

APRIL 22 SUNDAY OF MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

Christ Is Risen!

Χριστός Ανέστη!

**The Apolitikion (special hymns of the day see insert) are chanted after
the Small Entrance see pages 34 and 35
Epistle Reading and Gospel Reading: See Insert
The Creed Pages 46 & 49 Communion Prayers Pages 324– 325**

ENGLISH EPISTLE READER — John Papp

ALTAR BOYS:

Anthony Bologna, Billy Bologna, Pano Cardasis, Nathan DeWitte, Stephen Economy,
Paul Przeslawski, Yianni Thanasas, Georgio Valentino

MEMORIAL

Paul Panaretos (40 days)
Helen Markoul (40 day)
John Lavrakas (1 year)
Elifthiria Ball (3 years)
Eleftheria Dimitrios (9 years)
Leo Dimitrios (29 years)

ALTAR FLOWERS

From His Loving Family, In Memory of Paul Panaretos
From Her Loving Family, In Memory of Helen Markoul
From His Loving Family, In Memory of John Lavrakas

ALTAR CANDLES

From His Loving Family, In Memory of Paul Panaretos
From Her Loving Family, In Memory of Helen Markoul
From His Loving Family, In Memory of John Lavrakas
From Her Loving Family, In Memory of Elifthiria Ball
From Her Loving Family, In Memory of Eleftheria Dimitrios
From His Loving Family, In Memory of Leo Dimitrios

COFFEE SOCIAL

In memory of Paul Panaretos

LILY FLOWERS

In Loving Memory of Edward Beauchamp
Donated by Dr. Gregory E Zotos
In Loving Memory of Alexis Chimpouras
In Loving Memory of John Chimpouras

PASCHA (EASTER) PLANT DONATIONS

We apologize for the late notice for the lilies, due to staff changes. We will keep this in the bulletin for a few extra weeks. Please call the church office at (248) 362-9575 or email us at office@stnicholastro.org. Donations for the Lilies are \$25 per plant. Names/memorials will be listed in the bulletin for the next couple of weeks..

The St. Nicholas Golf League is always looking for golfers! Consider joining the league. We play on Monday afternoon at 3:00 pm at Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford. The season will tentatively start **April 23, 2018**. If you have any questions please contact Joann Kefalas: jimgreek@gmail.com or 248-766-9492. If you don't want to play as a member of the league but would like to play occasionally let Joann know & she will work you into the schedule. Come out & enjoy golfing with your fellow church members.

2018 St. Nicholas Scholarship Applications - All applicants must have the application turned in on or before **May 7, 2018**.

TROUBLE WATCHING CHURCH SERVICES AT HOME

The church has received several phone calls and emails from parishioners trying to watch our services On-Line. With the updates to our website, people may still be attempting to use the old website by accident. To remedy this problem, please clear your browser history as well as any bookmarks or favorites you may be using. Then re-bookmark the church website, www.stnicholastro.org and try watching our services again. If you still run into issues, please contact the church office at Office@StNicholasTroy.org or call the office at (248) 362-9575.

WEEKLY BULLETIN DEADLINES: Please remember to submit weekly bulletin items for the following Sunday. Please email requests to: office@stnicholastro.org by Tuesday, April 24 for Sunday, for April 25th bulletin and Eblast.

ECHO DEADLINES: The monthly ECHO's deadline is the 15th of every month and should be submitted to stnicholastroypatti@comcast.net for the May Echo. Thank you.

<i>This Week's Services and Activities</i>		
Sunday, April 22	Sunday of Myrrh-Bearing Women	
	Orthros	9:30 a.m.
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
	Catechism classes	10:30 a.m.
	Great Vespers @ St. George / Bloomfield	6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 23	St. George, the Great Martyr	
	Orthros	9:00 a.m.
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
	Golf League Begins	3:00 p.m.
	Greek School	4:30 p.m.
	Adult Greek School	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 24	Greek Dance Practice	
	OPA! Festival General Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25	Greek School	
	Adult Greek School	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 26	G.O.Y.A New York Trip	
	Argonauts Board Meeting	11:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 28	Argonauts Stafford Ont, Canada Trip	

UPDATE YOUR RECORDS...NEW CHURCH EMAILS

The Church has made new email addresses available to all ministries within our St. Nicholas Church.

