

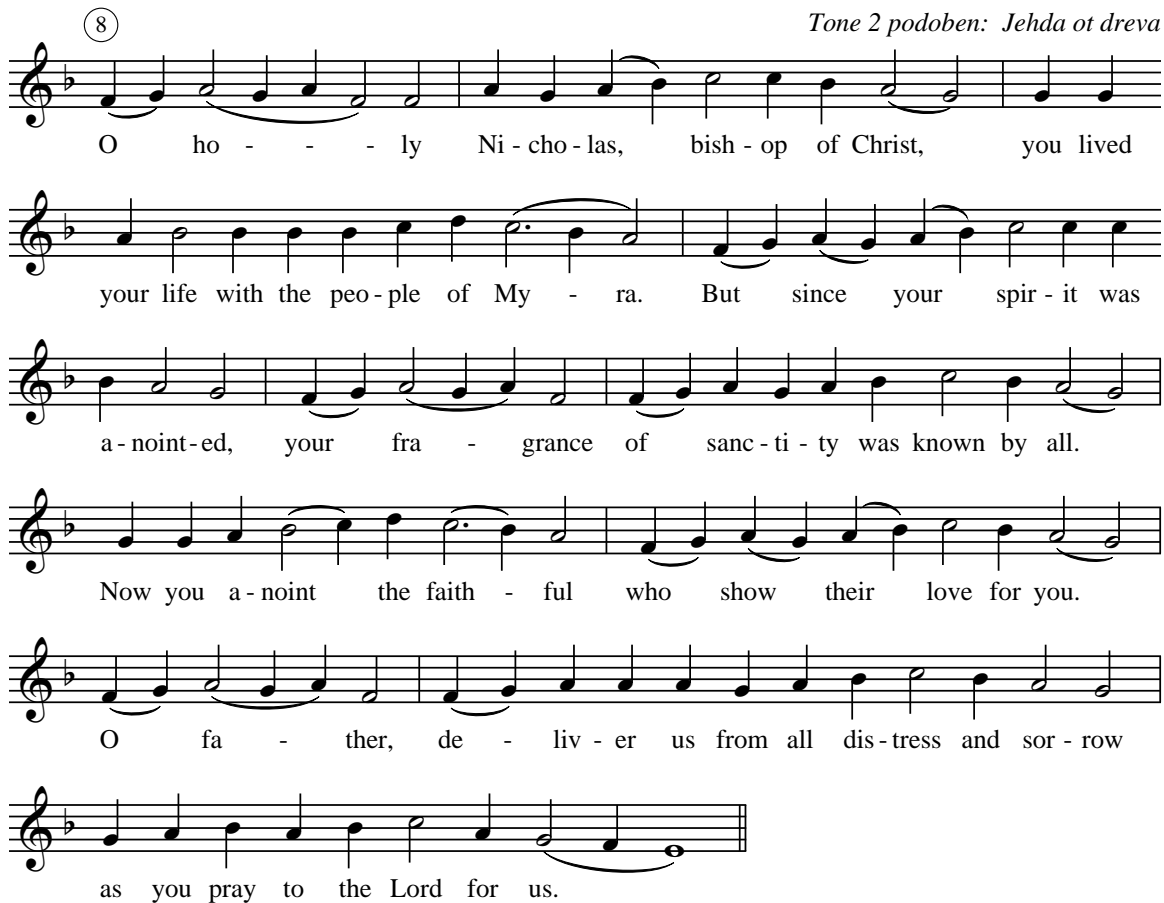
**Vesper Propers, December 6**  
**OUR HOLY FATHER NICHOLAS THE WONDER-WORKER,**  
**ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA**

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2006*  
*"O Lord, I have cried" is sung in Tone 2, page 36.*

**Cantor:** Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; **Psalm 129**  
(on 8) Lord, hear my voice!

*Tone 2 podoben: Jehda ot drevna*

⑧



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:** Let your ears be attentive  
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading.

⑦

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:** 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.

⑥

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,

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

**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.

⑤

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

*Tone 2 podoben: Kijmi pochval'nimy*

④ ③

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:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (*Repeat "What crowns of praise..."*)


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



②  
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 A - ri - us and his




com-pan - - - ions. Be - cause of him, Christ put down



their rag - - - ings and showed great mer - cy.

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



With what hymns of proph - e - cy shall we ex - tol the

saint - - - - ly Nich-o las? Liv - - - ing in

the pres - ent he saw far in - to the fu - ture.

He spoke tru - ly a - bout far - a - way things as though they were near.

He o - ver - sees the whole world,

and de - liv - ers the af - flic - ted.

