

Lord I Call - St Nicholas - vs 1

If Thou shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee is propitiation.

Tone 2

Dwelling bodily in My - ra, thou wast truly shown to be myrrh,
having been anointed with noetic chrism, O ho- ly Ni- cho- las,
hi- er- arch of Christ, and thou dost perfume the fa- ces
of those who with faith and love ever celebrate thy most glo- rious mem- o- ry,
freeing them from misfortunes, perils and sor- rows
by thy prayers unto God, O fa - - ther.

The musical score is written for piano in a 1/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The score ends with a double bar line.

Lord I Call - St Nicholas - vs 2

For Thy name's sake have I waited patiently for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word; my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

As a true namesake of vic- to- ry, to the faithful people thou

hast shown thyself to be mighty amid pe- rils,

O holy Nicholas, hierarch of Christ; for when-ev- er thou art in- voked,

thou dost quickly hasten to those who with love have recourse to thy

pro- tec- tion. For, appearing to the faithful by day and at night,

thou savest them from dangers and e- vil cir- cum- stan - ces.

Lord I Call - St Nicholas - vs 3

From the morning watch until night; from the morning watch,
let Israel hope in the Lord.

In a dream thou didst appear to the Emperor Constantine

and to Ab-lavios, and instilling fear in them,

thou didst speak to them thus: "Quickly release those whom ye hold

bound in prison, for they deserve not a lawless execution.

But if thou wilt not obey me,

I will petition the Lord and King against thee when I pray!"

Lord I Call - St Nicholas - vs 4

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;
and He shall deliver Israel out of all his iniquities.

For those of us who find ourselves amid mis- for - tunes

as we journey by land or sail the seas,

for those of us who are nearby or far re- moved,

thou art a great and fervent ad- vo- cate, an exceeding merciful

and mighty intercessor, O ho- ly Ni- cho- las,

sac-red preach- er of Christ. Wherefore, as-semb- ling, we cry:

Entreat the Lord, that we may be delivered from every ev- il cir - cum-stance.

Lord I Call - St Nicholas - vs 5

O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye peoples.

With what wreaths of praise shall we crown the ho- ly hi- er- arch

who, while bodily in My- ra, doth spiritually reach out to all who

love him in pu- ri- ty, the advocate and help- er of all,

the comforter of all the sor- row- ful, the refuge for all a- mid mis- for- tunes,

the pillar of pi- e- ty, the champion of the peo- ple?

For his sake hath Christ, Who hath great mer- cy,

The first system of music features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are centered between the staves.

cast down the arrogance of the e - ne- my.

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics are centered between the staves.

Lord I Call - St Nicholas - vs 6

For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,
and the truth of the Lord remaineth forever.

With what songs of hym- no- dy

shall we praise the ho- ly hier- arch,

the opponent of impiety and champion of pi- e- ty,

the leader, great ally and tea- cher,

who putteth to shame all the in- fam- ous,

the destroyer of Arius and his min- ions?

For his sake hath Christ, Who hath great mer- cy,

cast down the arrogance of the e - ne- my.

Doxastikon - St Nicholas

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

Tone 6

Assembling, O ye who love the feasts of the Church,

let us hymn the adornment of hierarchs, the glory of

the fathers, the wellspring of miracles,

and great defender of the faithful, saying: Rejoice, O Protector

of Myra, honoured primate and steadfast pillar of its Church!

Rejoice, O most radiant beacon, illumining the ends of the earth

with wonders! Rejoice, divine joy of the sorrowful and fervent

inter-cessor for the oppressed! And now, O blessed Nicholas,

cease not to entreat Christ God, in behalf of those who honour thine

ever-gladsome and most illustrious memory

with faith and love.