Please note these new email addresses when communicating with them.

User	Email Address
Fr. Stratton	FrStratton@StNicholasTroy.org
Fr. Michael	FrMichael@StNicholasTroy.org
Kris Vivier (Our Admin)	Office@StNicholasTroy.org or Finance@StNicholasTroy.org
Patti Chalker	Patti@StNicholasTroy.org
Argonauts	Argonauts@stnicholastroy.org
Athletics	Athletics@StNicholasTroy.org
Bookstore	Bookstore@stnicholastroy.org
Catechism	Catechism@stnicholastroy.org
Choir	Choir@StNicholasTroy.org
College Connection	CollegeConnection@StNicholasTroy.org
Endowment Fund	EndowmentFund@StNicholasTroy.org
Golf League	GolfLeague@StNicholasTroy.org
GOYA	GOYA@Stnicholastroy.org
Greek School	GreekSchool@StNicholasTroy.org
JOY	JOY@StNicholasTroy.org
Opa Dancers	OpaDancers@StNicholasTroy.org
Philoptochos	Philoptochos@StnicholasTroy.org

On **June 1st, 2018**, the old email addresses for **Fr. Stratton, Fr. Michael, Kris Vivier and Patti Chalker** will be disabled, so please update your contact lists as soon as possible.

Here are the old email addresses that are scheduled to be removed on June 1st.

User	Email Address/UserID
Fr. Stratton	stnicholastroy@comcast.net
Fr. Michael	stnicholastroyfrmichael@comcast.net
Kris Vivier (Our Admin)	stnicholastroyoffice@comcast.net
Finance Office	stnicholastroyfinance@comcast.net
Patti Chalker	stnicholastroypatti@comcast.net
Catechism Office	stnicholascatd@comcast.net

Please contact the administrative office at 248-362-9575 for any questions.

ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX OPA! FEST 2018

THE LARGEST ON-GOING GREEK FESTIVAL IN THE METRO DETROIT AREA

Come celebrate 25 years of Greek fun, food and festivities



June 22
Friday
4-11pm

June 23
Saturday
4-11pm

June 24
Sunday
12-8pm

- Live Entertainment from **THE LEVENDES** – one of the most dynamic Greek bands in the nation!
- Enjoy live appearances by **STELLA METSOVAS**, celebrated Greek chef from Los Angeles.
- Vote for your favorite **IRON CHEF** as this year's Iron Chef Competition heats up again between Detroit News and St. Nicks!
- A fun festival for the whole family including a **CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA** for kids of all ages! Kids fun and games provided by: bouncersandmore.com.
- **YIAYIA'S COOKOFF**: St. George Bloomfield Hills vs. St. Nicholas-Sunday
- Over 200 **OPA! DANCERS** - Learn to dance from the best!
- Admission: \$2 or free with donations of three cans of food for **GLEANER'S**. Children ages 12 and under are free.

MORE INFORMATION AT OPAFEST.ORG

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OPA! Festival

OPA!! OPA!! OPA!! It's that time of year again, *OPA! FEST* will be hosting a Basket Raffle during the festival on **June 22, 23, & 24, 2018**. The tickets for the basket raffle will be sold during *OPA! FEST* for \$1.00/per ticket and 25 tickets for \$20. Then, on **Sunday June 25th**, a drawing will take place to determine the winner for each basket. Our goal is to collect at least **20 baskets for this event**. This is an excellent way to contribute to the overall success of *OPA! FEST*. Each organization within the church is being asked to sponsor one or more basket(s) for the *OPA! FEST* Basket Raffle. In previous years, we had an overwhelming response for basket donations. It is amazing to see how this type of event can grow, thanks to your generosity and support. This year, each group will be asked to select their own basket theme. As in the past, each basket will contain at least \$100 worth of merchandise and follow the specified theme. Your group's basket will need to be wrapped, with a list of contents, and the name of the sponsoring group/individual. Please have these baskets wrapped and delivered to St. Nicholas Church. Please **NO LATER THAN JUNE 20th**. Should you have any problems with wrapping your baskets, please call me and we can help you put your basket together. There is anticipation that this event will be even more successful than in the past. Thank you for your continued support of St. Nicholas Church and *OPA! FEST*. If you have any questions, please contact: **Kathy Jenaras at 313-910-8708 or email Metaxa2@aol.com**

For more OPA! FESTIVAL Information

Please contact the Administration office at 248-362-9575

If you would like to:

★ Be a sponsor for the 2018 Opa Festival. The Opa Team thanks you for your donations and appreciates the generosity of the sponsors.

