



**Sunday, December 3, 2017**

**Gospel:** St. Luke 18:18-27

**Tone 1**

**Epistle:** Ephesians 5:9-19

**26th Sunday After Pentecost**

**Prophet Zephaniah / St. Theodulus, Eparch of Constantinople / Ven. John the Silent of St. Sabbas' Monastery / Hieromartyr Theodore, Archbishop of Alexandria / Monk Martyr Cosmas of St. Anne's Skete (Mt. Athos).**

### *Liturgical & Events Schedule*

**Sunday, December 3**

9:10 am: Hours  
9:30 am: D.L. / 40 Day Remembrance & Panachida for Helen Elchisco / Rapping with Father / Social / Woman's Group Organizational Meeting

**Tuesday, December 5**

6:00 pm: Vespers for Feast of St. Nicholas  
6:45 pm: Monthly Council Meeting

**Wednesday, December 6**

9:30 am: Liturgy for Feast followed by Breakfast

**Thursday, December 7**

10:00 am: Deanery Meeting, Mogadore

**Saturday, December 9**

4:00 pm: Great Vespers followed by Pre-Communion Prayers

**Sunday, December 10**

9:30 am: D.L. / 40 Day Remembrance / Social

**40 Day Remembrance**

Dec 3: Youngstown Police Officer killed in the line of duty  
Dec. 10: Terror attack victims in NYC  
Dec. 17: 26 people killed in First Baptist Church, Sutherland Springs, TX shooting  
Dec. 24: Pa. Police officer killed in line of duty  
Dec. 31: MI Police deputy killed in line of duty

**OUR SHUT-INS**

**Edgewood Manor Nursing Center**  
1330 Fulton Street  
Port Clinton, OH 43452  
Anne Kovalik- Room 309



### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND REMEMBRANCES**

Christmas Flowers, In Memory of or For The Health Of a family member, loved one or friend are being offered at \$25 per flower. All names will be remembered during the Christmas Liturgy. Please contact Father Andrew if you are interested.

**Fr. Andrew: (5 Flowers):**

- For the Health of all Holy Assumption parishioners & their families
- For the health of all my family and friends
- For the health of the Marblehead Police Department, Danbury Fire Department, Summit IL Fire Department and all first responders
- In Memory of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, my ordaining Bishop
- In memory of my family, especially my parents George and Dorothy Bartek

**Basil Glovinsky: (5 Flowers)**

- Health of Fr. Andrew & Holy Assumption Church Family
- Memory of Glovinsky Family
- Memory of Monak Family
- Memory of Yuhas Family
- Memory of Kaperak Family

**Mary Hser: (1 Flower)**

- In memory of her grandfather, George Simko

**DECEMBER**

**Readers**

3-Ron  
10-Wayne  
17-Tim  
24-Natalie  
31-Ron

**Cleaning**

6-Natalie Twarek  
13-Marguerite Bird  
20-Bill & Tim Glovinsky  
27-Julia & Susan Guzy

**Holy Assumption Orthodox Church**

**OCA - Diocese of the Midwest**

Parish Council President: Ronald F. Royhab

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector



## MONTHLY ATTENDANCE RECORD

### Sunday, Nov. 5:

Attendance 30 people (22 Members; 2 children; 6 guests; Vespers: 11; Communicants: 23)

Total Offerings: \$1,397 (\$1,160 offerings; \$203 for Seminarian fund; \$34 for bookstore)

### Wednesday, Nov. 8: St. Michael Feast Day

Attendance: 10 for Vespers; 9 for Liturgy (Communicants 8)

### Sunday, Nov. 12:

Attendance: 32 people (23 members; 5 children; 4 guests; 22 Communicants; 8 people for Vespers)

Total Offerings: \$1,009 (\$797 Offering; \$162 for St Matthew's Antiochian Church; \$50 bookstore)

### Sunday, Nov. 19:

Attendance: 25 people (22 members; 3 children; 15 Communicants; 8 people for Vespers)

