

Do you know the story of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker?

A long time ago, around the year 260 AD, Nicholas was born in a city called Patara, in the area known as Asia Minor. He was the only child of wealthy parents who dedicated their son to God from the time he was born. He was also very close to his uncle, the Bishop of Patara, who taught him all about the spiritual life.

Nicholas's parents died while he was still young, and he inherited their wealth. Nicholas was very generous with his inheritance, and gave it all to the poor. There is a famous story about how he helped a man with three daughters who could not support his family. At night, Nicholas secretly left gold coins for the family. With this money, his daughters were finally able to be married, as they had hoped!

Nicholas was later chosen to be Archbishop of a city called Myra. He was a merciful and wise leader, full of zeal for the Christian Faith. At one point, he was imprisoned by the emperor for his strong faith in Christ, but even that didn't stop him from teaching people about God! Even during his life, people considered him a saint, and he was known for working miracles, which is why we call him a "Wonderworker." Saint Nicholas died around the year 337 AD. Today, we especially remember Saint Nicholas as an example to us of charity, generosity, wisdom, and zeal.



ICON OF ST. NICHOLAS  
AT SS JOACHIM AND ANNA UKRANIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, FRONT ROYAL, VA  
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## ANSWER KEY FOR PAGE 2

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BISHOP	D	A	S	I	N	T	
SAINTE	D	A	S	I	N	T	
MARY	D	A	S	I	N	T	
WONDERWORKER	D	A	S	I	N	T	
CHARITY	D	A	S	I	N	T	
GENEROUSITY	D	A	S	I	N	T	
WISDOM	D	A	S	I	N	T	
ZEAL	D	A	S	I	N	T	
MIRACLES	D	A	S	I	N	T	

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# Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker Word Search

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NICHOLAS  
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CHARITY  
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## The Catechism of The Ukrainian Catholic Church

Have you seen this important book around your house? Maybe your parents or grandparents have a copy. Maybe your catechism teacher has a copy and uses it to prepare classes for you before or after Divine Liturgy each Sunday. Each month we will learn something about this important book.

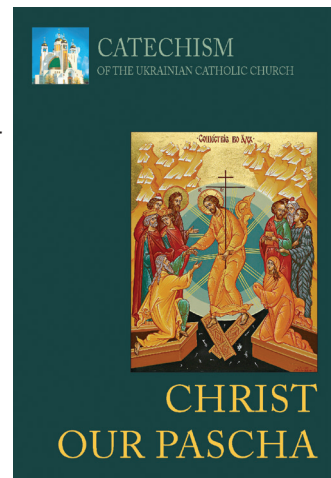
1. What is the name of this book? *The Catechism of the Ukrainian*

*Catholic Church: Christ Our Pascha*. In this book we can learn all about our faith.

2. What is a "catechism"? The word "catechism" comes from a Greek word meaning "to sound down" or "to echo" something. It is the way we pass down to each other the Faith we have learned.

3. Who is this book for? A letter by Patriarch Sviatoslav in the very beginning of this book says the book is for **everyone** - not just priests and nuns but the **laity** also. The word laity means all the rest of us, even kids. Patriarch Sviatoslav is the head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. We pray for our Patriarch each Sunday during Divine Liturgy. Can you count how many times we pray?

4. How old does a kid have to be before they ask for an "adult" gift for Christmas? Here is one important question for each of you to think about. What will you be asking your parents to buy you this Christmas? Do you want Legos?, Barbie dolls?, A new bike or scooter?, or video games? What are you hoping to find under the Christmas tree this year? We all love toys and there is nothing wrong with that. But how old do you think a kid should be before you ask for an "adult" gift for Christmas? Do you think someday, you should have your very own copy of this book? Do you think it is a book you will have all your life?



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# St. Nicholas's Purses



*Serves 8 people*

St. Nicholas is known for tossing bags of gold down the chimney and for calming the storms for fishermen.