He ap - peared in a dream to the God - wise king. He

de - liv - ered pris - - - on - ers who were un - just - ly ac - cused of

mur - - - - der To - day he grants us the mer - cy of Christ.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Doxastikon - 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 - joice, O  
Pro - tec - tor of My - ra who was re - vered as its leader and strong - est  
pil - lar. Re - joice, O radiant star, whose light of miracles shines through - out the  
world. Re - joice, O divine joy to those in sor - row. Re - joice, 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:** Now and ever...


**Theotokion**



O cave, pre - pare yourself to re - ceive the Moth - er who bears Christ with - in



her womb. O man - ger, receive the Word who de - stroyed the sins of all.



O shep - herds, keep watch and then bear witness to the awe - some won - der.



O ma - gi, from Per - sia now come, and bring your gifts of gold, frank - in - cense, and



myrrh to the King. For the Lord has appeared from a Vir - gin Moth - er;



yet she bowed to him as a serv - ant and spoke to him in her bos - om,



say - ing: "How were you con - ceived in me? How did you grow in me, my



God and Sav - - - ior?

*Prokeimenon for the day of the week, page 114*

**Readings:** Composite 1  
Proverbs 10: 31 through 11: 12  
Wisdom 4: 7-15



# Litija

*Tone 2 Bolhar*

①

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.

②

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-cresed 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.  
 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, page 116*

### Aposticha

*Tone 5 podoben: Radujsja Živonosnyj Kreste*

①

Re - joice, O priestly leader, spotless ves - sel of vir - tue, mod - el

of divine priest-hood, great shep - herd of your flock, bear - er of vic - to - ry's torch;

you hear the prayers of those who call on you. You grant the pe - ti - tions

of the poor; you res - cue all who praise your name. Now we ask you  
to beg Christ that he may shower abundant mer - cy on the world.

*Cantor*

Pre - cious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faith - ful.

②

Re - joice, O saintly father, temple of the Trin - i - ty;

pil - lar of the Church, protector of the faith - ful, help of all in trou - ble.

You are a star whose rays of prayer dispel the dark - est trou - ble.

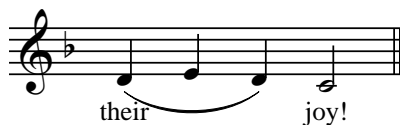
You are a qui - et harbor for the storm - tossed, for all those a - drift

in the sea of life. Pray to Christ to save our souls with his great mer - cy.

*Cantor*



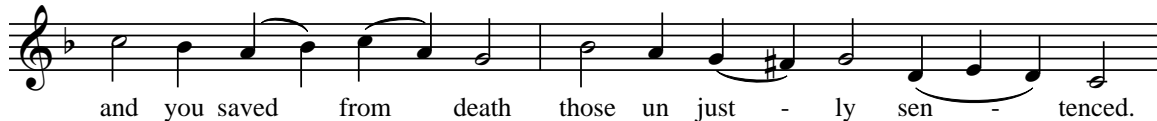
Your priests shall be clothed with ho-li - ness; Your faith-ful shall ring out



their joy!



③  
Re - joice, O zeal-ous man of God! You ap-peared in a dream,



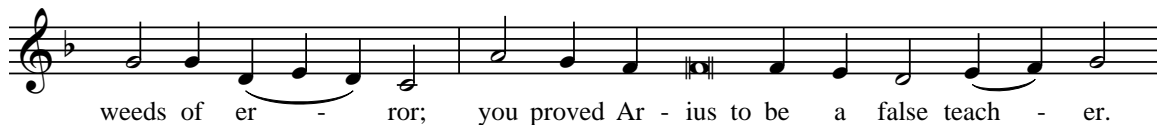
and you saved from death those un just - ly sen - tenced.



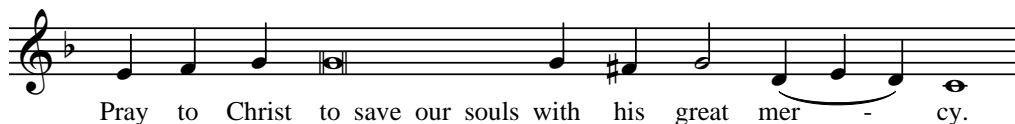
You are a foun-tain in My - ra o-ver-flow-ing with scent-ed myrrh.