Total Offerings: \$1,116 (\$875 offerings; \$116 for Special Collection for Holiday Bureau; \$125 for Christmas flowers)

### Tuesday, Nov. 21: Feast of Entry of Theotokos

Attendance for Vespers 11; 13 people for Liturgy)

### Sunday, Nov. 26:

Attendance 25 people (21 Members; 2 children; 2 guests; 15 Communicants; 9 people for Vespers)

Total Offerings: \$581 (\$403 for offerings; \$178 for Special Collection for the Holiday Bureau)

## DECEMBER

### COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Dec. 03: Sandy & Marguerite

Dec. 10: Greg

Dec. 17: Ron & Bobbie

Dec. 24: Open

Dec. 31: All day Social @ Rectory sponsored by Fr. Andrew (Please RSVP by 12-1)

*During the Nativity Fast:*

*From Nov. 19- Dec 24<sup>th</sup> there will be no meat products served.*



## VIGIL LAMP OFFERINGS- November 26

**Marguerite Bird: (1)** Special Intention

**Natalie Twarek: (4)** For the Health and recovery of Darlene & Wayne; For health of Robin, David, Margi and Joe, Nancy; Health of Sue, Morgan, Richie, Jake, Ron, Diane, John, Judy, Helen, Janice, Pete; For Special Intention

**Sandy Martin: (1)** Special Intention

**David & Roddie Mazurik & family: (5)** Safe travel; for health & blessings for sister Debbie and husband Marco; for health & blessings for mom & dad, Carol & Rod; safe travel; Blessing for Medical Staff caring for Debbie

**Laura Kovach: (5)** For health of Greg, Margi, Joe & Martha; In memory of Uncle Alex; Birthday Blessings to grandma & Jacob; Safe travel for family; Special Intentions

## MARCH FOR LIFE BUS: WASHINGTON, DC OR CHICAGO

Bus trip to Washington, D.C. January 18-20, 2018 (Thursday morning departure -Saturday night return)

The bus departs from Port Clinton. It is being sponsored by Respect life Ministry of Port Clinton / Marblehead.

Includes: Bus, Hotel, Breakfast, Vigil Mass at Basilica (I'm sure we can go to OCA Cathedral), March for Life Rally, Sightseeing Saturday Morning.

If anyone is interested in going please let me know and maybe we can get a group from here to go. RSVP by Dec 12: \$220 a person & \$240 after that.

Or if anyone is interested we can go to the March for Life in Chicago the weekend before. (Saturday Jan. 13-14). It would be cheaper and closer.

### Luke 18:18-27 (Gospel)

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

## Prayer List (Updated December 3)

**Priests:** His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius; His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*); Joseph Gibson; James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*); Emilian Hutnyan; Paul Lazor; Myron Manzuk; John Matusiak; Peter Tutko

**Matushkii:** Laryssa Hutnyan; Carol Janecek; Barbara Kopka; Virginia Lecko; Paula Manzuk; Sonya Tutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Mother Victoria

**Parishioners / & their Family:** Debbie Garnek (*sister of Roddie*); Michael Glovinsky (*Nephew to Basil*); Joseph Habegger (*Laura Kovach's brother-in-law*); James Heffernan (*Father-in-law of Jennifer Heffernan*); Rich Kokinda (*Cousin of Greg Twarek*); Michael Kouznetsov (*Son of Mary Hiser*); Victoria Kousnetsov (*Daughter of Mary Hiser*); Anne Kovalik; Helen Lis; Stanley Lis; Walter Litzie (*Fr.'s Cousin*); John Mazurik (*brother of Paul Mazurik*); Judy Mazurik (*sister-in-law of Paul Mazurik*); Darlene Mazurik; Tony Monastra; Tony Palac (*Brother-in-law of Jean Hileman*); Nancy Pipenur (*sister-in-law of Jean Hileman*); William Rentz (*Father of Tamara Rentz Blackford*); Nancy Sitzler (*Mother of Amber Twarek*); Diane Tryon; Greg Tryon; Rachel & her unborn baby; Jessica Issler & her unborn baby (*Jean Hileman's daughter*)