Serve these little bags of gold coins along with some baked fish and start a conversation with your family about the great deeds of St. Nicholas on his special day!



## INGREDIENTS

Zest and juice of one orange  
1 tsp grated, fresh ginger  
4 Tbsp honey or maple syrup  
3 cups baby carrots, cut into coins  
½ cup water  
Dash salt  
½ pound of prepared phyllo dough

## PREPERATION

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees
2. Zest and juice one orange and combine both with 2 Tbsp of the honey in a small mixing bowl and set aside.
3. Place diced carrots and 10 long scallions into a saucepan with ½ cup of water and dash of salt and cook until the carrots are just tender and the water has evaporated. Remove the scallions and set them in cold water to use as ties later on.
4. Add the juice mixture to the carrots in the saucepan and stir to coat. Continue to cook for a minute to form a glaze on the carrot coins and remove from heat.
5. Thin the remaining 2 Tbsp of honey with 2 Tbsp of water and set aside.
6. Open the package of phyllo and, working quickly, cut the stack of dough in half, width-wise. Stack six halves for each purse, place a large spoonful of carrot coins in the center, then gather the edge of the dough at the top and twist.
7. Place each purse onto a parchment-lined baking sheet and place into the oven for 15 minutes until browned. Remove from the oven and place each purse onto a serving platter, then tie each one around the top with a blanched slice of leek or scallion .

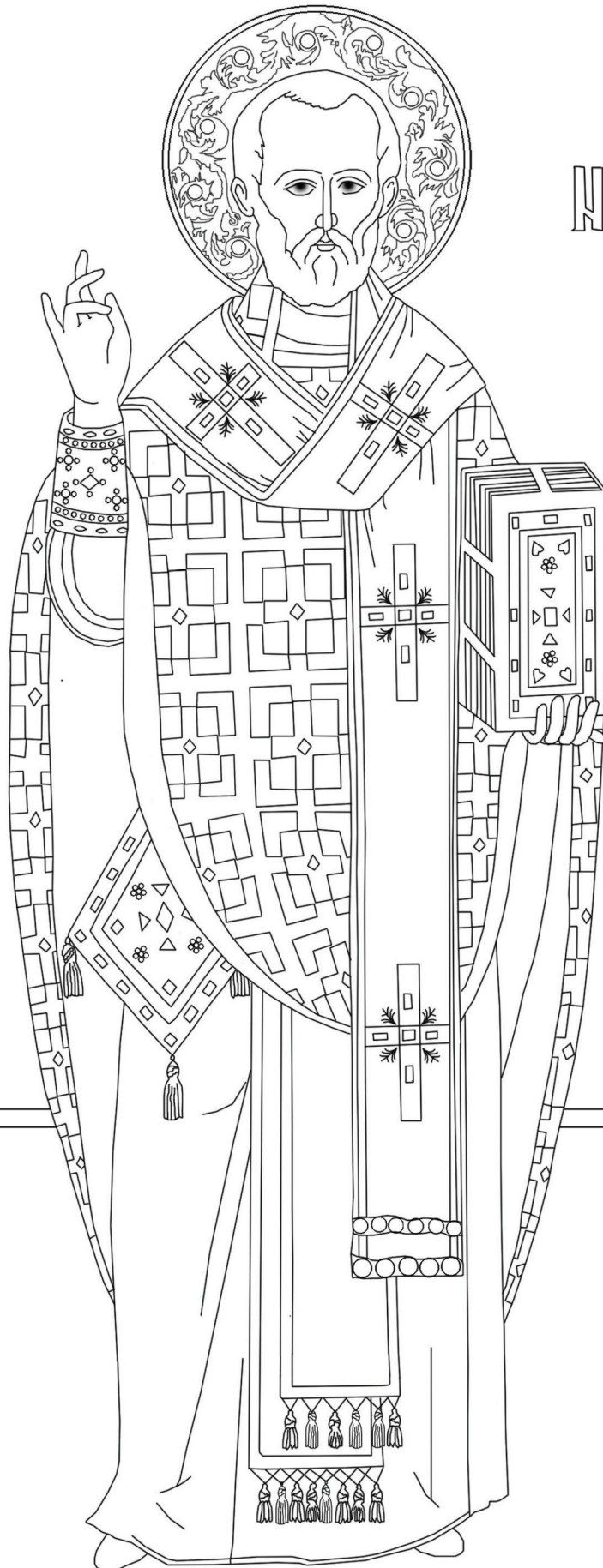
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# My Journey Through the Nativity Fast Maze

