December 6th
Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special Melody: Thou art the joy

1) Hovering round the sweet flowers of the all-holy Church, like a fair fledgling come down from the nest of the Angels, O Nicholas thrice blessed, thou ever dost cry unto God in behalf of us that He might rescue us all by thy holy prayers from temptations, perils, and distress.

2) With active virtues, thou madest the hallowed comeliness of thine own priestly raiment to shine even more brightly wherefore, thou dost sacredly
work signs for us, saving us out of sufferings,

thou sacred worker of miracles most renowned,

O God-bearing Father Nicholas.

3) Going about 'midst the beauties that eye hath never seen, thou didst perceive that glory which is awesome and fearful; wherefore, thou, O holy of holies dost tell us the heavenly oracles of those eternal and true visions seen on high,

O most sacred Hierarch Nicholas.
4) As thou didst come to the pious king in a dream of old, and didst deliver from death those in prison, O Father, intercede unceasingly that even now we who rightfully honor thee may by thy prayers be delivered from sufferings. from temptations, and from jeopardy.

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