**Other Requests:** Victor Abrahamowicz (*Friend of Mary Hiser*); Brad Biecheler; David Bobb (*friend of Nikki Twarek*); John Cox (*husband of Pastor Kay Mooney-Cox*); Dominic (*friend of the Cassell's*); Theodore Geletka (*St. Michael Orthodox Church, Broadview Heights choir director*); Mike Jacobson (*Fr.'s friend*); Baby Lucas Goodman (*friend of Christi Soski*); Jake Lipstraw (*friend of Natalie Twarek*); Violet Mattingly (*neighbor of Greg Mazur*); Pauline Meath (*Friend of Fr. Andrew's*); Beth Reinhard (*friend of Diane Tryon*); Cheryl Schell (*Co-worker of Jennifer Heffernan*); Nick Shortridge (*Friend of Christi*); Karen Simonsen (*friend of David Mazurik*); Janice Timko; Brian Turner (*Fr.'s friend*); Mat. Carly Koranda & her unborn baby (*Chicago Deanery*); Nicole & her unborn Baby (*Friends of Fr. Andrew*)

**Military:** Craig Cassell; Justin Issler; James Jerome

**Captives:** Metropolitan Paul (*Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo*); Archbishop John (*Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo*); for the UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world; those held captive throughout the world.

Additions or removals from the list? Please notify Fr. Andrew

### Ephesians 5:9-19 (Epistle)

(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

### DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY		ANNIVERSARY
1-Ileana Bruner 4- Steven Calzone 5- Mat. Laryissa Bremer 8- Joe Rose 9- Pauline Meath 9- Angie Dardovsky	11- Tina Rindfleisch 11- Emmelyn Monschein 13- Gabe Mazurik 23- Teri Cassell 28- Carol Mazurik	5- Archbishop Mark of Philadelphia (13 <sup>th</sup> ) 21- Ed & Irene Vangeloff 27- Bishop Paul (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) 31- Fred & Christi Soski

*If there are those names to be added or removed, please contact Fr. Andrew. He would like to list all members of your family Orthodox and non-Orthodox.*

## Metropolitan Tikhon presides at double celebration at NYC's St. Nicholas Cathedral

On Sunday, November 19, 2017—the 24th Sunday after Pentecost—His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon presided at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at Saint Nicholas Russian Orthodox Patriarchal Cathedral, New York, NY, marking the 100th Anniversary of the Election of Saint Tikhon to the Patriarchal throne and the 115th anniversary of the cathedral's consecration. Concelebrating with Metropolitan Tikhon was His Grace, Bishop John of Naro-Fominsk, Administrator of the Patriarchal Parishes in the United States of America; Archpriest John Jillions, OCA Chancellor; Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak; and the cathedral clergy.

During the Liturgy, special prayers commemorating the election of Patriarch Tikhon were offered.

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, Bishop John welcomed Metropolitan Tikhon and thanked him for the opportunity to serve together in commemorating these momentous occasions in the life of Saint Nicholas Cathedral.

“It is a pleasure and honor for myself, and all the clergy and parishioners, to celebrate the Divine Liturgy with you on this day, marking the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Council that elected Patriarch Tikhon, who was Archbishop here in the United States, who established missions and strove to bring together all the Orthodox who fled from other countries to find a new home in the new world, so that they would have an opportunity for consolation in the Church, and to partake in the Holy Eucharist,” said Bishop John. “Today we also celebrate the anniversary of the consecration of this cathedral. Finally, it is my pleasure and honor to greet you on the occasion of your fifth anniversary of Primatial ministry to the Orthodox Church in America. I greet you warmly, and wish you many years in your service to God, and to all the Orthodox people in the United States, and those seeking God and the Orthodox Faith, as I know you put a lot of effort into promoting missionary work here in the United States, Canada and Mexico.”