★ Contribute to the Pastry Booth for OPA Festival. **Please note the flyers for the Pastry Booth were printed with the incorrect dates. OPA Fest is on June 22, 23, & 24**

OPA Dancers Upcoming dance practices will begin promptly at **6:30 p.m. April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, & 20** (we will be adding additional practices for the older groups.) More to come.

Church Etiquette

It is important that all members and visitors to our Church follow some basic etiquette rules, to ensure that we maintain an atmosphere where peaceful, meaningful, and distraction-free prayer can occur during all services. Here are some general reminders:

When entering the Church, especially during services, remember that you are in God's House. Be reverent and mindful of others engaged in prayer

Refrain from any loud conversations in the Narthex or in any part of the Church while services are being conducted

When you enter the Church go to the right or the left, and go down the side aisles, but never down the center aisle.

Wear modest and appropriate attire

Refrain from chewing gum

Blot your lipstick before you receive Holy Communion, venerating icons, or kiss the Holy Bible or the Priest's hand and vestments. Be aware that your lipstick may stain the Bible and the hand or vestments of the Priest.

Please make sure your cell phone is on vibrate or silent. In case of an emergency, please exit the nave and proceed directly into the exo-narthex.

Whenever the priest faces the people or is outside the altar on the solea, either censing or blessing, everyone should stand wherever he or she is.

After taking communion, go through the right or left aisles to return to your seat

Additional information is available in our website. Thank you for your cooperation.

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OPA! FEST 2018

OUR 25TH YEAR!
JUNE 22, 23, & 24, 2018



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Phone: _____

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Payment Enclosed: \$ _____ or

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Signature _____

Please make payment to: **St. Nicholas Church Opa! FEST**

760 West Waffles Road, Troy, Michigan, 48098

Phone: (248) 362-9575 Fax: (248) 362-9578

Questions and Correspondence to Karen: KCOSMOS@COMCAST.NET

PLEASE PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION / LOGOS ON SEPARATE PAGE.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PALM SUNDAY 1 8AM ORTHROS 9AM DIVINE LITURGY 10:30AM NO CATECHISM CLASSES 11AM DIVINE LITURGY 7PM BRIDGEGROOM	HOLY MONDAY 2 7PM BRIDGEGROOM	HOLY TUESDAY 3 7PM BRIDGEGROOM	HOLY WEDNESDAY 4 9:30AM ANASTASI EGG PREP 4PM SACRAMENT OF HOLY UNCTION 7PM SACRAMENT OF HOLY UNCTION	HOLY THURSDAY 5 6:30AM VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY 10AM DYE & WRAP EGGS 7PM PASSION OF CHRIST	HOLY FRIDAY 6 8:30AM ROYAL HOURS 9:30AM DECORATE EPITAPHIOS 3PM DECENT FROM THE CROSS 7PM LAMENTATIONS	HOLY SATURDAY 7 10AM VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY 11PM RESURRECTION VIGIL
GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA 8 PASCHA 12AM RESURRECTION SERVICE & PASCHA 1:30AM ANASTASI DINNER 11AM AGAPE VESPERS 12PM EASTER EGG HUNT	BRIGHT MONDAY 9 OFFICE CLOSED	6:30PM OPA DANCE PRACTICE	4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL 7PM ADULT GREEK SCHOOL 7PM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7PM PHILOPOCHOS MEETING		7PM PREVIEW PARTY FOR COMMUNITY CENTER RESERVATIONS ONLY	
SUNDAY OF THOMAS 5 GRAND OPENING OF COMMUNITY CENTER 9AM ORTHROS 10AM DIVINE LITURGY 10:30AM CATECHISM CLASS OPENING BRUNCH 11:30AM G.O.Y.A MEETING	4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL 7PM ADULT GREEK SCHOOL 7PM ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF MICHIGAN	7PM D.O.P. MEETING 7PM AHEPA MEETING	4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL 7PM ADULT GREEK SCHOOL	10AM BOOK STUDY 12PM ARGONAUTS LUNCHEON 5PM BOOK STUDY		10AM AHEPA MEETING
MYRRH BEARING WOMEN 22 9AM ORTHROS 10AM DIVINE LITURGY 10:30AM CATECHISM CLASS	ST. GEORGE 23 9AM ORTHROS 10AM DIVINE LITURGY 3PM GOLF LEAGUE BEGINS 4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL 7PM ADULT GREEK SCHOOL	6:30PM GREEK DANCE PRACTICE 7PM OPA FEST GENERAL MEETING	4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL 7PM ADULT GREEK SCHOOL	G.O.Y.A NEW YORK TRIP 11AM ARGONAUTS BOARD MEETING	G.O.Y.A NEW YORK TRIP	G.O.Y.A NEW YORK TRIP 8AM ARGONAUTS – MUSIC MAN STRATFORD
SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC 29 9AM ORTHROS 10AM DIVINE LITURGY 10:30AM CATECHISM CLASS	3:00PM GOLF LEAGUE 4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL 7PM ADULT GREEK SCHOOL					

