

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

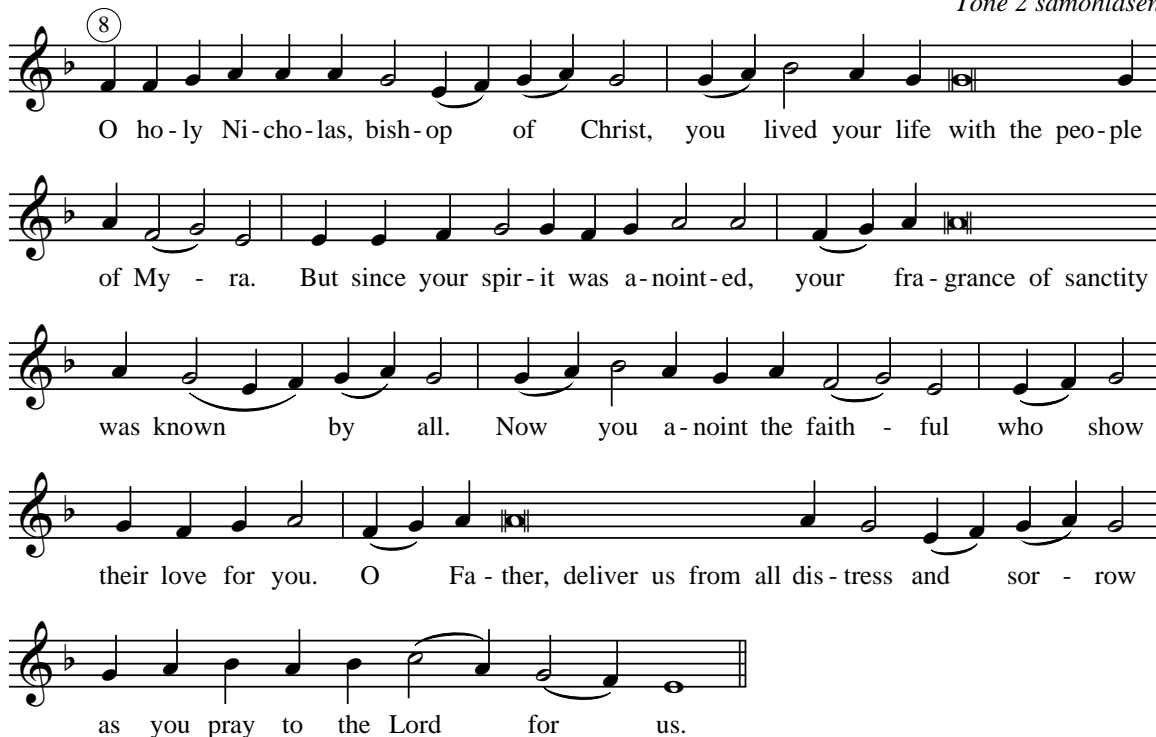
Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2006

"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 samohlasen

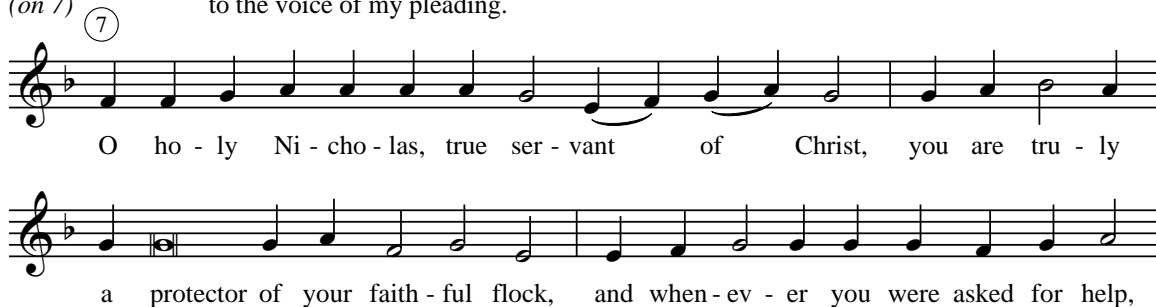
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O ho-ly Ni-cho-las, bish-op of Christ, you lived your life with the peo-ple
of My-ra. But since your spir-it was a-noint-ed, your fra-grance of sanctity
was known by all. Now you a-noint the faith-ful who show
their love for you. O Fa-ther, deliver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

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

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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: 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.

When you ap-peared in a dream to Con-stant - ine 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: 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.

