Your life has shown you to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of gentleness, and a teacher of moderation. You acquired greatness through humility, and wealth through poverty. O father and archbishop Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion, Tone 4, p. 163

You are the leader of the faithful. You shelter and protect them, O blessed one. You deliver them from all tribulation,
O most beautiful glory and boast of bishops, O venerable Nicholas.

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory...

**Doxastikon - Tone 8 podoben: Premudrosti**

You are a fountain of miracles, O wise Father. Having received sweetly flowing waters from the Lord, you poured them out to all the faithful. Being a shepherd and herald of the faith, you protected the words of the true Shepherd. Therefore, since you have found favor in his sight, O beloved Bishop Nicholas, implore Christ our God to grant remission of sins to those who lovingly venerate your memory.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...
Because of my weakness I have fallen into the mire of sins, and a violent storm of sins has drowned me. But since you, O pure Theotokos, gave birth to the only Lover of us all, be merciful to me, your servant, and deliver me from soul-corrupting passions and every harm caused by the Evil One. Implore Christ our God to grant remission of sins to me because I am your servant, and I place my hope in you.

Polyeleos, p. 16

Exaltation

We exalt you, O holy bishop Nicholas and we
Ve- ne-rate your me-mo-ry for you pray to Christ our God for us.

Verse: My lips will speak words of wisdom. My heart is full of insight.
All repeat the Exaltation.
Verse: Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.
All repeat the Exaltation.
Verse: The mouth of the just utters wisdom, and his lips speak what is right.
All repeat the Exaltation.
Verse: They are happy who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.
All repeat the Exaltation.

Glory...now and ever...

Three times

Al- le- lu- ia. al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, glo- ry to you. O God.

Bulgarian verse

Come, now, all you dwell- lers of the earth,
let us praise the hier- arch Ni- cho- las, the teach- er of the peo- ple of My- ra!

Sessional Hymn - Tone 5 podoben: Sobeznačal'noje slovo

Let all the faith- ful de- vout- ly praise Ni- cho- las, the God - in - spired
and wise archbishop, as the gracious helper and

defender of the poor and the troubled.

He intercedes with the Lord for all those who faithfully
celebrate his blessed memory.

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 4 podoben: Skoro predvari

O Nicholas, you were a fervent leader of the Church of Christ.

You valiantly denounced the heretical teachings

and became a living example of the true faith.

Pray for all those who follow your divine teachings.

Cantor: Now and ever...
Theotokion

O lady, receive our petitions and present them to your Son and God.

O all pure one, deliver from misfortune those who have recourse to you.

Destroy the cunning and vanquish the evil of the wicked who arm themselves against your servants.

Festal Gradual Hymn, p. 312

Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 115:6,3):

Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

Gospel: John 10: 9 - 16
Stichera after Psalm 50

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory…

Through the intercession of the holy bishop Nicholas, O Merciful One,
cleanse us of our many sins.

Cantor: Now and ever…

Through the intercession of the Theotokos, O Merciful One,
cleanse us of our many sins.

Cantor: Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offense.

O holy Nicholas, faithful servant of God and worker in the vineyard of Christ,
your life, in accordance with the meaning of your name,
has given light to old knowledge. The splendor of your countenance
gave witness to your innocence of soul. Your life was an example of the quiet meekness of the Word; now you are glorious among the saints.

Implore Christ in behalf of our souls.

**Ode 1**

**Irmos**

In days of old, in days of old, the entire army of

Pharaoh was overthrown in the abyss; and now the

Word made flesh has abolished the weight of our sins.

He is the Lord whom we glorify, for he is covered with glory.

**Refrain**

Holy Father Nicholas, pray to God for us.
O all-wise hierarch Nicholas, standing crowned before the throne of Christ with all the angel hosts, enlighten me, brighten the darkness of my soul that I may praise and rejoice in your sacred memory.  

Refrain

The Lord who glorifies those who glorify him has given you as a refuge to the faithful, O Nicholas. You deliver from temptations all those who run to your protection and who call with faith and love upon you, who are praised by all.

Katavasia

Tone 1 samopodoben

Christ is born: glorify him. Christ from the heavens: go out
to welcome him. Christ on earth: exalt him. All the
earth, sing to the Lord, and praise him with joy, O peoples,
for he is glorified.
As the desert has flowered like a lily, so will the sterile church of the Gentiles flourish at your coming, O Lord.

In this my heart is strengthened.

O blessed Nicholas, true disciple of the Master, preserve those who have recourse to you from grievous dangers and bitter death.

O God of many mercies, at the intercessions of your servant Nicholas, cleanse your servants; since you are good, grant them the remission of their sins.

Calm the tumult of my passions, O Queen, and pilot my life, for you are the all-holy one who gave birth to Christ, in which my heart exults.
Let us sing to the Son begotten of the Father without change before all ages. Let us cry aloud to Christ our God, incarnate without seed from the Virgin in these latter days: you have exalted our horn; Holy are you, O Lord.