Gospel Reading

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μᾶρκον 15:43-47, 16:1-8 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθὼν Ἰωσήφ ὁ ἀπὸ Ἀριμαθαίας, εὐσχήμων βουλευτής, ὃς καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν προσδεχόμενος τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ, τολμήσας εἰσῆλθε πρὸς Πιλάτον καὶ ἠτήσατο τὸ σῶμα τοῦ Ἰησοῦ. Ὁ δὲ Πιλάτος ἐθαύμασεν εἰ ἤδη τέθνηκε, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος τὸν κεντυρίωνα ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτὸν εἰ πάλαι ἀπέθανε· καὶ γνοὺς ἀπὸ τοῦ κεντυρίωνος ἐδώρησατο τὸ σῶμα τῷ Ἰωσήφ. Καὶ ἀγοράσας σινδόνα καὶ καθελὼν αὐτὸν ἐνέειλησε τῇ σινδόνι καὶ κατέθηκεν αὐτὸν ἐν μνημείῳ, ὃ ἦν λελατομημένον ἐκ πέτρας, καὶ προσεκύλισε λίθον ἐπὶ τὴν θύραν τοῦ μνημείου. Ἡ δὲ Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία Ἰωσή ἐθεώρουν ποῦ τίθεται. Καὶ διαγενομένου τοῦ σαββάτου Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία ἡ τοῦ Ἰακώβου καὶ Σαλώμη ἠγόρασαν ἀρώματα ἵνα ἐλθοῦσαι ἀλείψωσιν αὐτόν. Καὶ λίαν πρῶτὴ τῆς μιᾶς σαββάτων ἔρχονται ἐπὶ τὸ μνημεῖον, ἀνατείλαντος τοῦ ἡλίου. Καὶ ἔλεγον πρὸς ἑαυτάς·

Τίς ἀποκυλίσει ἡμῖν τὸν λίθον ἐκ τῆς θύρας τοῦ μνημείου; Καὶ ἀναβλέψασαι θεωροῦσιν ὅτι ἀποκεκύλισται ὁ λίθος· ἦν γὰρ μέγας σφόδρα. Καὶ εἰσελθοῦσαι εἰς τὸ μνημεῖον εἶδον νεανίσκον καθήμενον ἐν τοῖς δεξιοῖς, περιβεβλημένον στολὴν λευκὴν, καὶ ἐξεθαμβήθησαν. Ὁ δὲ λέγει αὐταῖς· μὴ ἐκθαμβεῖσθε· Ἰησοῦν ζητεῖτε τὸν Ναζαρητὸν τὸν ἐσταυρωμένον· ἠγέρθη, οὐκ ἔστιν ὧδε· ἴδε ὁ τόπος ὅπου ἔθηκαν αὐτόν. Ἄλλ' ὑπάγετε εἶπατε τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ καὶ τῷ Πέτρῳ ὅτι προάγει ὑμᾶς εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· ἐκεῖ αὐτὸν ὄψεσθε, καθὼς εἶπεν ὑμῖν. Καὶ ἐξελθοῦσαι ἔφυγον ἀπὸ τοῦ μνημείου· εἶχε δὲ αὐτὰς τρόμος καὶ ἔκστασις, καὶ οὐδενὶ οὐδὲν εἶπον· ἐφοβοῦντο γάρ.

