

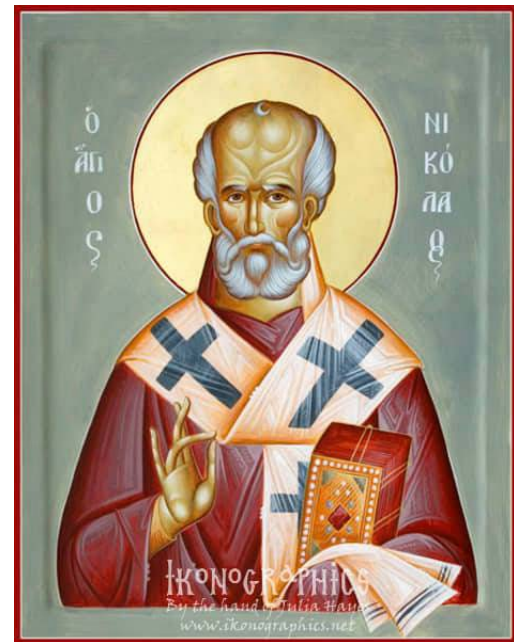
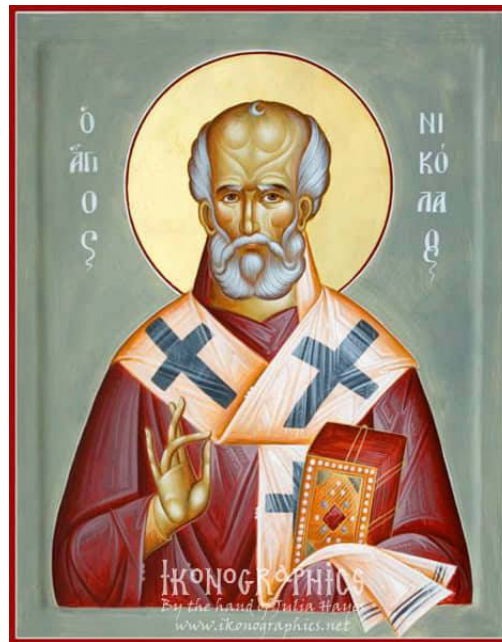
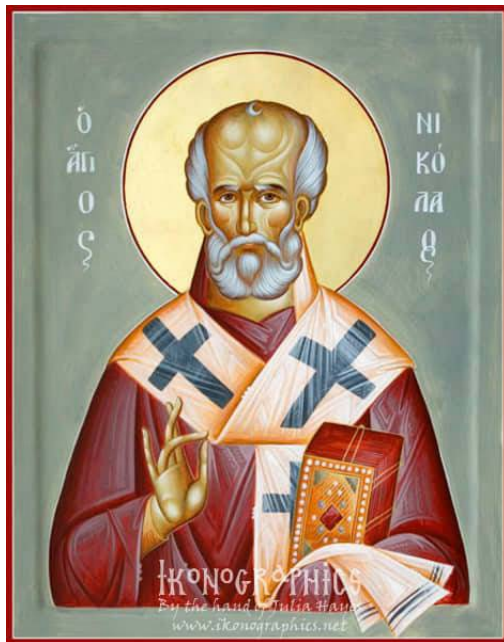
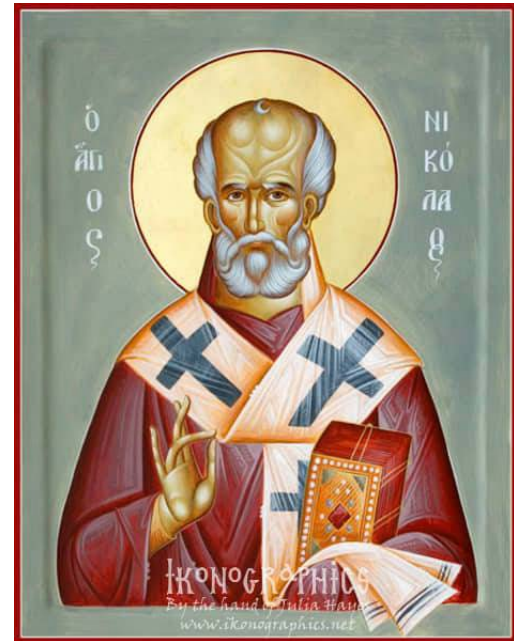
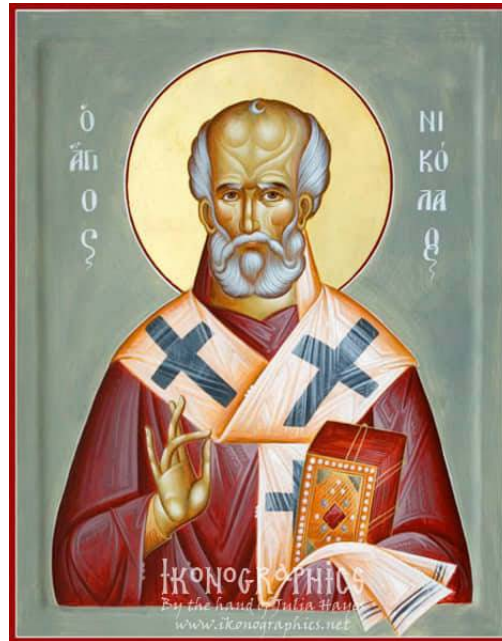
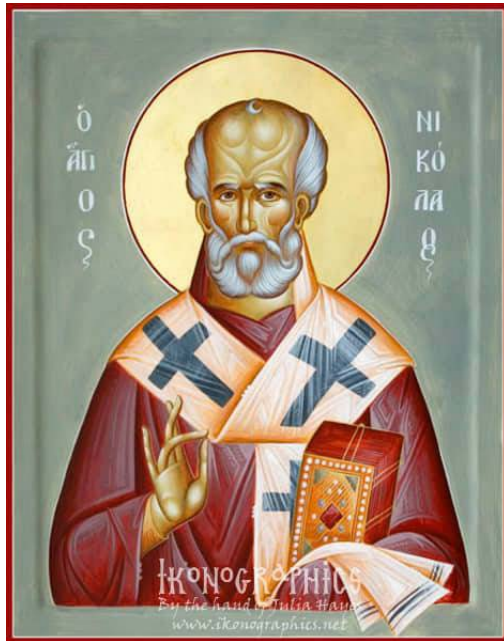


