

December 6th

Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: *Rejoice*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

D

1) Re - joice, _____ sa - cred and ven - - 'ra - ble head,

A

thou un - de - filed a - bode of vir - - tue and sanc - ti - ty;

G

di - vine can - on of the priest - hood, that most di - vine gift of God;

D

and the great and fa - - mous shep - herd known to all;

A

thou bea - con that wor - thi - ly art the name - sake of vic - to - ry;

G D

thou who dost an - - swer with com - pas - sion those ask - ing thee

G

and who dost in - cline to the prayers of the suf - fer - ing.

G

Res - cu - er ev - er ready and the guard - i - an sav - ing all

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who with right faith keep thy glo - ri - ous and re -
- splen - dent me - mo - ri - al. Im - plore Christ the Sav - - ior,
O blest Nich - o - las, to send down Great Mer - cy on us all.

Verse: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saint.

12 D 2) Re - joyce, _____ O mind most sa - - cred and great,
and pur - est dwell - ing of the All - - ho - ly Trin - i - ty;
thou stead - fast-ness of the faith - ful, and pil - lar stay - ing the Church,
and the help of all bowed down with griev - ous pains;
thou star ev - er scat - ter - ing with thy beams of well-pleas - ing prayers
the heav - y dark - ness of temp - ta - - tions, of suf - fer - ings,

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and of all dis - tress, O di - vine Hier - arch Nich - o - las.

Har - bor of all se - ren - i - ty where - in they are swift - ly saved

D that flee there - to when en - com - passed with the tem -

- pes - tu - ous waves of life. En - treat Christ with fer - vor

D to grant par - don of our sins and Great Mer - cy to our souls.

Verse: Thy priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with righteousness, and Thy righteous shall rejoice.

23 **D** 3) Re - joice, thou who wast filled with God's zeal,

and didst de - liv - er them un - just - ly con-demned to die

G from out of a wick - ed sen - tence when thou wast seen in a dream

A

is - su - ing stern warn - ings and in - spir - ing dread;

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thou foun - tain that gush - est forth myrrh in My - ra a - bun - dant - ly,
A
 as thou dost wa - ter souls, O mer - ci - ful Nich - o - las,
G
 but the hate - ful smell of the pas - sions, thou dri - vest off;
D
 sword whol - ly cut - ting out the tares of er - ror and false be - lief,
G
 and fan that ful - ly doth win - now the chaf - fy
D
 teach - ings of A - ri - us. Be - seech Christ the Sav - ior
G
 to grant par - don of our sins and Great Mer - cy to our souls.