

Vesper Propers, December 6, 2009
Twenty-seventh 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.

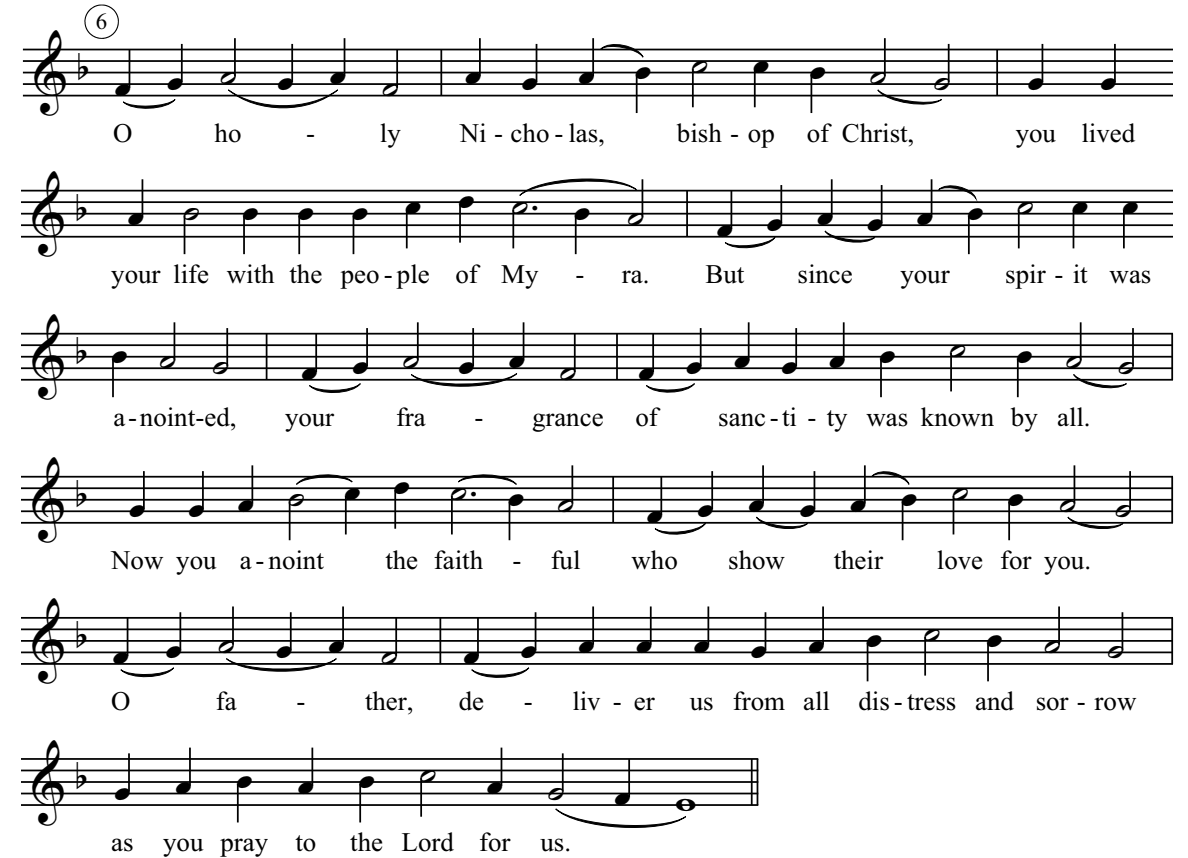
When his parents died, he gave his entire inheritance to the poor. Ordained a priest in Patara, he was famous for his almsgiving. He was chosen as archbishop of Myra, and was a model shepherd in his care for the people of his flock. He was present at the First Ecumenical Council (Nicea, 325). Full of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

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

Tone of the Week: Tone 2 (begins on page 36), 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.

