

**Pascha: The Resurrection of Christ**  
DVD aired on ABC around Pascha 2009

If you missed the showing in your area or want a copy to use in the Church School or Adult Education, now is the time to go to the Orthodox Marketplace - the Official Online Store of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese – for this CD and many others resources.

<http://www.orthodoxmarketplace.com>

**“O Who Loves Nicholas the Saintly”**

These are the beginning words of a favorite folk song among the Russian and Ukrainian people. Want to learn about the many ways St. Nicholas is remembered around the world? Then you need to visit [www.stnicholascenter.org](http://www.stnicholascenter.org)

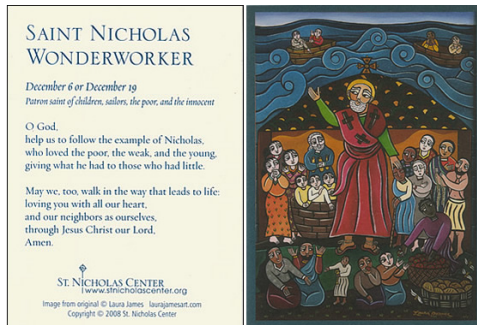
*St. Nicholas Center is an ecumenical non-profit that provides resources for churches, families, and schools.* [St. Nicholas Center, 109 West 12th, Holland, MI 49423]

When you visit *St. Nicholas Center*, there are all kinds of things to read, print and buy. Since “the Center is ecumenical,” we Orthodox Christians understand this to mean there are select items we can use in class and church.

Even though bishops of the 4<sup>th</sup> century had no formal attire in either the East or the West, each Christian Church iconographically depicts her bishops in the attire that became official. St Nicholas never wore a rounded miter of an Orthodox bishop or a pointed miter of a Roman Catholic bishop. Regardless, we stay in our tradition because there is more to icons than the type of head covering of the saint.

We Orthodox know how St Nicholas is depicted in icons and red flags should go up when we see some merchandise that we do not believe is acceptable. I hope. I hope because I am sending you to a site where you will find some good crafts, word searches, most of the Orthodox St. Nicholas stories and some from other countries, bookmarks, and prayer cards.

If you are new to the Orthodox Church, PLEASE ask your parish priest before ordering, or contact me. I do not want all the clergy accusing me to misdirecting their flocks!



This Ethiopian icon style St. Nicholas PRAYER CARD shows five of St. Nicholas miracles. If you cannot identify all five miracles go to the *Center*. Some of the stories on this website are within the Orthodox tradition; others come from other faith traditions.

Unfortunately, the prayer on the back is not from the Orthodox tradition. Metropolitan Maximos agreed to allow us to use it IF [1] it is mounted on card stock so that none of the prayer is visible, or [2] a label with an Orthodox prayer or the hymn to St. Nicholas is placed over the prayer. Cost: 25 for \$2.50

I now have a third option. Type the Orthodox prayer ending “*In the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*” On small labels, probably 2/label. Cut and cover “*through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*”

There is also free stuff at this site - up to 100 – 8” bookmarks with a St Nicholas icon at the top and a western St Nicholas at the bottom 2”. This is an opportunity to explain how much St Nicholas is loved all over the world and therefore depicted in different clothes. Everyone knew St. Nicholas showed his love for Jesus by doing good works and performing miracles.

**YOUTH WEBSITES/PODCASTS**

*Last year’s list with suggestions.*

Youth can access podcasts by computer. **If the Church School has Internet access**, show your students how to access these sites. Place the links on your parish website and in the bulletin.



**Orthodox Teen Talk Online - OTTO – Podcasts for teens**

<http://www.myocn.net/index.php/Orthodox-Teen-Talk-Online/>



**Get Wisdom Bible Study podcast**

<http://www.myocn.net/index.php/Get-Wisdom/>

**RE-Call - A Podcast for Orthodox Teens**  
<http://www.orthodoxyouth.org/recall>

**JR & SR HIGH TEACHERS:** Consider using one of the podcasts as the basis of a lesson. RE-Call has archives and deals with topics of the day.



**SAINTS ALIVE** Interactive games and puzzles for kids ages 5 & up

<http://games.goarch.org/>