

**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).*

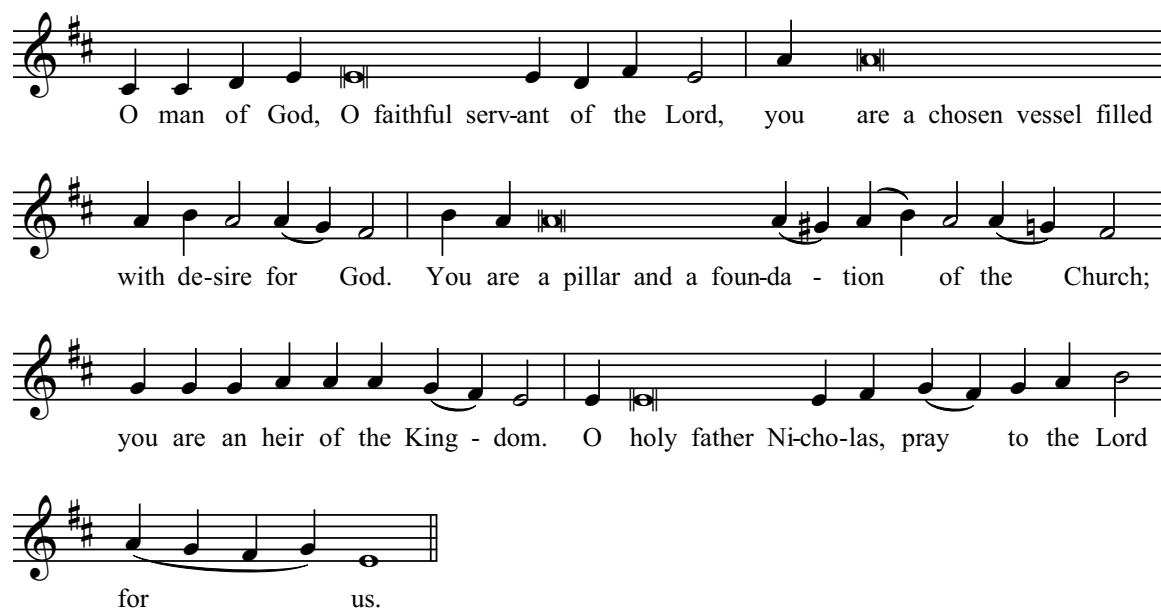
*Blessing of Bread, p. 119.*

## 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.

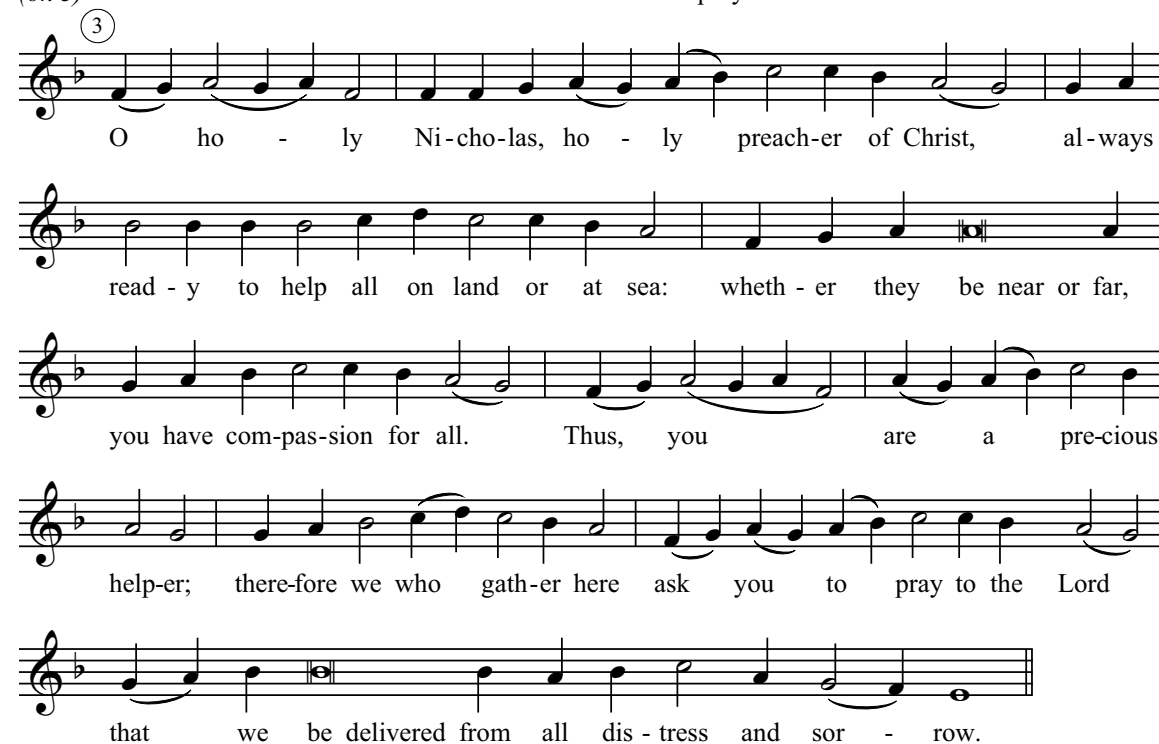
**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*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.