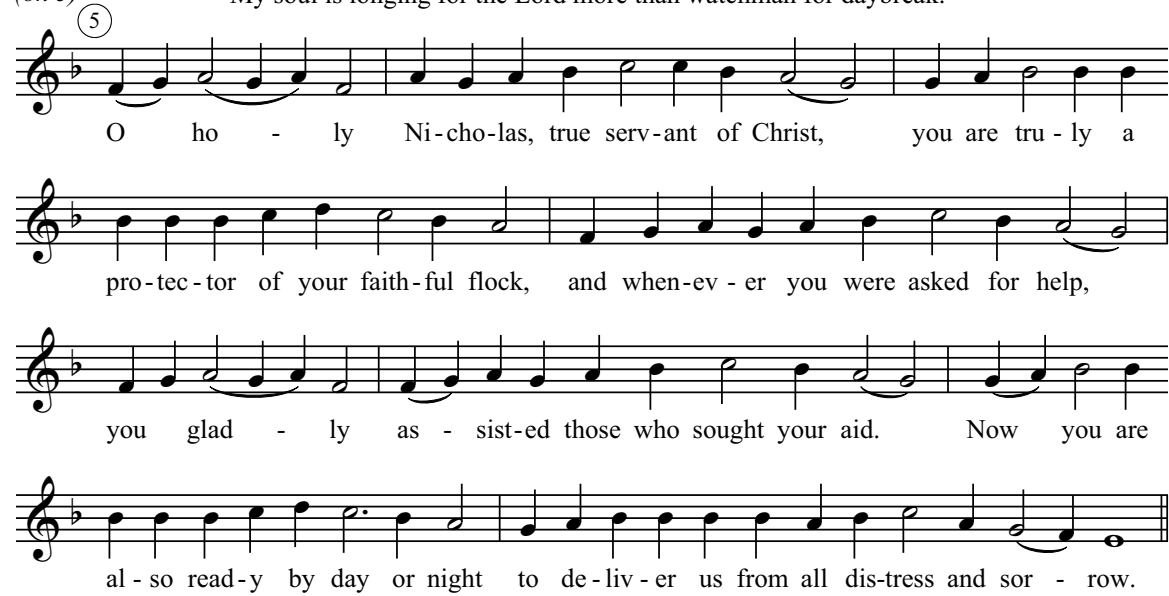
Stichera of our holy father Nicholas the Wonderworker - Tone 2 podoben: Jehda ot dreva



O ho - ly Ni - cho - las, bish - op of Christ, you lived
your life with the peo - ple of My - ra. But since your spir - it was
a - noint - ed, your fra - grance of sanc - ti - ty was known by all.
Now you a - noint the faith - ful who show their love for you.
O fa - ther, de - liv - er 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.

