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## The Life of Saint Nicholas

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short time and entered into the rest of the Lord, after a life full of labor and very fruitful toil, to rejoice eternally in the Kingdom of Heaven, continuing to help the faithful on earth by his miracles and to glorify his God. He entered into rest on December 6, 343.

**S**aint Nicholas is regarded as the patron saint of sailors, and there are churches built and dedicated to his memory throughout the Christian world. Many of these were located where they could be seen by sailors offshore, serving both as navigation beacons for those journeying upon the sea and as spiritual beacons of inspiration and hope for those traveling through the storms of this life. He is also the patron of children, of travelers, and of the Russian land.

**S**aint Nicholas was known for his deeds of kindness and for working miracles on behalf of those in need. For this reason he is also referred to as Saint Nicholas the “Wonder Worker.” He is mentioned in the prayers of the divine services, together with Saint Spyridon the Bishop of Trimythous and Saint Nektarios the Metropolitan of Pentapolis, who are numbered among the wonder-working saints.

**H**is feast day is on the sixth of December, but he is also commemorated every Thursday in the daily services of the Church.

**I**n addition, he is commemorated on the eighth of May, the feast of the translation of his relics in AD 1087 from the beautiful basilica where they had reposed in Myra to their current resting place in the cathedral of Saint Nicholas in Bari, Italy.

**S**aint Nicholas continues to intercede with Christ, our merciful Lord, for the salvation of those who seek his prayers and powerful intercession.

**W**e venerate his memory, hoping to follow his good example, and asking him to pray for the salvation of our souls.