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



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

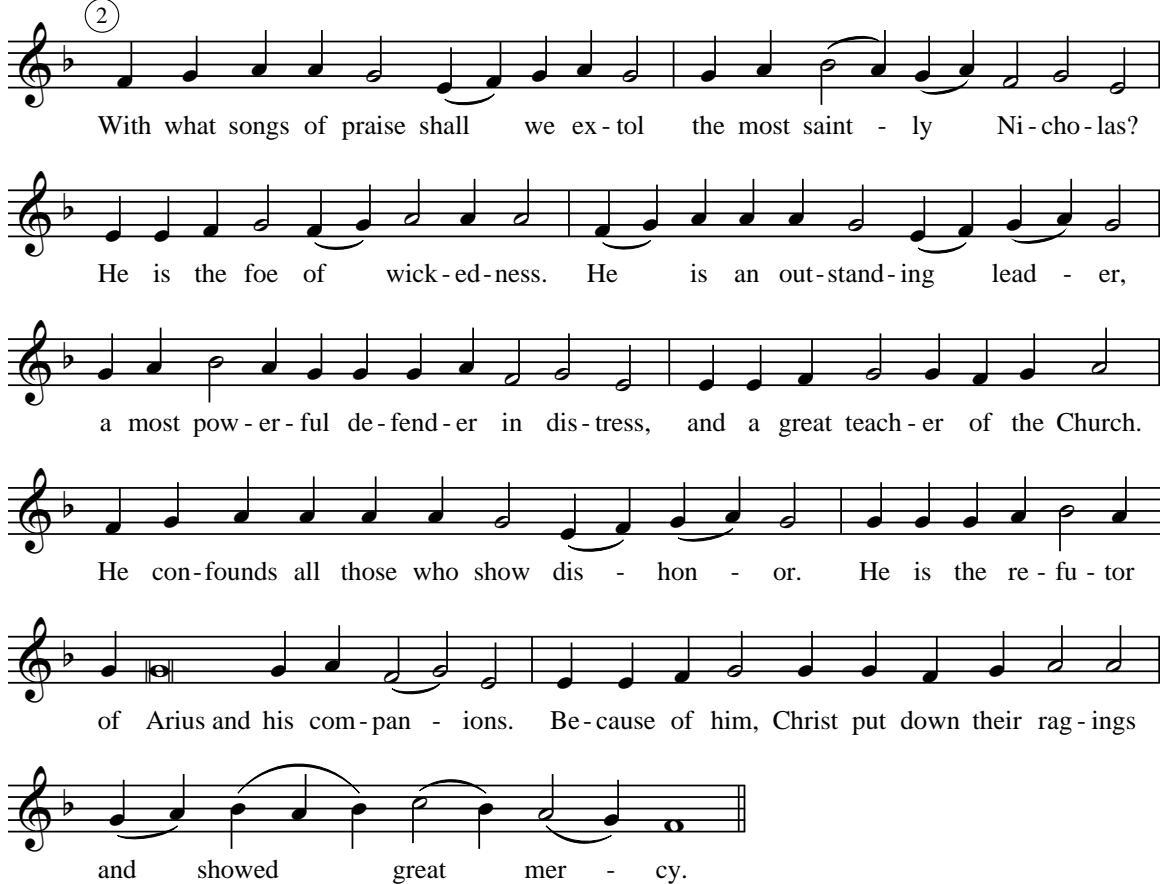


sake, Christ o - ver - came en - e - mies and shows us great mer - cy.

Cantor: 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!

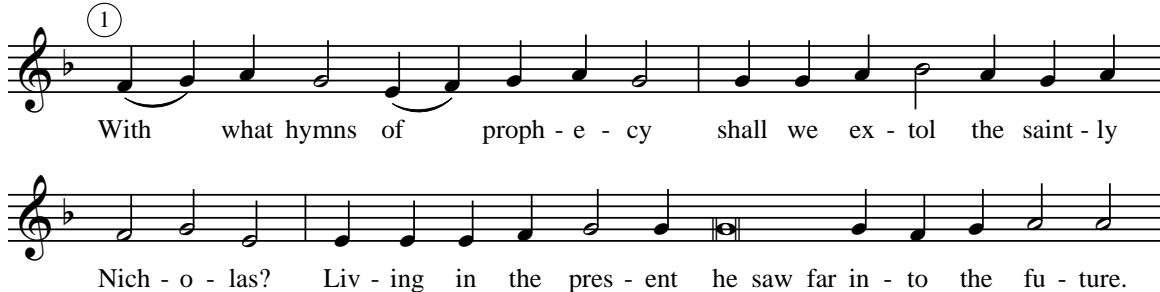
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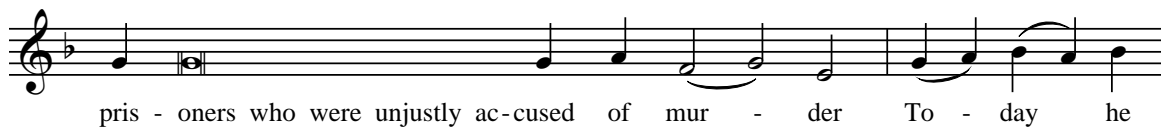
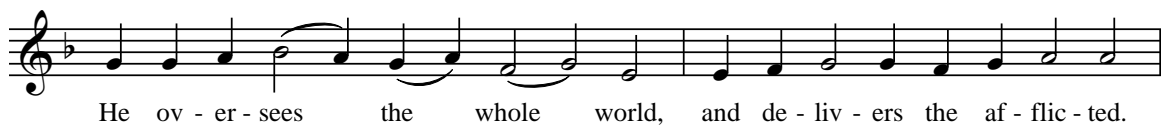
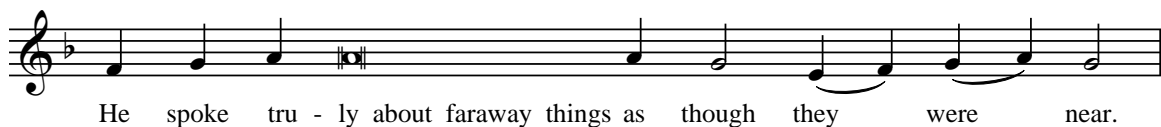
With what songs of praise shall we ex-tol the most saint - ly Ni-cho-las?
He is the foe of wick-ed-ness. He is an out-stand-ing lead - er,
a most pow-er-ful de-fend-er in dis-tress, and a great teach-er of the Church.
He con-founds all those who show dis - hon - or. He is the re - fu - tor
of Arius and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