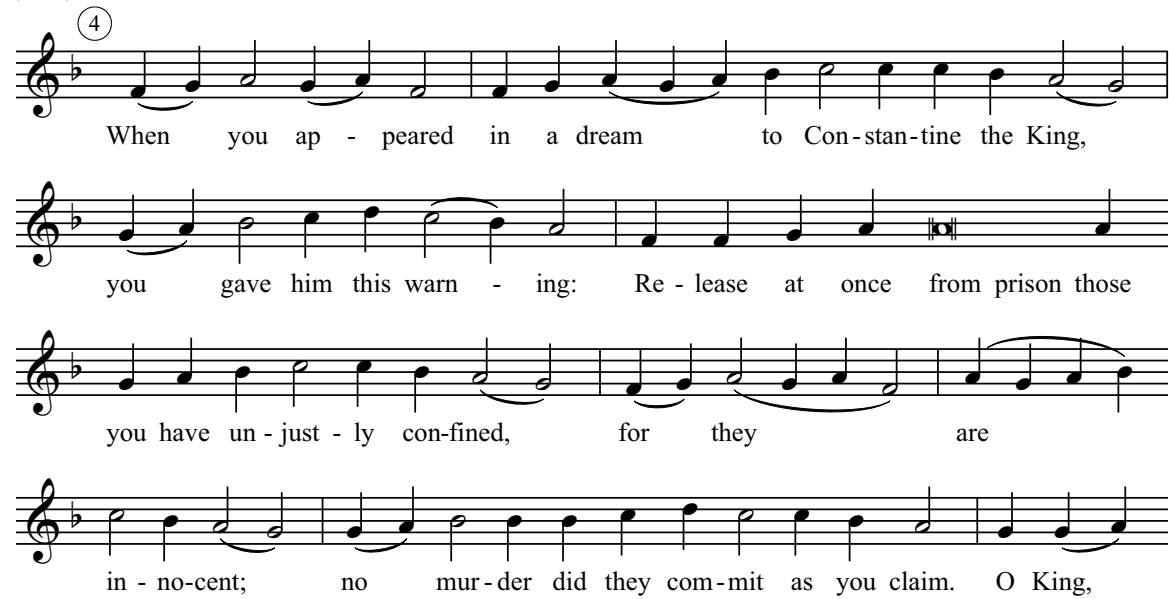
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O ho - ly Ni-cho-las, true serv-ant of Christ, you are tru - ly a
pro-tec-tor of your faith-ful flock, and when-ev - er you were asked for help,
you glad - ly as - sist-ed those who sought your aid. Now you are
al - so read-y by day or night to de-liv - 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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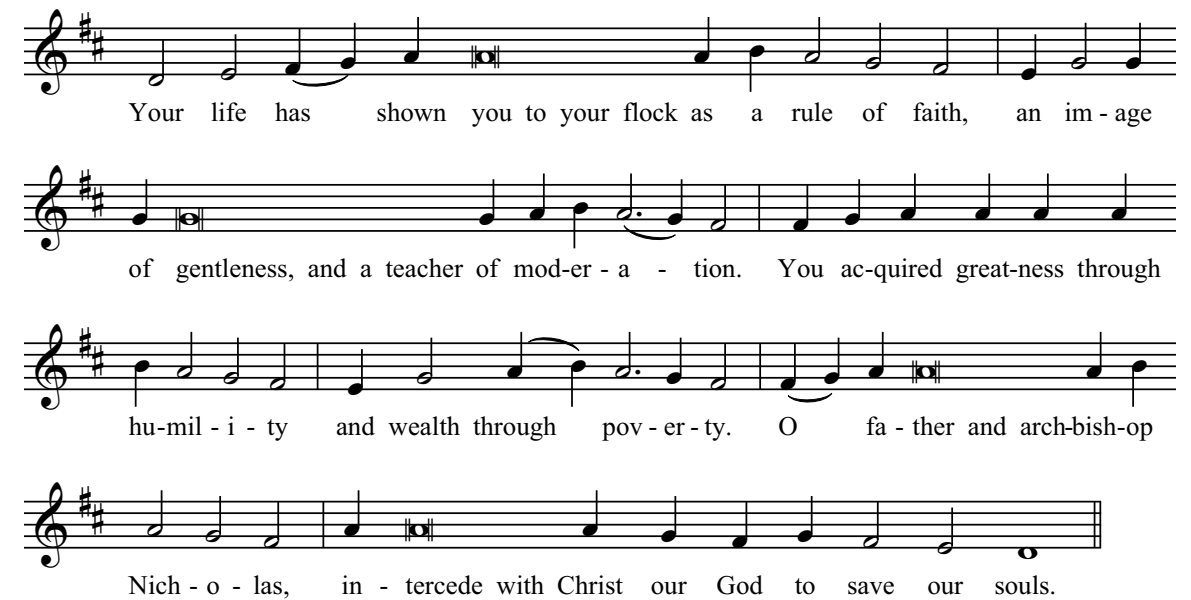
When you ap - peared in a dream to Con-stantine the King,
you gave him this warn - ing: Re - lease at once from prison those
you have un - just - ly con-fined, for they are
in - no-cent; no mur-der did they com-mit as you claim. O King,

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection, in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 47).

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.

Aposticha


Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 43), 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).




lis - ten to me, or else I shall call up - on the Lord.


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-cho-las, 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 delivered from all dis - tress and sor - row.

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

Tone 2 podobn: Kijmi pochval'nimy



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 spir - it 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.

With what songs of praise shall we ex - tol the most

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

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.

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 A - ri - us and his
 com-pan - - - ions. Be - cause of him, Christ put down
 their rag - - - ings and showed great mer - cy.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

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



We have gathered to celebrate and to praise with song the model of bishops and a glory to the fathers, a fountain of miracles and a great helper of believers. Let us sing to the saintly Nicholas: Re-joyce, O Protector of Myra who was revered as its leader and strongest pillar. Re-joyce, O radiant star, whose light of miracles shines throughout the world. Re-joyce, O divine joy to those in sorrow. Re-joyce, O defender of those who are oppressed; for even now, all-holy Nicholas, you still pray to God for us who celebrate your feast with faith and who honor you with zeal and joy.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory... Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 2, page 42).

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

Litija



O holy father Nicholas, Christ has shown you to be the model of faith. Your humility inspired all in your flock. From Myra, your piety shines throughout the world. You are known as the protector of widows and orphans. Now we ask your unceasing prayer for the salvation of our souls. O holy father Nicholas, your relics poured out myrrh and