

## **Divine Liturgy Variables on December 06**

### **Nicholas the wonder-worker, archbishop of Myra in Lycia**

Nicholas, bishop of Patara; New-martyr Nicholas of Karamania in Asia Minor

#### THE FIRST ANTIPHON

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#### THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the Saints; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

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#### THE THIRD ANTIPHON

#### APOLYTIKION OF ST. NICHOLAS IN TONE FOUR

Thy works of justice did reveal thee to thy community as a canon of faith, the likeness of humility and teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Nicholas. Wherefore, by humility thou hast achieved exaltation, and by thy meekness wealth. Intercede, therefore, with Christ God to save our souls.

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#### THE EISODIKON

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the Saints; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

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Thy works of justice did reveal thee to thy community as a canon of faith, the likeness of humility and teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Nicholas. Wherefore, by humility thou hast achieved exaltation, and by thy meekness wealth. Intercede, therefore, with Christ God to save our souls.

#### WHEN THOU O LORD

# KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE



On this day the Vir - gin co - meth to the cave to  
give birth to God the Word in - e - ffa-bly Who was be - fore  
all the a - ges. Dance for joy, O earth,  
on hear - ing the glad ti - dings; with the an -  
gels and the shepherds now glo - ri - fy Him, Who is will - ing  
to be ga - zed on, as a young child, Who be - fore the a - ges is  
God.



## THE EPISTLE

Prokeimenon:

- 1. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:17-21)**

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia:

- 1. Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness, and Thy righteous shall rejoice.*
- 2. For the Lord hath elected Zion, He hath chosen her to be a habitation for Himself.*



## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:17-23)**

At that time, Jesus stood on a level place, with a great crowd of His Disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch Him, for power came forth from Him and healed them all. And Jesus lifted up His eyes on His Disciples, and said: “Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in Heaven.”

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## KOINONIKON IN TONE EIGHT

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance; he shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia.

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### Communion Hymn - For Hierarchs - Tone 8

135 bpm

The righteous shall be in e - ver - la - sting  
re-mem brance; he shall not fear e - vil ti - dings.

Verses:

1. His heart is ready to hope in the Lord; his heart is established.
2. He shall not be afraid, until he look down upon his enemies.
3. He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor, his righteousness abideth unto ages of ages; his horn shall be exalted with glory.