You in-spire us to keep us from sin. You are a sword that cuts the



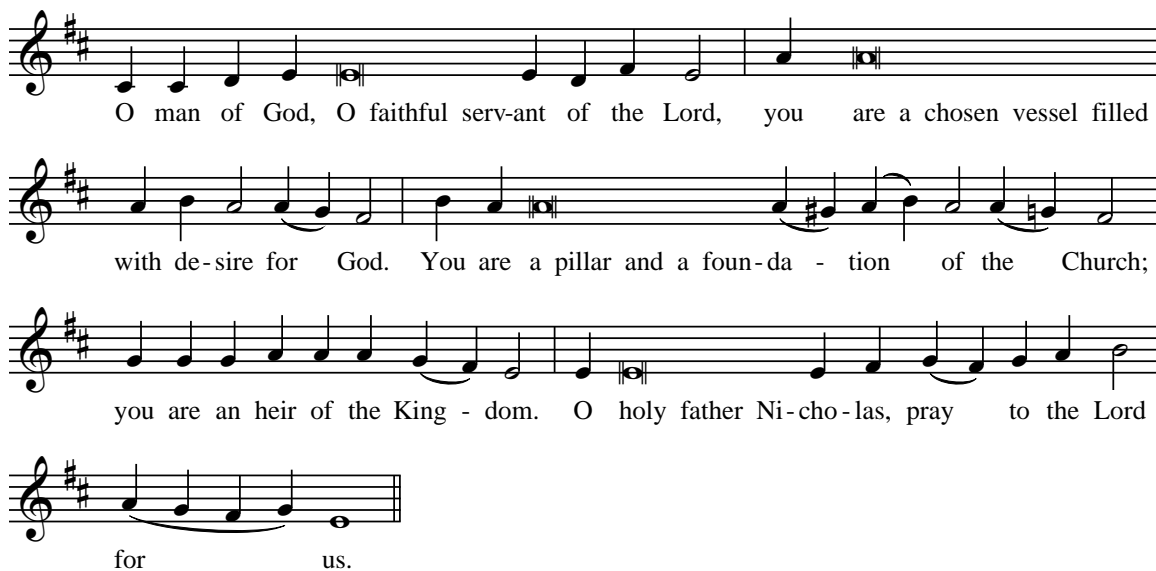
weeds of er - ror; you proved Ar - ius to be a false teach - er.



Pray to Christ to save our souls with his great mer - cy.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

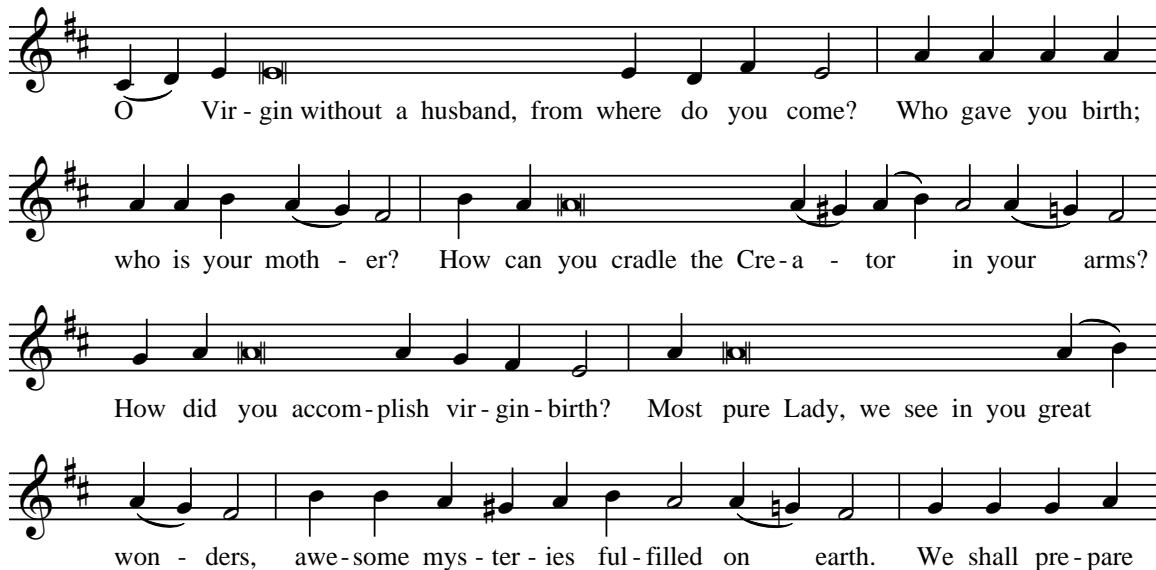
### Doxastikon - *Tone 6 samohlasen*



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...

### Theotokion



O Vir - gin without a husband, from where do you come? Who gave you birth;  
who is your moth - er? How can you cradle the Cre-a - tor in your arms?  
How did you accom-lish vir - gin - birth? Most pure Lady, we see in you great  
won - ders, awe-some mys - ter - ies ful - filled on earth. We shall pre - pare

a wor-ty cave for you. We shall ask the heav-ens for a star. We shall ask  
the Magi to come from the east to the west to be-hold your newborn child in  
a man - ger, to be-hold the Sav - ior of all.

### Troparion

*Priest first, then all:*

*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.

*Glory... now and ever...*

*Troparion "Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos," page 119, followed by the Blessing of Bread.*