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St. Nicholas of Myra

Activities for teaching young Orthodox Christian children about the Saint





SAINT NICHOLAS

Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, the Wonder-worker



FEAST DAY:

Saint Nicholas was born in Asia Minor to a pious and wealthy family. He received an excellent education, and hoped that one day he would become an ascetic. When his parents died, he donated all his inheritance to the poor and continued to secretly help anyone in need. Soon he followed the path into priesthood, all the way to becoming Archbishop of Myra in Lycia. He preached the Word of God; he defended the Orthodox Faith against the heretic Arius; he loved everyone and secretly helped whoever was in need; he worked many miracles when he was alive, and works even more miracles until today. Saint Nicholas is the Patron Saint of Greece and Russia. He is the protector of children, sailors and travelers. We pray to him to deliver us from poverty, disasters and other misfortunes.

Where in the world?



Map of the world single color by [FreeVectorMaps.com](https://www.freevector.com)

Cut and
glue Saint
icon here

How can I be like Saint Nicholas?


My prayer to Saint Nicholas:

CALENDAR CARD

For instructions on how to make a Saint card calendar, please visit our [November Saints](#) webpage.

Saint card

If using a name tag, glue it on the Saint card above the dotted line.



St. Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra

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If hanging the card horizontally, cut it on the dotted line.



Name tag

If using, glue on the top part of the Saint card.



Your name

SAINT NICHOLAS ICON CRAFT

Cut out the image of Saint Nicholas and glue it onto a piece of yellow poster board. Decorate as desired, to make it look like a real icon.



