

Saint Nicholas of Japan, pray for us!



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# The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

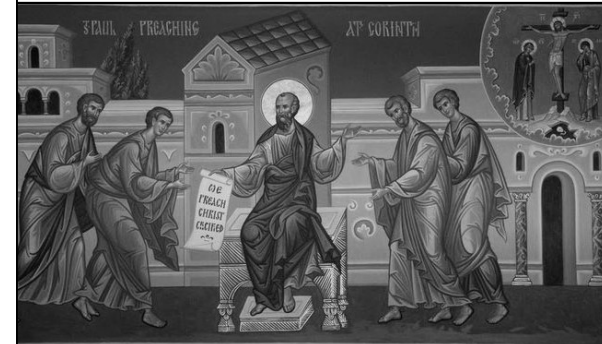
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## Is Christ divided?



**Do you ever fight with your family members?** Maybe you argue about your chores around the house. Or maybe you complain when you want things your way and nobody else does.

In today's epistle reading, Saint Paul tells us that we shouldn't fight with our family! Saint Paul is writing about the Church family in the city of Corinth, and he warns us that we should all stick together as one family in Christ. "For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Is Christ divided?"

The new Christians in Corinth were fighting with each other. They were arguing and choosing sides and picking favorites. Saint Paul knew that this was not good for the Church. He knew that in a family, everybody works as a team together. He knew that the Church couldn't live and grow if everybody was fighting. He knew that the Church is one family, and we all belong to Christ!

Let's remember Saint Paul's important words. In our families and also in our church families, let's work together as a team. We are all on Christ's team together!

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Divided
- Epistle
- Faith
- Family
- Fighting
- Japan
- Missionary
- Nicholas
- Saints
- Team

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# WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

On page 3, you can see a photograph of Saint Nicholas of Japan.

But here is an icon of him. Do they look alike?

Remember, icons aren't supposed to look *just* like the real person.



# SAINT NICHOLAS OF JAPAN WHO BROUGHT ORTHODOXY TO JAPAN

**Have you ever learned** about a country you've never visited? Some of their customs might have seemed strange to you!



About 150 years ago, a young man named Nicholas left his home in Russia. He traveled thousands of miles through the mountains and desert to reach the country of Japan. He wanted to tell the people there about Jesus Christ, because most of them had never even heard of Him!

But when Nicholas got to Japan, the people didn't want to hear from him. They thought he was a spy, who hated Japan. But Nicholas already loved the people, whom God had made. For seven years, Nicholas learned the Japanese language. He tried to understand their religions and culture too. Saint Nicholas translated most of the Bible into Japanese, and also some of our church service books too.

Many people began to listen to Nicholas. Thousands of people were baptized as Orthodox Christians. Saint Nicholas built 219 churches and made many men to be priests and deacons. Now there are about 30,000 Orthodox Christians in Japan. If you ever visit, you can find a church too. And you can thank God for Saint Nicholas of Japan!

**We celebrate Saint Nicholas on Tuesday, August 1st (OC: August 14th).**