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

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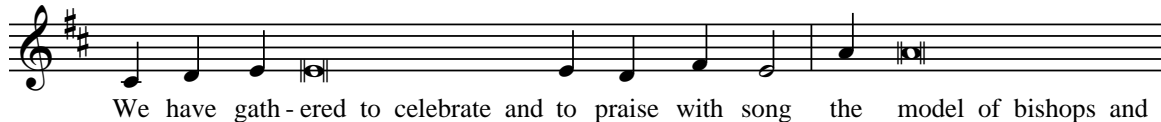


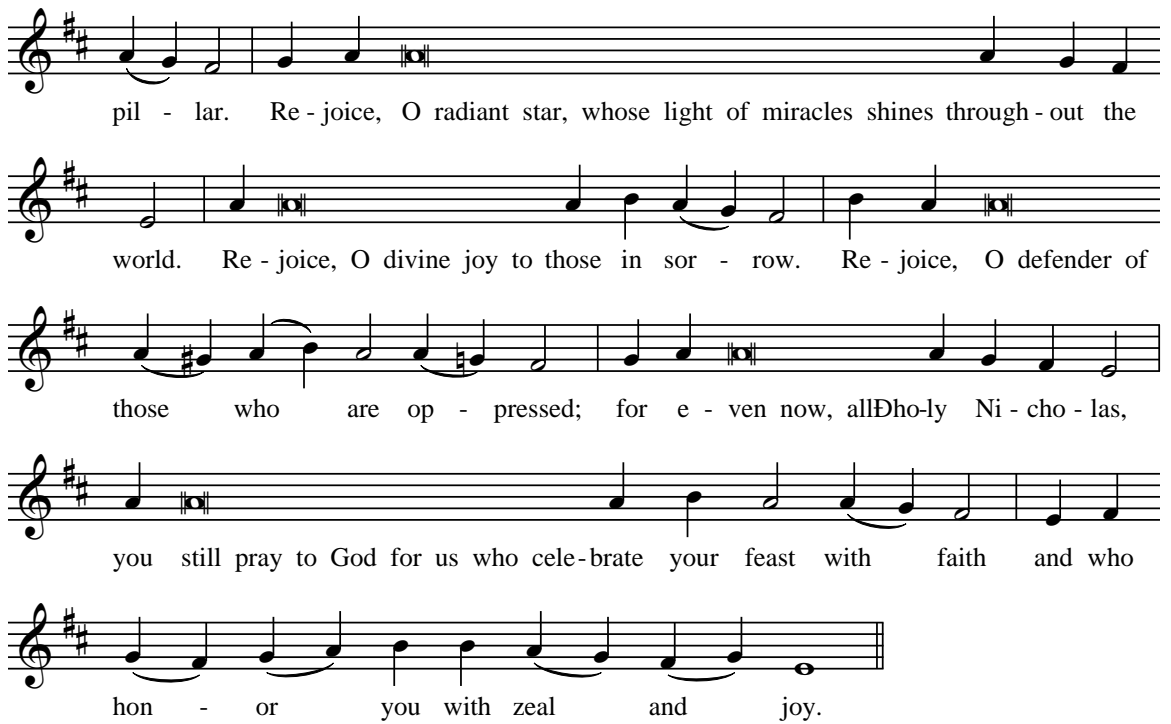
With what hymns of proph - e - cy shall we ex - tol the saint - ly
Nich - o - las? Liv - ing in the pres - ent he saw far in - to the fu - ture.



Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

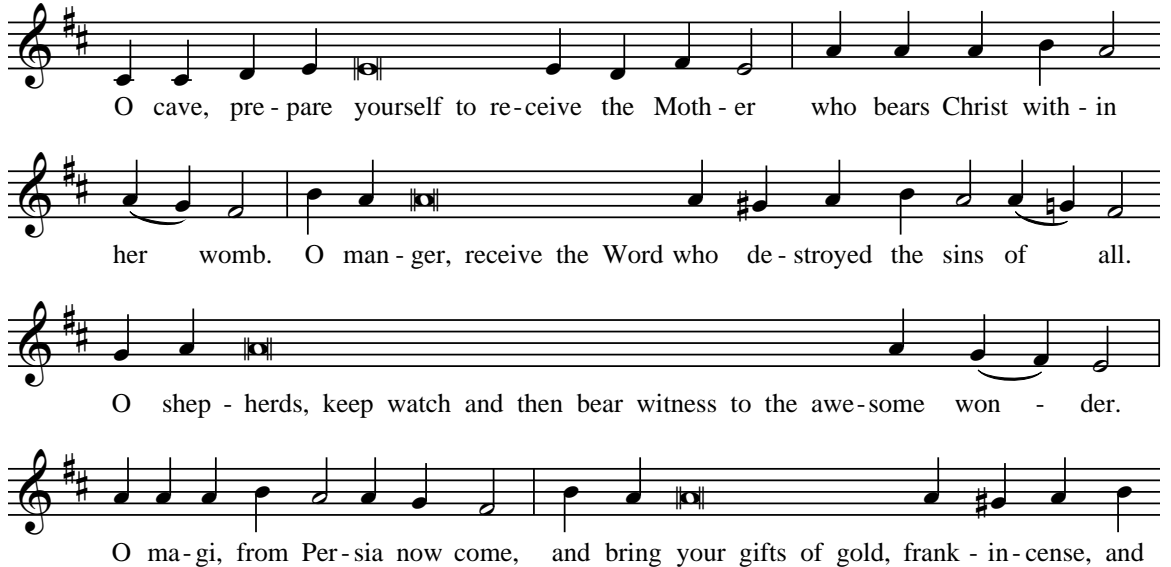




pil - lar. Re - joice, O radiant star, whose light of miracles shines through - out the
 world. Re - joice, O divine joy to those in sor - row. Re - joice, O defender of
 those who are op - pressed; for e - ven now, all - ho - ly Ni - cho - las,
 you still pray to God for us who cele - brate your feast 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

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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.



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 samohlafen



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.

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 samohlasen

Re-joyce, O priestly leader, spotless ves-sel of vir-tue, mod-el of divine priest-hood,
great shep-herd of your flock, bear-er of the torch of vic-t'ry; 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 show-er a-bun-dant mer-cy on the world.

Cantor

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

2



Re-joyce, O saintly father, temple of the Trin-i - ty; pil - lar of the Church, protect-or



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 har - bor



for the storm - tossed, for all those adrift in the sea of life.



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

Cantor



Your priests shall be clothed in ho - li - ness; your faith - ful shall ring



out their joy.

3



Re-joyce, 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;

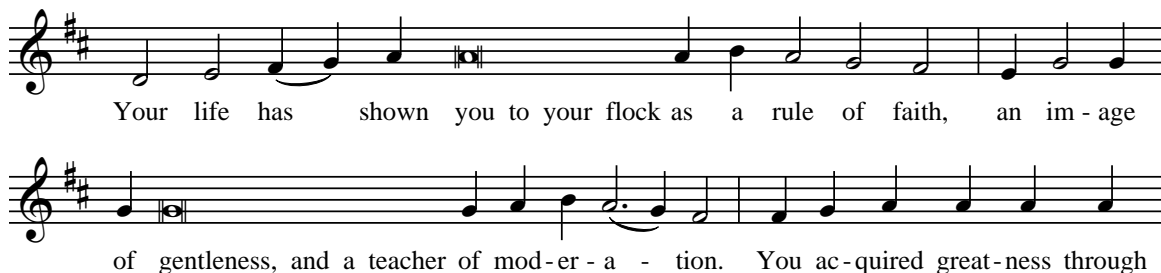


who is your moth - er? How can you cradle the Cre - a - tor in your arms?
 How did you accom - plish vir - gin - birth? Most pure Lady, we see in you great
 won - ders, awe - some mys - ter - ies ful - filled on earth. We shall pre - pare
 a wor - thy cave for you. We shall ask the heav - ens for a star. 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.