Bishop John presented Metropolitan Tikhon with a panagia in honor of his visit. In turn, Metropolitan Tikhon greeted Bishop John, the clergy and the faithful, underlining

the importance of these anniversaries for all Orthodox Christians in America.

“It is a joy to be with you today, with the blessing of His Holiness, Patriarch Kirill, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Council and of the election of Saint Tikhon,” Metropolitan Tikhon said in response. “It is especially significant that we are here together in this cathedral since Saint Nicholas Cathedral was blessed by Saint Tikhon, as well as Saint Alexander Hotovitsky, who labored here. So it is truly a blessing to be here in this cathedral that was so central to the life of the Orthodox Church here in North America, and connected so closely to Saint Tikhon, who labored here before his election as Patriarch, but then carried over to Moscow, and took upon himself, that difficult task of taking on the Patriarchal Throne during a very difficult time in the life of the Russian Church.

“Saint Tikhon gave an example of that martyric life that gives strength to all of our faithful, and we can trust that in part it was his ministry here in North America that perhaps strengthened and prepared him for that ministry in Russia,” Metropolitan Tikhon continued. “So as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of his enthronement, we give glory to God for his witness, for his connection to us here in North America, and especially here at Saint Nicholas Cathedral, and we pray that indeed, as we continue to celebrate this important anniversary, we will continue to pray to Saint Tikhon, to ask for his prayers for us, and to remember the central role that he had in this Church in North America.”

A festal dinner followed in the cathedral refectory, during which Metropolitan Tikhon and Bishop John discussed cooperative efforts between the Patriarchal Parishes in the USA and the Orthodox Church in America.

[A video with highlights of the Divine Liturgy](#) and a [photo gallery](#), are available online.

### Reposed List - December

1- Helen Blchisco (90)	20- Julia Brosojah Millie (53)	26- Fr. Robert Sally (2002)
12- Anna Bretz (2002)	21- Mary Sennich (85)	28- Mary Sennich (85)
13- Joseph Mazurik (86)	22- Antonima Vecsey (72)	29- Alexandra Dotsenko (80)
13- Archimandrite Seraphim Oblivantseff (54) Former Pastor	23- Steven Danchisen (82)	30- Bishop Boris (2000)
15- Michael W. Belenky (71)	23- Fr. David Sedor (2008)	31- Jevgeny Cernonok (80)
18- Archbishop Job (2009)	24- Alexandra Turkul (80)	

## **St. Nicholas the Wonderworker and Archbishop of Myra in Lycia Commemorated on December 6**

Saint Nicholas, the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia is famed as a great saint pleasing unto God. He was born in the city of Patara in the region of Lycia (on the south coast of the Asia Minor peninsula), and was the only son of pious parents Theophanes and Nonna, who had vowed to dedicate him to God.

As the fruit of the prayer of his childless parents, the infant Nicholas from the very day of his birth revealed to people the light of his future glory as a wonderworker. His mother, Nonna, after giving birth was immediately healed from illness. The newborn infant, while still in the baptismal font, stood on his feet three hours, without support from anyone, thereby honoring the Most Holy Trinity. Saint Nicholas from his infancy began a life of fasting, and on Wednesdays and Fridays he would not accept milk from his mother until after his parents had finished their evening prayers.

From his childhood Nicholas thrived on the study of Divine Scripture; by day he would not leave church, and by night he prayed and read books, making himself a worthy dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Bishop Nicholas of Patara rejoiced at the spiritual success and deep piety of his nephew. He ordained him a reader, and then elevated Nicholas to the priesthood, making him his assistant and entrusting him to instruct the flock.

In serving the Lord the youth was fervent of spirit, and in his proficiency with questions of faith he was like an Elder, who aroused the wonder and deep respect of believers. Constantly at work and vivacious, in unceasing prayer, the priest Nicholas displayed great kindness towards the flock, and towards the afflicted who came to him for help, and he distributed all his inheritance to the poor.

