

December 6th

Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"-2nd Set

Byzantine Tone 2
The Original Melody

Arranged by Basil Crow

1) With what fair crowns of praise full
of joy, shall we crown the all-ven-
-ra-ble hierarch? who being in Myra while in
the flesh yet in the spirit it did swift-
ly fly to all that longed after him
sincerely; the comfort of all the suffer-
ing and sorrowing; the refuge
of all dangers and the threat of death;

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the tow'r of god - ly re - li - gion, and the Chris - tians'
 cham - - - pion, through who ad - ver - sar - ies' con - ceit
 hath been o - ver - thrown by Christ, Who
 grant - eth Great Mer - cy to the world.

2) With what fair songs of sweet melody shall we praise the all - ven - - -
 - 'ra - ble hier - arch? that most po - tent foe of im - pi - - -
 - e - - - ty; and the de - fend - - - er of pi - - -
 - e - - - ty; dis - tin - quished a - mong the Church -
 - 's lead - ers; the might - y and great pro - tec - tor

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and in - struc - tor of all, who put - teth

to shame all hold - ing to a false be - - lief;

who fought with A - ri - us fierce - ly, pro-ving his de -

- stroy - - - er, and through whom his ar - ro - gant pride

hath been o - ver - thrown by Christ, Who

grant - eth Great Mer - cy to the world.

3) With what songs fit for a Proph - - -

- et's praise shall we laud thee all - ven - - -

- 'ra - ble hier - arch? who most plain - ly saw things while yet

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far off and who fore-told them with clar -

- i - - - ty, an - nounc - ing them as though they

were pres - ent; who run - neth through-out the world and

com - pass - eth the earth, re - deem - ing

all them to whom in - jus - tice hath been done,

and who in dreams once ap - peared to the most god - ly

sov - - - reign, and de - liv - ered from un - just death

those for - mer - ly held in bonds; he

that doth a - bound in Great Mer - - - cy.

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