

## The 18<sup>th</sup> Day of March



## Our Holy and God-bearing Hierarch, Nikolaj of Zhicha.

### Evening Service

#### At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera in Tone 6:

**O** consecrated and God-bearing Father Nikolaj, /  
Like unto God’s holy chrism, /  
Vested in the Holy Spirit and illumined with the splendor of God, /  
Approaching the Holy of Holies /  
And partaking of the Mysteries by grace /  
As a true and most glorious hierarch, ///  
Thou dost boldly intercede for our souls. *(twice)*

**R**esplendent with virtues thou didst illumine the faithful /  
And dispel the darkness of error, /  
O most holy hierarch Nikolaj; /  
For thine appearance to us was like the bright sun /  
And through the grace of the Holy Spirit, thou hast become a son of the day /  
In the realm of the eternal Son /  
Wherefore we lovingly venerate thee ///  
And celebrate thy divine and radiant mememory. *(twice)*

**T**hy pure mind dwelt in God through faith, /  
Clothed in the rags of mortality /  
Seeking after the glories of immortality /  
By remaining passionless thou wast adorned with dispassion /  
Thus acquiring the splendor of the bodiless angels, /  
O most wise and glorious hierarch Nikolaj ///  
Radiant intercessor for those who honor thy mememory. *(twice)*

#### Glory..., Tone 8:

**O** venerable father Nikolaj /  
The fruit of thy virtues nourish the hearts of the faithful; /  
For upon hearing of thy huumility /  
Who would not wonder at thy gentleness, patience and compassion? /  
Thou didst instruct all in the ways of God /  
And art now adorned with an unfading crown ///  
Ever interceding for our souls.

**Now and ever..., Dogmatic Theotokion, in Tone 8:**

The King of heaven, in His love for man, /  
Appeared on earth and dwelt among men /  
For He received flesh from the pure Virgin. /  
And after assuming it, He was born of her. /  
The One Son, two natures in one person, /  
So proclaiming Him as the perfect man /  
By proclaiming Him as the perfect God, /  
Let us confess to Christ our Lord, ///  
Entreat Him, O Virgin Mother, to have mercy on our souls.

**Or the Stavrotheokion: (in the same Tone, to the melody, “Thy martyrs ....”)**

“O my Child, I cannot bear to look upon Thee /  
Asleep in death upon the Tree, /  
Who grantest life to all mankind, /  
That Thou mayest impart divine and saving life to Adam /  
Who through disobedience fell into the sleep of destruction” /  
Cried the weeping Virgin, whom we magnify.

**At the Apostikha, the stichera from the Octoechos, and**

**Glory..., Tone 8:**

O holy hierarch, father Nikolaj, /  
Thou art a good shepherd and a fervent teacher, /  
And we cry out to thee with praise, /  
For God hath adorned His Church with thee; /  
He hath shown forth thine incorrupt relics long hidden in the earth, /  
Wherefore ceaselessly pray for those who venerate thee, ///  
And intercede for the forgiveness and salvation of our souls.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, in Tone 8:**

O Virgin unwedded, O Mother of God on high /  
Thou hast ineffably conceived God in the flesh /  
And being beyond reproach, thou hast granted us all purification of our transgressions. /  
Accept the supplications of thy servants /  
And do thou, who now receivest our entreaties ///  
Pray for us all to be saved.

**Or the Stavrotheokion: (in the Same Tone, to the melody, “Thy martyrs ....”)**

**B**eholding Thee, O Jesus, nailed to the Cross /  
And accepting suffering of Thine own will, /  
The Virgin, Thy Mother, O Mas-ter, cried aloud: /  
'Woe is me, O my sweet Child! /  
How is it that Thou dost endure wounding unjustly, /  
O Physician Who healeth the infirmities of mankind ///  
And by Thy loving-kindness dost deliver all from corruption?'

**The Troparion of the Saint, Tone 4:**

**I**n truth thou wast revealed to thy flock as a rule of faith, /  
A model of humility and teacher of abstinence, /  
So thou didst win the heights of humility, riches by poverty; /  
O holy hierarch, father Nikolaj, ///  
Intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

**Morning Service**

*The Canon of the Saint — incomplete as of 3/2013*

**The Kontakion of the Saint, Tone 2:**

**O** holy hierarch, father Nikolaj, /  
Divine thunder and spiritual trumpet, /  
Planter of faith and the pruner of heresies, /  
Great favorite of the Trinity, /  
Standing now with the angels before the throne of God ///  
Ceaselessly pray for the salvation of our souls.

**Liturgy**

**At the Beatitudes, 8 troparia: 4 from the Octoechos, and 4 from the third Ode of the Canon of Saint Nikolaj.**

**The Prokeimenon in Tone 1:** My mouth shall speak wisdom / and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. *Verse:* Hear this, all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the earth!

**The Epistle: (318) Heb. 7:26-8:2**

**The Alleluia is in Tone 2:** The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom and his tongue shall speak of judgment. *Verse:* The Law of God is in his heart and his steps shall not falter.

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**The Gospel:** (36) John 10:9-16

**The Communion Hymn:** The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings.

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