

December 6: St. Nicholas of Myra
Stichera on "Lord I have cried"
Tone 2, Kievan

(4) *Reader:* In the same tone,
 From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

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Let Is - ra - el hope in the Lord.

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

who, while bodily in My - ra, doth spi - ri - tually reach out to all who love

him in pur - i - ty, the advocate and help - er of all, the com - for - ter of

of the sow-row-ful, the refuge for all amid mis-for - tunes, the pil - lar of

piety, the champion of the peo-ple? For his sake hath Christ, Who hath

great mercy, cast down the arrogance of the en - e - my.

(3) *Reader:* For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem Israel out of all his in - i - qui - ties.

Repeat 1st sticheron: "With what wreaths..."

(2) *Reader:* O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

Praise Him all ye peo - ples.

With what sons of hymnody shall we praise the holy hierarch, /
 the opponent of impiety and champion of piety, /
 the leader, great ally and teacher, /
 who putteth to shame all the infamous, /
 the destroyer of Arius and his minions? //
 For his sake hath Christ, Who hath great mercy, cast down the arrogance of the enemy.

(1) *Reader:* For He hath made his mercy to prevail over us,

And the truth of the Lord abideth for - ev - er.

With what hymns of prophecy shall we praise the holy hierarch, /
 who foresaw things far distant /
 and unerringly prophesied things afar off as though they were near, /
 who watcheth over the whole world /
 and delivereth all the oppressed, /
 who of old appeared to the divinely wise emperor in a dream /
 and delivered from execution those unjustly arrested, //
 and bestoweth great mercy.