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 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...*

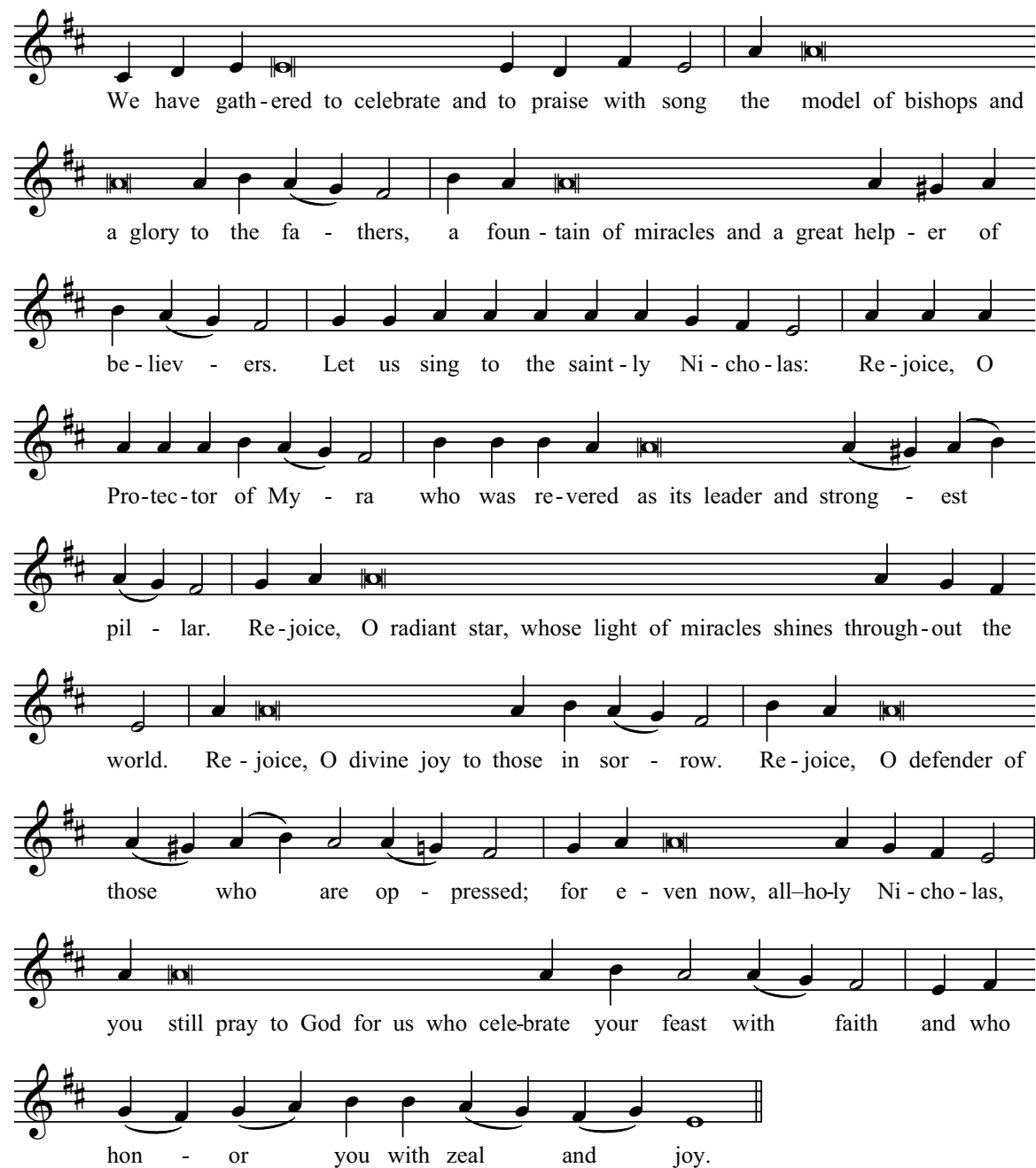
**Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen**

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 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.

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**



<sup>1</sup>  
 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.  
<sup>2</sup>  
 O ho - ly fa - ther Ni - cho - las, your re - lics poured out myrrh and