The Gospel According to Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Epistle Reading

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 6:1-7

Ἴσχύς μου καὶ ὕμνησίς μου ὁ Κύριος.
Στίχ. Παιδεύων ἐπαίδευσέ με ὁ Κύριος.

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, πληθυνόντων τῶν μαθητῶν, ἐγένετο γογγυσμὸς τῶν Ἑλληνιστῶν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑβραίους, ὅτι παρεθεωροῦντο ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ τῇ καθημερινῇ αἱ χῆραι αὐτῶν. Προσκαλεσάμενοι δὲ οἱ δώδεκα τὸ πλῆθος τῶν μαθητῶν, εἶπον, Οὐκ ἀρεστόν ἐστιν ἡμᾶς, καταλείψαντας τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ, διακονεῖν τραπέζαις. Ἐπισκέψασθε οὖν, ἀδελφοί, ἄνδρας ἐξ ὑμῶν μαρτυρουμένους ἐπτά, πλήρεις πνεύματος ἁγίου καὶ σοφίας, οὓς καταστήσωμεν ἐπὶ τῆς χρείας ταύτης. Ἡμεῖς δὲ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ διακονίᾳ τοῦ λόγου προσκαρτερήσομεν. Καὶ ἤρρεσεν ὁ λόγος ἐνώπιον παντὸς τοῦ πλήθους· καὶ ἐξελέξαντο Στέφανον, ἄνδρα πλήρης πίστεως καὶ πνεύματος ἁγίου, καὶ Φίλιππον, καὶ Πρόχορον, καὶ Νικάνορα, καὶ Τίμωνα, καὶ Παρμενᾶν, καὶ Νικόλαον προσήλυτον Ἀντιοχέα, οὓς ἔστησαν ἐνώπιον τῶν ἀποστόλων· καὶ προσευξάμενοι ἐπέθηκαν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας. Καὶ ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ ἠύξανεν, καὶ ἐπληθύνετο ὁ ἀριθμὸς τῶν μαθητῶν ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ σφόδρα, πολὺς τε ὄχλος τῶν ἱερέων ὑπήκουον τῇ πίστει.

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Η ΜΙΚΡΑ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΣ

Ἐν ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν, Κύριον ἐκ πηγῶν Ἰσραήλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλουΐα.

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΑ

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἅδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Ὁ εὐσχήμων Ἰωσήφ, ἀπὸ τοῦ ξύλου καθελῶν, τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, σινδόνι καθαρᾷ, εἰλήσας καὶ ἀρώμασιν, ἐν μνήματι καινῷ, κηδεύσας ἀπέθετο· ἀλλὰ τριήμερος ἀνέστης Κύριε, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Ταῖς μυροφόροις Γυναιξί, παρὰ τὸ μνήμα ἐπιστάς, ὁ Ἄγγελος ἐβόα· Τὰ μύρα τοῖς θνητοῖς ὑπάρχει ἀρμόδια, Χριστὸς δὲ διαφθορᾷ ἐδείχθη ἀλλότριος, ἀλλὰ κραυγάσατε· Ἀνέστη ὁ Κύριος, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμνῇ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἁδοῦ καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξί Μυροφόροις φθεγγάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

SMALL ENTRANCE (WITH THE BOOK OF THE HOLY GOSPELS)

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, who arose from the dead, we sing to You, Alleluia.

APOLYTIKIA

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

When he took down Your immaculate Body from the Cross, the honorable Joseph wrapped it in a clean linen shroud with spices and laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day You arose, O Lord, and granted the world Your great mercy.

The Angel standing at the sepulcher cried out and said to the ointment-bearing women: The ointments are appropriate for mortal men, but Christ has been shown to be a stranger to decay. So go and cry aloud, The Lord has risen and granted the world His great mercy.

The truth of your way of life led your flock to believe in you as a canon of faith and as a holy image of gentleness and as a teacher of temperance. You have therefore acquired through your humility the greatest heights and riches through poverty. Father, Holy Hierarch Nicholas intercede to Christ our God, entreating that our souls may be saved.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.