

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

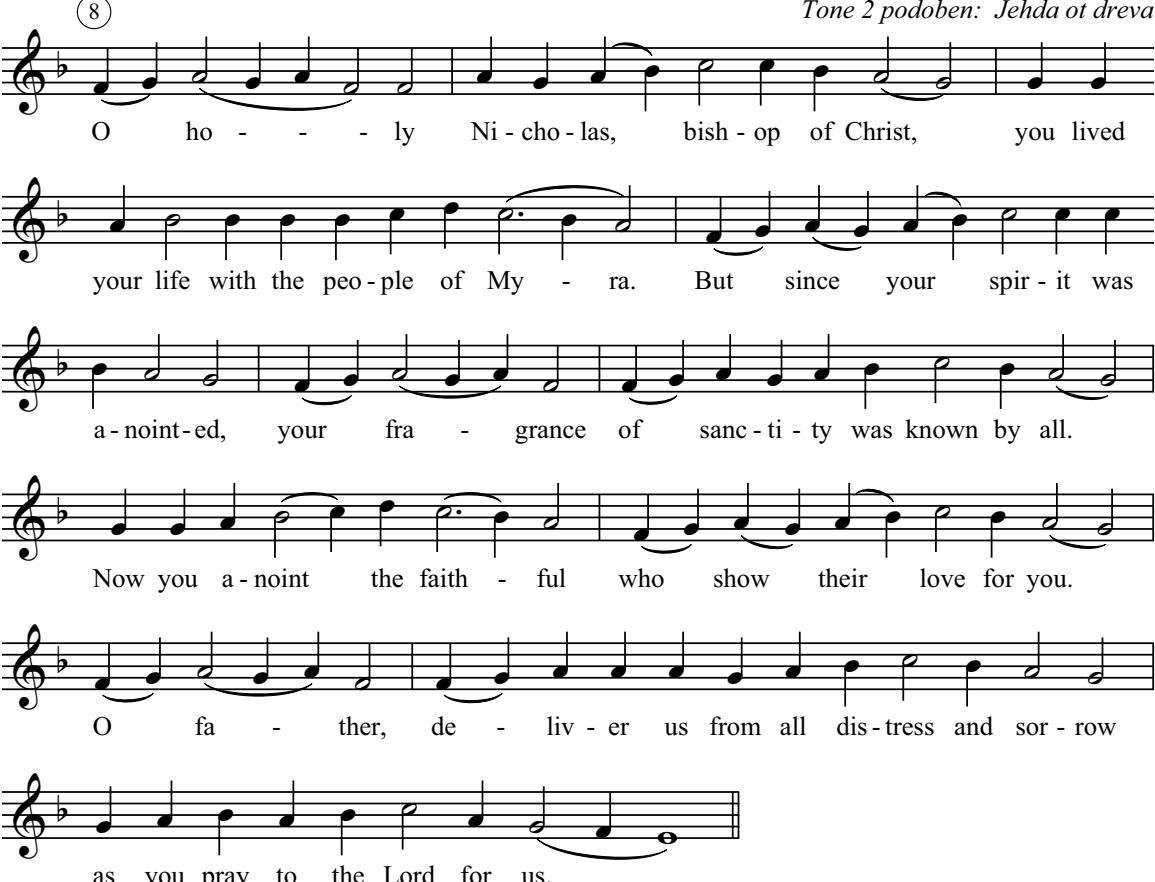
Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2006

"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 podobn: Jehda ot dreva

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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 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.

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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: 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.

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

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.

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

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-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

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

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...

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.

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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.

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.

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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.
 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

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

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

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.
 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

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: 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

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,