DOUBLE-SCENE CRAFT

Cut out the following two scenes. Glue each image on a piece of poster board, different color for each scene. Glue the two pieces of poster board together back-to-back, sandwiching a jumbo craft stick between them. The child can turn the image over to see how Saint Nicholas' prayer was powerful enough to calm down the storm.



SAINT NICHOLAS ORIGAMI SAILBOAT CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

Materials:

- Saint Nicholas' small image from the following page, printed and cut out
- Origami paper (or any other paper cut into a square, about 8" x 8")
- Piece of thread or string
- Extra colored paper
- Glue



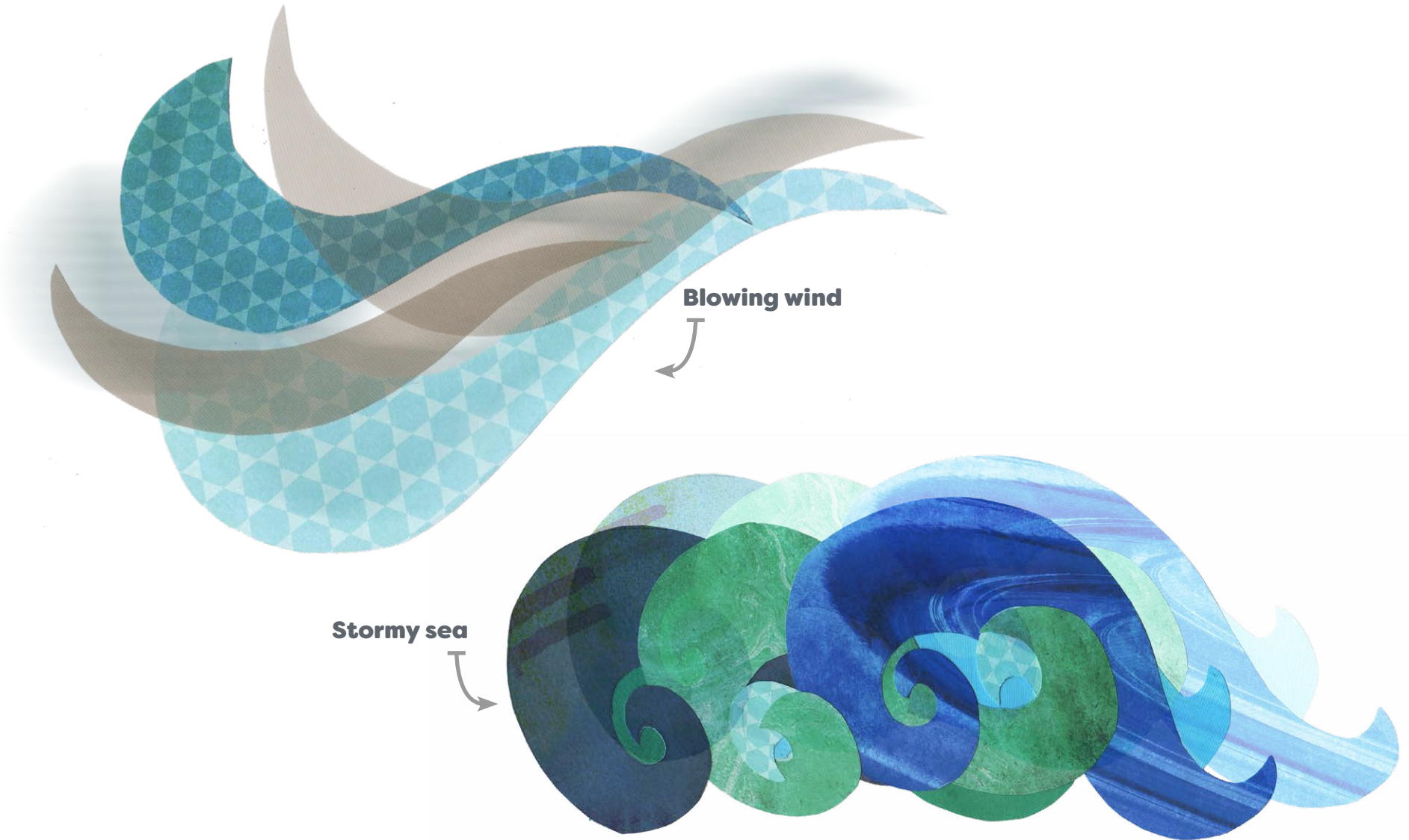
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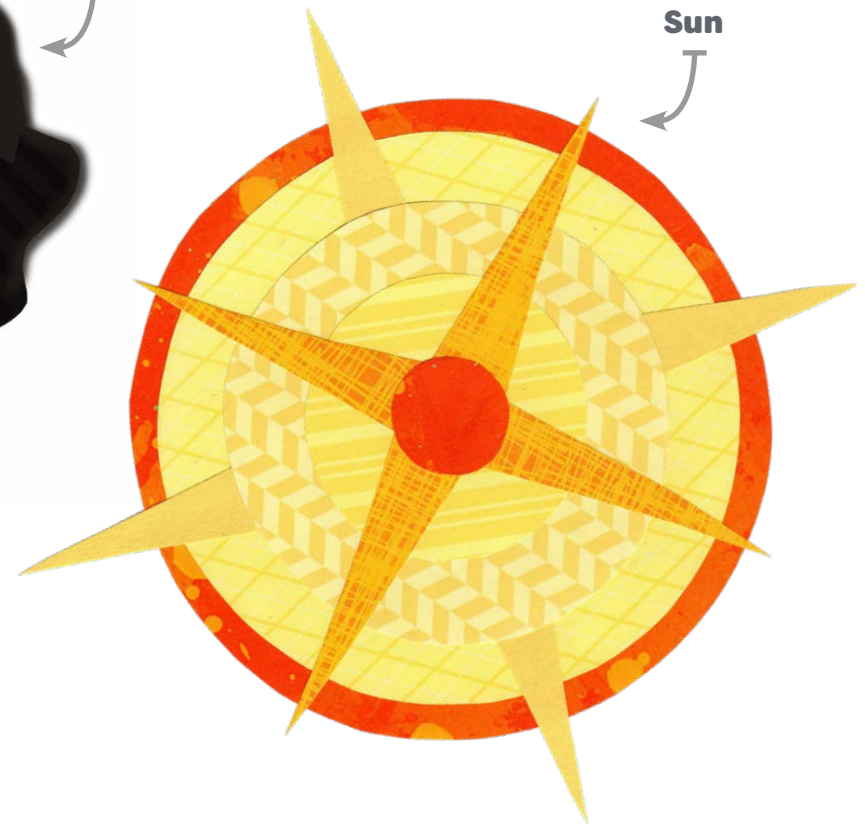
- Fold the origami paper into a sail boat as shown in [this online tutorial](#).
- Glue the Saint Nicholas image inside the sail boat as shown in the photo.
- Tape a piece of thread or string on the sails so the sail boat can be hung (see picture).
- The thread or string should be long enough to accommodate a number of tiny flags.
- To make the little triangular flags, fold a strip of colored paper in half and cut out small double triangles as shown.
- Glue the two parts of the double triangles together, sandwiching the string inside the crease.



PAPER PUPPETS or COLLAGE CRAFT

Cut out the characters and props you will find in the following pages. You can either laminate them or glue them on card stock for sturdiness. Use the puppets to tell the story of Saint Nicholas saving the traveling ship in your own words. Once you introduce the story, you can then have the children act it out using the puppets. The paper puppets can also be used on a magnetic board, by sticking self-adhesive magnet pieces on the back. Another option would be to tape craft sticks or drinking straws on the back, for holding and moving the puppets around more easily. The children can also use the images to make a craft: they can cut and glue them on a separate piece of paper to construct a collage.





Happy passengers



Frightened passengers





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