Having ascended to the heights of virtue and illumined by the divine splendors of miracles, you were truly revealed to be an all-radiant pastor for the world and an invincible intercessor for us amid perils, O Father. Therefore you conquered the enemy in glory, drove all falsehood.

Katavasia

Sessional Hymn
a-way and saved us from sin. O Nich-o-las, pray to Christ our God

that he may grant the forgiveness of sins to those who hon-or your

ho-ly mem-o-ry.

Cantor: Glory…

The Source of mer-cy has given you, o Nich-o-las, as a riv-er

o-ver-flow-ing with heal-ings and a fount of un-ceas-ing won-ders.

Those heav-ily burdened by bit-ter dis-eas-es and af-flict-ed by the

mis-‘ries of life tru-ly find in your warm pro-tec-tion

a rem-e-dy that cures all weakness and dis-cour-age-ment. Thus we

cry out to you: In-ter-cede with Christ our God for remission of sins
to be given to those who keep your holy memory with love.

Cantor: Now and ever...

All of us, from generation to generation, bless you as the Virgin who alone among women gave birth without seed to God in the flesh, for the fire of the God-head made his abode in you, and you nurtured the Creator and Lord with milk as a baby.

Therefore, we, angels and mortals together, cry out to you:

Entrain Christ God, that he grant forgiveness of offenses to those who worship your all-holy birthgiving with faith.
You have come forth from the Virgin, not as an angel or a messenger, but as the Lord clothed in our flesh; you have saved me completely, and so I cry out:

Glory to your power, O- - - Lord!

Refrain

Holy Father Nicholas, pray to God for us.

Having lived purely in the radiance of the Spirit, you became a bearer of light, illuminating the ends of the earth, defending and saving all those who have recourse to you in faith Refrain

O all-blessed Saint, who delivered the young men from death when you first began to appear, preserve me now likewise from all calamity, temptation, and danger. Refrain

You, O blessed one, flash forth the light for virtue, being a noble imitator of your Master. When called upon, you save those who glorify you with reverence and love.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever
and forever. Amen.

The King and Lord made flesh came down on you, saving me in his compassion. Thus I cry out to you: Hail, O spotless Theotokos!

Katavasia

O Christ, the rod from Jesse's root and its flow'r, you blossomed from the Virgin; Praiseworthy one, from the overshadowed shady mountain.

You came in the flesh from her who knew not man. God not made of matter, glory to your pow'r, O Lord.

Ode 6

Irmos

Surround-ed by the abyss of my sins, I invoke the boundless depths of your compassion, of your compassion; O God, save me from the pit of corruption.

Tone 1 samopodoben

Irmos Tone 2
Refrain

Holy Father Nicholas, pray to God for us.

O Nicholas, the crown of victory is worthily set upon your head. As a noble victor, preserve those who call upon you. Refrain

O blessed saint, appear and save me from death by sin, sunken as I am in the mighty waves of passion; and lead me to the harbor of God's will.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and forever. Amen.

O ever-Virgin Mother, I have placed my hope of salvation in you, claiming you as the steadfast and unshaken advocate of my life.

Katavasia

Tone 1 samopodoben

Taking pity on Jonah, the sea monster that took him kept him safe, like an infant from the womb. The Word, which inhabited the Virgin and took flesh, came forth from her and kept her incorrupt.

He underwent no change, and kept intact the one who bore him.
You were renowned as a priest in Myra, O holy Nicholas; for you fulfilled the Gospel of Christ, O venerable Father. You risked your life for your people and saved the innocent from death. Thereby you have been initiated into the mysteries of the grace of God.

Ikos: Let us now extol with hymns the sanctifier, the shepherd, and teacher of the people of Myra so that we may be illumined by his prayers. For behold, he manifested himself to be completely pure and incorruptible in spirit. He offered a pure and spotless sacrifice to Christ which was pleasing to God. As a sanctifier, he was pure in soul and body. He is truly a leader and defender of the Church, since he is a great mystic of God's grace.

Ode 8
Irmos
O blessed saint, gracious and compassionate, deliver those held captive by trials; by your intercession to the Savior, free them from the ills possessing them, O priest initiated into the divine mysteries. refrain

O faithful archbishop, wise in God, knower of mysteries unfathomable to the mind and celebrant of things holy and divine, ask the Savior for remission of our sins, O teacher of the things pertaining to the priestly office.


My mind has fallen into the depths of disgrace and now grows weak, surrounded as it is on all sides by diverse evils. But do you, O Virgin, heal me, wrapping my round with the light of impassibility.
Katavasia

The furnace cooled like dew, miraculously, fore-shadowed a great marvel. For it did not burn the youths it received, nor did the fire of divinity burn the Virgin’s womb by entering it. Therefore, let us strike up a hymn and sing: Let all creation bless and exalt the Lord forever.

Canticle of the Theotokos, p. 34

Ode 9
Irmos

The Son of the Father without beginning, our Lord and our God, has taken flesh from the Virgin and has appeared to us;
He has come to illuminate the darkness and to gather those who are scattered. O Theotokos, worthy of all praise, we exalt you.

Refrain

Holy Father Nicholas, pray to God for us.

O blessed saint divinely wise, enlightened by the torch of grace, light of holiness, you wondrously protect those who are sorely tried. Deliver those drowning in the depth. Refrain

O blessed and God-bearing father, you now dwell in the beauties of Paradise where you gaze upon the ineffable glory; look down from Heaven and see those who praise you, delivering them from passion.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and forever. Amen.

O pure Theotokos, you gave birth from your own undefiled blood to the Wisdom, Power and Word in person, receiving him into your own temple, and united to him thereafter without division.
I see a strange and marvelous mystery: heaven is a cave;

the cherubic throne, a virgin; the manger has become the place
in which Christ the incomprehensible God lies down. Let us
praise him and exalt him.

Hymns of Light

Let us all praise Nicholas, the great shepherd, bishop, and leader of Myra, for he saved many who were unjustly condemned to death. He also appeared to the emperor and Ablabius in a dream, putting an end to the unjust decree.

Glory…

O Bishop Nicholas, the Lord has honored you greatly with wonders in life and after death. Whoever calls upon your most holy name with love and faith is granted the request at once, for you are a fervent intercessor.

Now and ever…

O Virgin, you gave birth to Christ, Wisdom personified, the ever-existing Word, and Healer of all, Heal the wounds of my soul and remove from my heart all lustful thoughts.
Psalm 148 is sung in Tone 1, p 92

Cantor: To carry out the sentence pre-ordained:
(on 6) this honor is for all his faithful.

Hav-ing stead-fastly gazed up-on the knowl-edge on high, and hav-ing beheld
the depths of wis - dom, you en - riche(d the world with your teach-ings,

Cantor: Praise God in his holy place,
(on 5) praise him in his mighty heavens.

O man of God and de-light of the faith-ful, O ser-vant of the
myster-ies, be-lov-ed one of those who seek the spir-itu-al life,
you are a mod-el of inspiration, O liv-ing pil-lar. The Church of

My-ra has received you as a sub-lime treas-ure and in-ter-ces-sor
for our souls.

Cantor: Praise him for his powerful deeds, praise his surpassing greatness.

O thrice-blessed Nicholas, having hovered about the blossoms of the Church like a bird from angelic nests, you always cry out to God in our behalf.

By your pray’rs you deliver us who are suffering from trials and temptations.

Cantor: O praise him with sound of trumpet praise him with lute and harp.

O God-bearing Father Nicholas, by your acts of virtue you enriched your already beautiful priestly robes. You perform sacred, wondrous, and glorious miracles for us. Deliver us by your pray’rs.
O holy one, you were given an insight into the beauties of unseen things.

You understood the awesome glory of the saints. Now make known to us the meaning of the heavenly things.

O Father, you appeared in a dream to the pious king and delivered the pris’ners from death. Now pray without ceasing for us who fittingly praise you. Deliver us from temptations, trials, and sufferings.

Cantor: (on 1) O praise him with resounding cymbals, praise him with clashing of cymbals.

Let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord.

Cantor: (on 2) Praise him with timbrel and dance, praise him with strings and pipes.

Cantor: (Tone 5) Glory…
Let us sound the trumpets of praise. Let us dance with joy and celebrate, rejoicing on this prayerful feast of the God-bearing father. Let kings and leaders hasten to exalt him who appeared to the king in a dream in a terrifying manner, convincing him to release the three generals who were arrested without cause. Let the shepherds and teachers come together and exalt the shepherd who imitates the Good Shepherd in zeal.

Let us praise the healer of the sick and deliverer of those in tribulations; the intercessor of the sinful, the treasure of the poor, and the comforter of the sorrowful, the companion of travelers and pilot of those at sea.
Let us all fervently praise the great bishop, saying: O most holy Nicholas, help us and deliver us from all danger and save us all by your prayers.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Theotokion

Let us sound the trumpets of praise, for the Queen of all, the Virgin Mother, looks down from on high to crown with blessings those who honor her. Let kings and leaders come together to praise the Queen who gave birth to the King. Because of his love for all, he released those who had been condemned to death. O shepherds and teachers, come together and praise the most pure Mother of the Good Shepherd.
She is the lampstand that gleams like gold, the light-bearing cloud more spacious than the heavens, the living tabernacle and golden urn containing the manna, the sealed door of the Word and refuge of all Christians. Let us praise her with God-inspired songs, saying: O palace of the Word, make us lowly ones worthy of the kingdom of heaven, for nothing is impossible through your intercession.

After the Great Doxology:

Troparion - Tone 4

Your life has shown you to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of gentleness, and a teacher of moderation. You acquired greatness through
humility, and wealth through poverty. O father and archbishop Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.