There was a certain formerly rich inhabitant of Patara, whom Saint Nicholas saved from great sin. The man had three grown daughters, and in desperation he planned to sell their bodies so they would have money for food. The saint, learning of the man's poverty and of his wicked intention, secretly visited him one night and threw a sack of gold through the window. With the money the man arranged an honorable marriage for his daughter. Saint Nicholas also provided gold for the other daughters, thereby saving the family from falling into spiritual destruction. In bestowing charity, Saint Nicholas always strove to do this secretly and to conceal his good deeds.

The Bishop of Patara decided to go on pilgrimage to the

holy places at Jerusalem, and entrusted the guidance of his flock to Saint Nicholas, who fulfilled this obedience carefully and with love. When the bishop returned, Nicholas asked his blessing for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Along the way the saint predicted a storm would arise and threaten the ship. Saint Nicholas saw the devil get on the ship, intending to sink it and kill all the passengers. At the entreaty of the despairing pilgrims, he calmed the waves of the sea by his prayers. Through his prayer a certain sailor of the ship, who had fallen from the mast and was mortally injured was also restored to health.

When he reached the ancient city of Jerusalem and came to Golgotha, Saint Nicholas gave thanks to the Savior. He went to all the holy places, worshiping at each one. One night on Mount Sion, the closed doors of the church opened by themselves for the great pilgrim. Going round the holy places connected with the earthly service of the Son of God, Saint Nicholas decided to withdraw into the desert, but he was stopped by a divine voice urging him to return to his native country. He returned to Lycia, and yearning for a life of quietude, the saint entered into the brotherhood of a monastery named Holy Sion, which had been founded by his uncle. But the Lord again indicated another path for him, "Nicholas, this is not the vineyard where you shall bear fruit for Me. Return to the world, and glorify My Name there." So he left Patara and went to Myra in Lycia.

Upon the death of Archbishop John, Nicholas was chosen as Bishop of Myra after one of the bishops of the Council said that a new archbishop should be revealed by God, not chosen by men. One of the elder bishops had a vision of a radiant Man, Who told him that the one who came to the church that night and was first to enter should be made archbishop. He would be named Nicholas. The bishop went to the church at night to await Nicholas. The saint, always the first to arrive at church, was stopped by the bishop. "What is your name, child?" he asked. God's chosen one replied, "My name is Nicholas, Master, and I am your servant."

After his consecration as archbishop, Saint Nicholas remained a great ascetic, appearing to his flock as an image of gentleness, kindness and love for people. This was particularly precious for the Lycian Church during the persecution of Christians under the emperor Diocletian (284-305). Bishop Nicholas, locked up in prison together with other Christians for refusing to worship idols, sustained them and exhorted them to endure the fetters, punishment and torture. The Lord preserved him unharmed. Upon the accession of Saint Constantine (May 21) as emperor, Saint Nicholas was restored to his flock, which joyfully received their guide and intercessor.

Despite his great gentleness of spirit and purity of heart, Saint Nicholas was a zealous and ardent warrior of the Church of Christ. Fighting evil spirits, the saint made the rounds of the pagan temples and shrines in the city of *Con't Next Page*

## *St Nicholas Con't*

Myra and its surroundings, shattering the idols and turning the temples to dust.

In the year 325 Saint Nicholas was a participant in the First Ecumenical Council. This Council proclaimed the Nicene Symbol of Faith, and he stood up against the heretic Arius with the likes of Saints Sylvester the Bishop of Rome (January 2), Alexander of Alexandria (May 29), Spyridon of Trimythontos (December 12) and other Fathers of the Council.

