A HOUSE WOR - THY OF YOU; WE ASK THE HEAVENS TO SEND US A

STAR, FOR BE - HOLD THE MAGI PROCEED FROM THE EAST TO THE WEST

DESIRING TO SEE THE SALVATION OF MOR - TAL MEN SHINING IN YOUR

ARMS AS A PIL - LAR OF FLAME.

TROPARIUM OF THE FEAST

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

Tone 4

IN TRUTH YOU WERE REVEALED TO YOUR FLOCK AS A RULE

OF FAITH, AN ICON OF HUMILITY AND A TEACHER OF AB -

STI - NENCE; YOUR HUMILITY EX - ALT - ED YOU; YOUR POVERTY

EN - RICHED YOU. HOLY HIERARCH FATHER NICH - O - LAS, EN - TREAT

CHRIST OUR GOD THAT OUR SOULS MAY BE SAVED.

KONTAKION OF THE FEAST

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

Tone 3

YOU AP - PEARED AS A HOLY PRIEST, O NICH - O - LAS;

YOU SERVED GOD IN MYRA AND LIVED THE GOS - PEL OF CHRIST. YOU

OF - FERED YOUR LIFE FOR YOUR PEO - PLE, YOU RESCUED THE

IN - NO - CENT FROM DEATH, THEREFORE GOD HAS GLORIFIED YOU AS A

TRUST - WOR - THY GUIDE OF THINGS DI - VINE.

MAGNIFICATION

to our Holy Hierarch Father Nicholas

WE MAG - NI - FY, WE MAG - NI - FY YOU,

O HOLY HIERARCH FA - THER NICH - O - LAS, AND WE HON - OR

YOUR HO - LY MEM - O - RY, FOR YOU PRAY

TO CHRIST OUR GOD FOR US.

verse: HEAR THIS, ALL YOU NATIONS; GIVE EAR, ALL YOU THAT IN - HAB - IT THE WORLD.

verse: MY MOUTH SHALL SPEAK WISDOM, AND THE MEDITATION OF MY HEART SHALL BE UN - DER - STAND - ING.

LITURGY PROKI-MENON

to our Holy Hierarch Father Nicholas

Tone 7

THE RIGHT - EOUS ONE SHALL RE - JOICE IN THE LORD, AND SHALL SET HIS

HOPE ON HIM.

VERSE: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to Thee.

EPISTLE — Heb: 13:17-21

ALLELUIA IN THE 2ND TONE:

VERSE: Thy priest shall be clothed in righteousness and Thy saints shall rejoice.

VERSE: The Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation.