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 3 (begins on page 48), 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 samohlasen*

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:
(on 5)

My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

⑤

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.
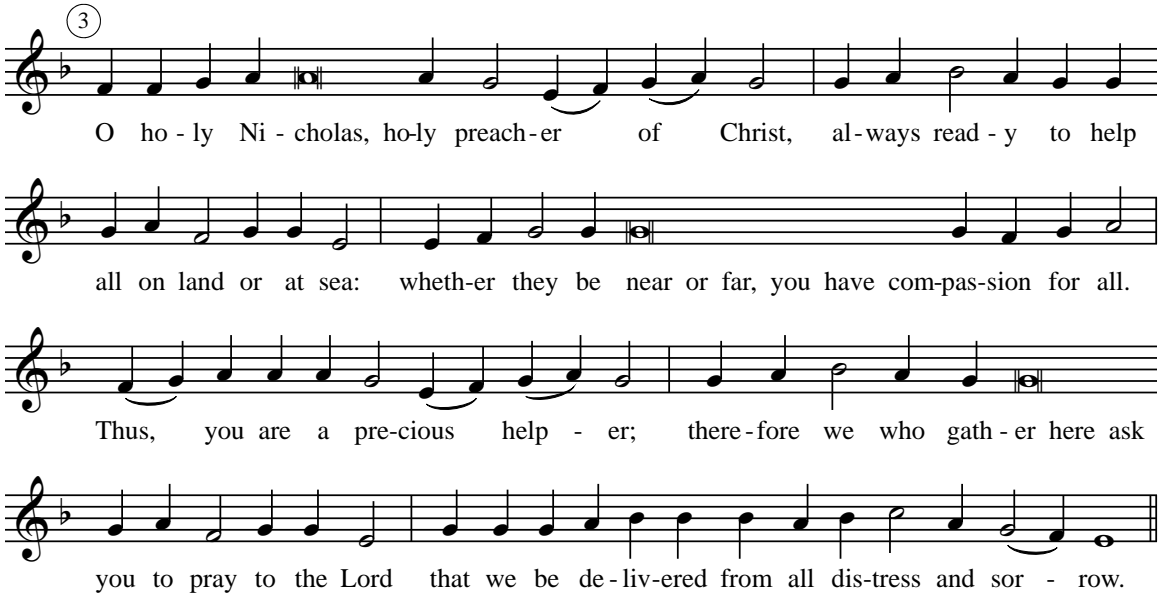
Cantor:
(on 4)

Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.

④

When you ap-peared in a dream to Con-stan - tine 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.

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
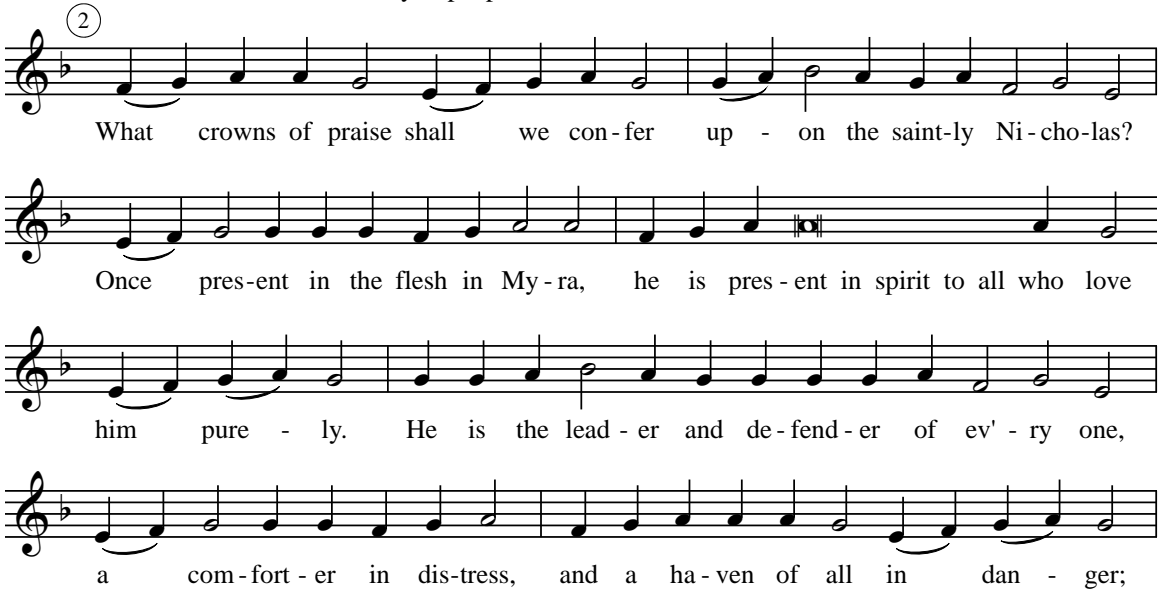Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

③

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:

(on 2)

Praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples!

②

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

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.

4

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 - 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: *(Tone 3)* Glory... Now and ever…

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 3, page 53).

Readings: Composite 1   (FM 486)
               Proverbs 10: 31 through 11: 12   (EOT 312-313)
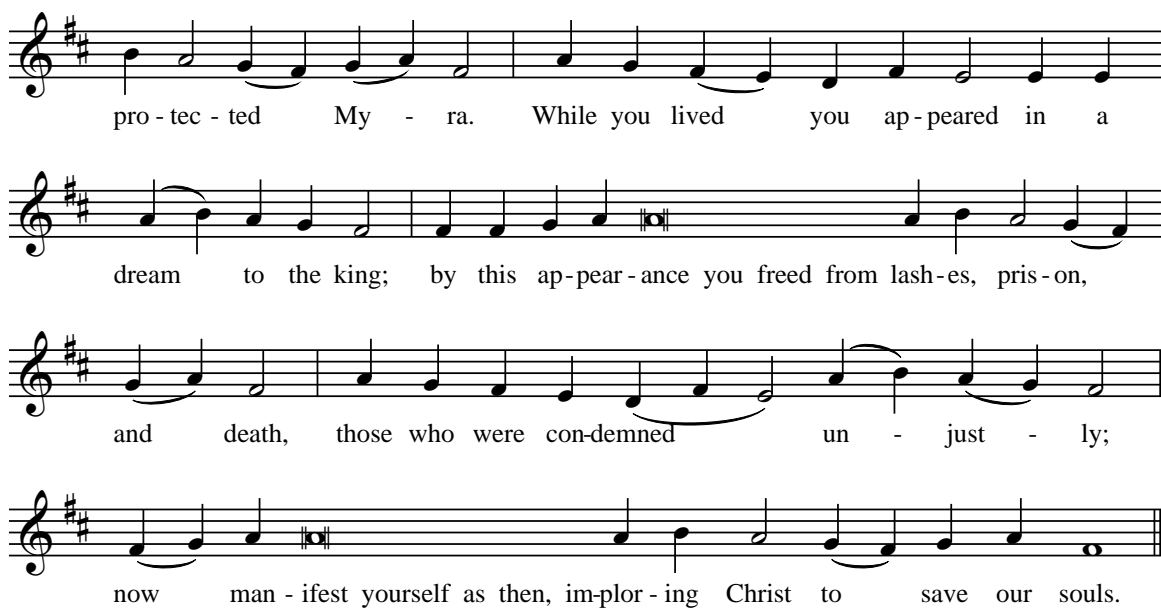   Wisdom 4: 7-15   (EOT 308)

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.

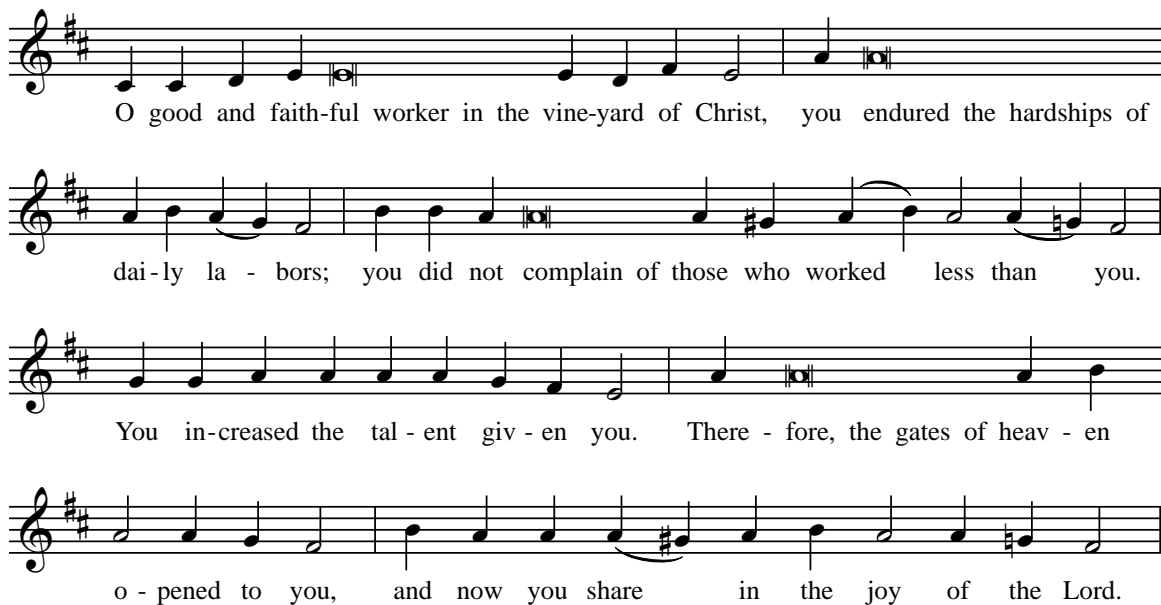Now   we ask your unceasing prayer for the sal - va - tion of   our   souls.