Saint Nicholas, fired with zeal for the Lord, assailed the heretic Arius with his words, and also struck him upon the face. For this reason, he was deprived of the emblems of his episcopal rank and placed under guard. But several of the holy Fathers had the same vision, seeing the Lord Himself and the Mother of God returning to him the Gospel and omophorion. The Fathers of the Council agreed that the audacity of the saint was pleasing to God, and restored the saint to the office of bishop.

Having returned to his own diocese, the saint brought it peace and blessings, sowing the word of Truth, uprooting heresy, nourishing his flock with sound doctrine, and also providing food for their bodies.

Even during his life the saint worked many miracles. One of the greatest was the deliverance from death of three men unjustly condemned by the Governor, who had been bribed. The saint boldly went up to the executioner and took his sword, already suspended over the heads of the condemned. The Governor, denounced by Saint Nicholas for his wrong doing, repented and begged for forgiveness.

Witnessing this remarkable event were three military officers, who were sent to Phrygia by the emperor Constantine to put down a rebellion. They did not suspect that soon they would also be compelled to seek the intercession of Saint Nicholas. Evil men slandered them before the emperor, and the officers were sentenced to death. Appearing to Saint Constantine in a dream, Saint Nicholas called on him to overturn the unjust sentence of the military officers.

He worked many other miracles, and struggled many long years at his labor. Through the prayers of the saint, the city of Myra was rescued from a terrible famine. He appeared to a certain Italian merchant and left him three gold pieces as a pledge of payment. He requested him to sail to Myra and deliver grain there. More than once, the saint saved those drowning in the sea, and provided release from captivity and imprisonment.

Having reached old age, Saint Nicholas peacefully fell asleep in the Lord. His venerable relics were preserved incorrupt in the local cathedral church and flowed with curative myrrh, from which many received healing. In the year 1087, his relics were transferred to the Italian city of Bari, where they rest even now (See May 9).

The name of the great saint of God, the hierarch and wonderworker Nicholas, a speedy helper and suppliant for all hastening to him, is famed in every corner of the earth, in many lands and among many peoples. In Russia there are a multitude of cathedrals, monasteries and churches consecrated in his name. There is, perhaps, not a single city without a church dedicated to him.

The first Russian Christian prince Askold (+ 882) was baptized in 866 by Patriarch Photius (February 6) with the name Nicholas. Over the grave of Askold, Saint Olga (July 11) built the first temple of Saint Nicholas in the Russian Church at Kiev. Primary cathedrals were dedicated to Saint Nicholas at Izborsk, Ostrov, Mozhaik, and Zaraisk. At Novgorod the Great, one of the main churches of the city, the Nikolo-Dvorischensk church, later became a cathedral.

Famed and venerable churches and monasteries dedicated to Saint Nicholas are found at Kiev, Smolensk, Pskov, Toropetsa, Galich, Archangelsk, Great Ustiug, Tobolsk. Moscow had dozens of churches named for the saint, and also three monasteries in the Moscow diocese: the Nikolo-Greek (Staryi) in the Chinese-quarter, the Nikolo-Perervinsk and the Nikolo-Ugreshsk. One of the chief towers of the Kremlin was named the Nikol'sk.

Many of the churches devoted to the saint were those established at market squares by Russian merchants, sea-farers and those who traveled by land, venerating the wonderworker Nicholas as a protector of all those journeying on dry land and sea. They sometimes received the name among the people of "Nicholas soaked."

Many village churches in Russia were dedicated to the wonderworker Nicholas, venerated by peasants as a merciful intercessor before the Lord for all the people in their work. And in the Russian land Saint Nicholas did not cease his intercession. Ancient Kiev preserves the memory about the miraculous rescue of a drowning infant by the saint. The great wonderworker, hearing the grief-filled prayers of the parents for the loss of their only child, took the infant from the waters, revived him and placed him in the choir-loft of the church of Holy Wisdom (Hagia Sophia) before his wonderworking icon. In the morning the infant was found safe by his thrilled parents, praising Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker.

Many wonderworking icons of Saint Nicholas appeared in Russia and came also from other lands. *Con't Next Page*