On November 15, we began the Nativity Fast. It is also called Philip's fast since we begin on day after the Feast of St. Philip. This fast helps us prepare for the birth of Our Lord Jesus. Just as we do in Lent, we can decide not to eat certain foods, like meat, dairy and oil or we can give up certain foods, like cake and candy. We can also decide to do things that we know will please God. Here is a calendar to help us prepare our heart for Jesus.



**Start Here**

Do not cross the solid green lines.

**Nov. 15**

Discuss how your family will observe this fast for the next 40

**Dec. 17**

Read a Christmas story to your little sister or brother

**Dec. 18**

Say a special prayer for someone who is sad today.

**Dec. 16**

Make everybody's bed today as a gift.

**Dec. 19**

Do an extra chore but don't tell anyone...be a secret angel.

**Dec. 15**

Make Christmas cards for priests, monks or nuns, and those in

**Dec. 20**

**St. Ignatius of Antioch**  
Bake some bread for a neighbor!

**Dec. 14**

Set the table without being asked.

**Dec. 21**

Clean and Decorate your room for Christmas

**Dec. 13**

**St. Lucy Day!**  
Make sweet rolls and deliver them to someone

**Dec. 22**

Practice looking for the first star so you can do it at Holy Supper

**Dec. 12**

Say a special prayer for all of the unborn babies today!

**Dec. 23**

Do you know what to say when someone says, Christ is Born? You say, "Glorify Him!"

**Dec. 11**

Practice your Christmas Carols so you'll be ready at Christmas! Put

**Dec. 24**

Help set the table for Holy Supper.

**Dec. 10**

Call Grandma or Grandpa (or an older friend) and say hello today.

**Dec. 9**

Read a Bible story before bed tonight that you haven't read be-

**Dec. 8**

**Conception of St. Anna**  
Say an extra prayer to welcome

**Dec. 7**

**St. Ambrose**  
Be extra sweet today...sweet as honey!

**Dec. 6**

**St. Nicholas Day!**  
Do a secret good deed in his honor.

**Nov. 17**

Say a prayer for someone who is sad today, then send them a card

**Nov. 18**

Do an extra chore but don't tell anyone...be a secret angel.

**Nov. 21**

**Entrance of the Theotokos**  
Review the prayer to the Theotokos and say it 10

**Nov. 22**

**Thanksgiving**  
Practice and recite the prayers before and after

**Nov. 25**

Visit someone who is lonely today and give them a hug.

**Nov. 30**

**St. Andrew Day!**  
He was the first one called! Be quick to come when you are

**Nov. 29**

Welcome someone to play with you today who may need a

**Nov. 28**

Smile at someone who looks sad today and cheer them up!

**Nov. 27**

Learn a new prayer today...one you don't have memorized yet.

**Nov. 26**

Offer to make someone a cup of tea or cocoa and sit and talk to

**Nov. 16**

**St. Matthew**  
Begin to collect spare change for the poor at

**Nov. 19**

Set the table without being asked, maybe make pretty place

**Nov. 20**

Clean your room for the holidays, then decorate!

**Nov. 23**

Wash the dishes or empty the dishwasher today without being

**Nov. 24**

Play in the snow and make a snowman or draw a picture of one for

**December 25**



**Christ is Born!**



# Let's Learn a Song for *Christmas*



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