O ho - ly fa - ther Ni - cho-las,   your   re - lics poured out myrrh and

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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.

7

O ho - ly Ni - cho - las, pray for us.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Theotokion

O Zi - on, be hap - py; re-joice, 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
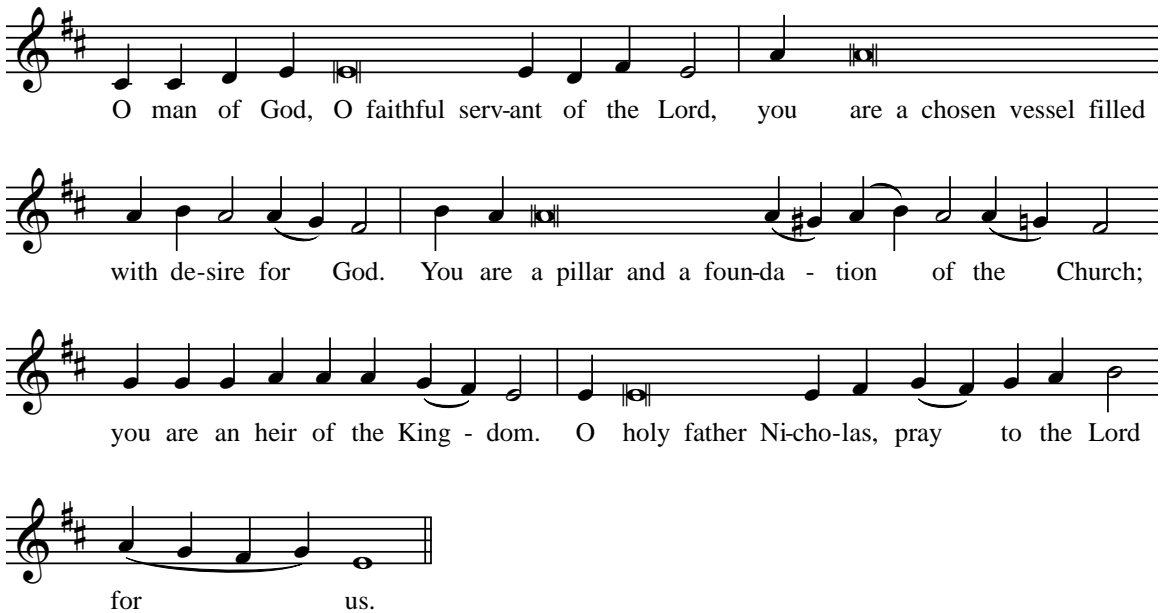
the on - ly Sav - ior of all.

Litija Litany, p.116

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 54), 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.
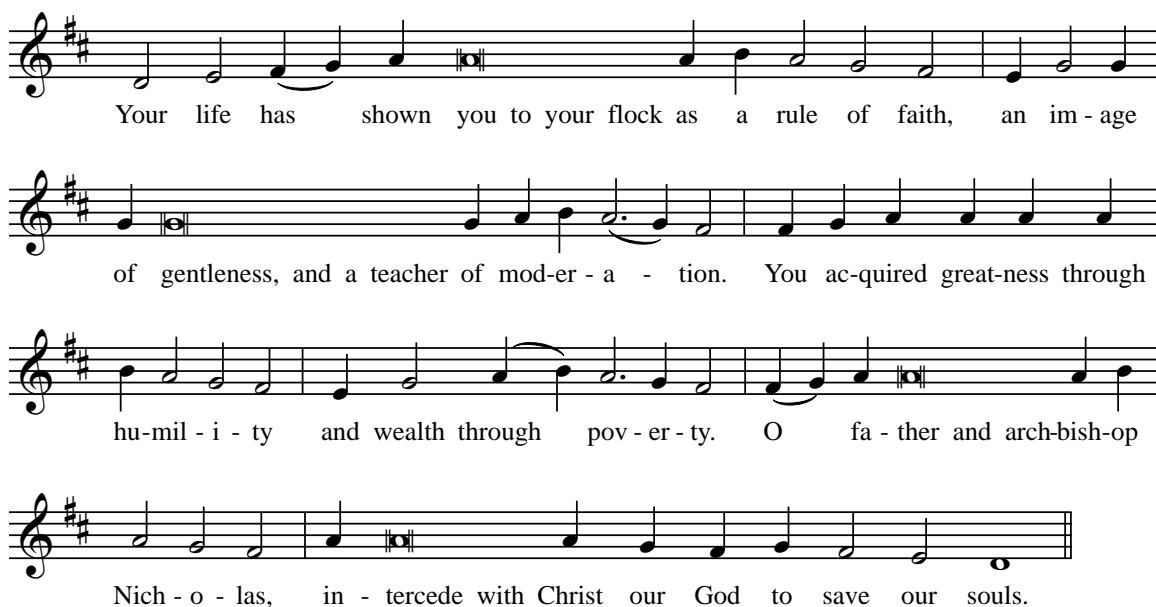
Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 6, p. 90).

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection, in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 57).

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.