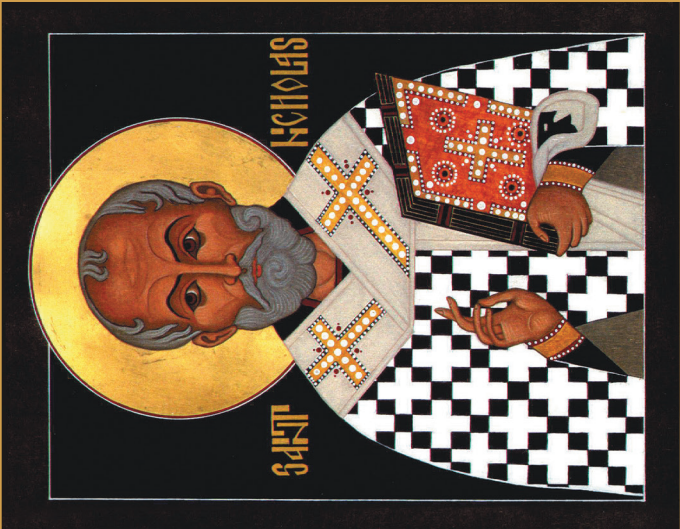
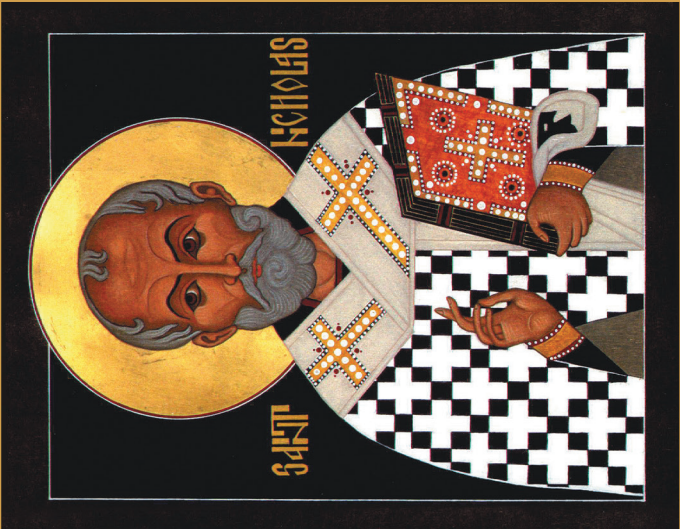




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Loving and gracious God,
the bold faith of your gentle servant Nicholas
teaches us self-control,

how to care for others,
and to share what we have.
Give us strength and courage
to be faithful to Jesus

by following Nicholas' example,
so our lives, like his, will reflect your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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