



## Icon of the month

After the Glorious Resurrection of PASCHA 2023, we stay focused on the new Israel called by God for His Church on Earth. The new chosen people spread the "good news" and declare the wonderful deeds of Christ who called us all out of darkness into His Marvelous Light.

We are human beings and because of that, we are the symbol of God's presence in the world. God chose man to be His living Temple. So man becomes Christ's Body. He offered Himself on the Cross for our Salvation.

After 40 days, on the day of His Ascension, His body left the earth and was no longer active among us. Christ chose man to be His disciple to assist in carrying on His work on Earth. All of those Christians who have been baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit, who share in the life of Christ through Holy Communion, make up the Body as the instrument of Christ's work on Earth.

On Ascension Day, the Church calls us all to rededicate ourselves to be active disciples of Christ for the glory of His Church. He calls us to teach and inspire our youth to love God and to be active in the world by shining His message of salvation.

Two great examples of discipleship are Ss. Constantine & Helen. Helen inspired her son, Constantine, to share the message of salvation. Constantine freed Christianity and allowed the Church of Christ, the Holy Orthodox Church, to grow and flourish throughout the world.



## We Have An Urgent Need

As we continue the Joy of the Resurrection with the greeting of Christ is Risen and we look towards plans for graduations and vacations, the emphasis on our appeal for adding more St. Nicholas - Tele-Santa Disciples is even more urgent!

As we reach out to individuals with only 6 months left to take on the mantle of being a disciple of this special ministry, it's important to know that all of our St. Nicholas - Tele-Santa Disciples are asked to be recommended by their local Parish Priest and have background checks performed.

The review and the training program that has been set up by the Executive Committee is done to ensure that these Disciples, that are contacting families and their children, are of the utmost quality and character. They also have the ability to share the love of Christ and the message of the Spirit of Christmas to all.

Monthly meetings are a requirement for those in training and after these set meetings, the Executive Committee awards the candidate the St. Nicholas - Tele-Santa Disciple title. Please assist us by recommending individuals that you believe would like to join our group of St. Nicholas - Tele-Santa Disciples.

## 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 Tele-Santa made a lasting memory which the children and we parents alike will carry with them throughout their lives. I think people will love The Tele-Santa and appreciate their family having the very best Santa visit year after year, for all family occasions like birthdays, etc., not only for the Christmas Season.” - Alison Y.

## A message from Santa:

Book Suggestion:

Every Time I Do my Cross by Presvytera Angela Alatzakis

## 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.**



All candidates must be able to communicate on iPhone devices and Zoom call platforms. The need for individuals to speak a second or third language allows us to personalize the interaction with children. Families sometimes ask to have a St. Nicholas - Tele-Santa Disciple that speaks Greek, Spanish or even Arabic. This need for individuals that can converse in other languages is very important for the growth of this program. If you can help, please invite your recommendations to contact us at [officeschannapolis@gmail.com](mailto:officeschannapolis@gmail.com)

## Open Invitation to Parishes with Preschools and Parochial Schools

The St. Nicholas - Tele-Santa Virtual Program would like to visit children in all of the Preschools and Parochial schools of the Archdiocese in 2023. If your Parish has a school, please share this program with the Director and/or Principle. Once we hear from them, we will reach out and make arrangements for the teacher and our St. Nicholas - Tele-Santa Disciple to coordinate a time. This wonderful ministry will bring excitement, joy and the Spirit of Christmas to the classroom. Please contact us at [officeschannapolis@gmail.com](mailto:officeschannapolis@gmail.com) if you are interested.



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## **THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS**

### **DISCIPLESHIP BOOTCAMP**

Please submit your recommendation for a dedicated Orthodox Christian who will reflect the love of Christ and instill the Joy of the Spirit of Christmas to children everywhere!

The Bootcamp for St. Nicholas – Tele-Santa will train the individual and make him a successful St. Nicholas - Tele-Santa for this very special outreach ministry for children and their families.

**\*\*The Bootcamp starts on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023\*\***

(and then will meet every month through November on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month)

Sign up TODAY for our 2023 Program and come be a St. Nicholas – Tele-Santa!

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



# *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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