

**Sunday, December 6**  
**27th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**St. Nicholas, Wonderworker**

**Tropar, tone 2:** When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, \* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity .\* When You raised the dead from the nether world, \* all the powers of heaven cried out: \* “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!

**Kondak, tone 2:** You rose from the tomb, O almighty Savior; \* and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. \* Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults .\* And the world, my Savior, sings Your praises forever.

**Prokimen, tone 2:** The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

*Verse:* The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

**Epistle: Ephesians 6: 10 - 17**

Brothers and Sisters! Draw your strength from the Lord and his mighty power. Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. Our battle is not against human forces but against the principalities and powers, the rulers of this world of darkness, the evil spirits in regions above. You must put on the armor of God if you are to resist on the evil day; do all that your duty requires, and hold your ground. Stand fast, with the truth as the belt around your waist, justice as your breastplate, and zeal to propagate the gospel of peace as your footgear. In all circumstances hold faith up before you as your shield, it will help you extinguish the fiery darts of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, the word of God.

**Alleluia Verses:** The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

Lord, grant victory to the king, and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You.

**Gospel: Luke 13: 10 - 17**

At that time, on a sabbath day, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues. There was a woman there who for eighteen years had been possessed by a spirit which drained her strength. She was badly stooped, quite incapable of standing erect. When Jesus saw her, he called her to him and said, “Woman, you are free of your infirmity.” He laid his hand on her, and immediately she stood up straight and began thanking God. The chief of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus should have healed on the sabbath, said to the congregation, “There are six days for working. Come on those days to be cured, not on the sabbath.” The Lord said in reply, “O you hypocrites! Which one of you does not let his ox or ass out of the stall on the sabbath to water it?” Should not this daughter of Abraham here who has been in the bondage of Satan for eighteen years have been released from her shackles on the sabbath?” At these words, his opponents were covered with confusion; meanwhile, everyone else rejoiced at the marvels Jesus was accomplishing.

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!