



# "The Spirit of Christmas"

## Icon of the month

If we look at the Icon of the Spirit of Christmas, we can perceive the symbolism of the Creator of the Universe entering history as a newborn babe. The little helpless figure in swaddling clothes represents the complete submission of Christ to the physical conditions governing the human race.

In another glorious Icon, the Icon of the Crucifixion of our Lord, we see the child grown up and preparing Himself, once again, to be wrapped in swaddling clothes for His burial. On the cross we can see that Christ looks like He is holding up the cross with His outstretched arm. It is the suffering redeemer, He who has undone the pains of death, who has granted the peace of the life to come. This crucified body is not that of just anyone, but in the very body of the God-man Himself. It radiates the hope of Resurrection.



The Icon of the Resurrection has the victorious Christ standing on the cross with the cross supporting His victory over Hades. The risen Lord is depicted in the icon of taking in each of His hands and pulling out the Church Triumph and the Church Corporal and lifting them in Glory of His Resurrection!



## St. Nicholas - Tele-Santas

### The St. Nicholas -Tele-Santa Volunteer Discipleship Program

With the PASCHA 2023 Season embracing us all with attending Church Services and reuniting with old friends, we hope you can help us share the Spirit of Christmas with others. The St. Nicholas - Tele-Santa Volunteer Discipleship Program asks each of you to please look around and see if you can assist us in recommending an individual to join our ministry.

Please consider this short outline to assist you in making a wise choice while selecting that individual to serve as a volunteer within the St. Nicholas - Tele-Santa Program from your Parish.

1. An Individual that portrays the love of Christ
2. Has high moral character
3. Has patience with the children
4. Has knowledge in the use of smartphones, computers, iPads and tablets
5. Has compassion for the children

If you have or can find an individual or various individuals with these characteristics, you will be assisting us in this great outreach ministry. Please contact your local Priest and give him your recommendation.

The recommendations can be emailed to Ss. Constantine & Helen in Annapolis, MD at [officeschannapolis@gmail.com](mailto:officeschannapolis@gmail.com)

### Please provide us with the following information:

1. Parish Name
2. Parish Address
3. Name of St. Nicholas - Tele-Santa Volunteer
4. Volunteer Email
5. Volunteer Phone

Thank you for your help and support!

## To read more please click here:

<https://stnicholas-tele-santa.com/about-us/>



## To volunteer:

<https://stnicholas-tele-santa.com/volunteer/>

## Personal reflections of the program

“The Saint Nicholas Tele Santa was energetic and so real that he captivated the children and the adults with his video call visit. We look forward to another visit next year” - Cynthia K.

## A message from Santa:

Book Suggestion:

Esther's Easter Dress: A Young Girl's Adventure Through Orthodox Holy Week by Katherine Kafarakis

## Mission statement

Our mission is to bring children closer to their **Orthodox Christian Church** throughout the entire year by utilizing the technology of the Internet and telephone to communicate with them in their homes. This could take place at various times, namely: Christmastime, Name Days, and even birthdays. This would be accomplished by using the beloved and friendly character of **Santa Claus**, who was originally **Saint Nicholas of Myra, a Priest and Bishop of the Greek Orthodox Church.**

As Spring arrives and brings PASCHA 2023 and all of the wonderful ecclesiastical celebrations, let's focus on the many local traditions that each family enjoys!

All of the members of our Executive Committee want to wish each and every one of you a most blessed and enjoyable experience for PASCHA 2023! Remember the wonderful experiences in our local Parishes across the country with the magnificent Services and the engagement of family and friends during Holy Week and, of course, coming together to the Resurrection Service as one Body in Christ! The piercing hymn of Christ is Risen from the Dead, by Death trampling upon Death, and upon those in the Tombs bestowing Life, has become embedded in the minds of all! The shining candlelight reaffirms that Christ's light shines forth to all!

We ask all Moms, Dads, Grandparents and Godparents to make PASCHA 2023 and every PASCHA celebration a time to be alive in celebrating and witnessing, to our youngest, that Christ is Risen!

## Resurrection Prayer

Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us worship the Holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless one. We venerate Your Cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify Your Holy Resurrection; for You are our God and besides You, we know no other. Your name we declare. Come all you believers and venerate the Holy Resurrection of Christ. Behold, through the Cross, joy has come into all the world. Forever blessing the Lord, we praise His Resurrection; for on our behalf, He endured the Cross, abolishing death by His Death!



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GREETINGS TO YOUR  
CHILDREN FOR THEIR  
NAME DAY



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# *St. Nicholas - Tele-Santa*

A Ministry for Orthodox Christian Children

**“The Spirit of Christmas”**

# Stay Tuned!

Christmas 2023 will be here  
before you know it . . . Ho Ho Ho !

Register your kids now to ensure a spot for your child!

## During Christmas 2022:

- Parents, Grandparents or Godparents registered to receive a FREE FaceTime or Zoom call with Santa.
- Children between ages 3-10 received video calls.
- Video calls were scheduled online only at:

<https://stnicholas-tele-santa.com/>



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