

# Ο ΑΓΙΟΣ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΙΑΠΩΝΙΑΣ ST NICHOLAS OF JAPAN

Ivan was born on August 1 1836 in Russia. In 1860 he was tonsured a monk and soon later a deacon, then a priest and Ivan was given a new name: Nicholas. In June 1861 Fr Nicholas travelled to Japan to spread the Word of God. His personal example of love and respect for the Japanese people and their history, language, and customs helped the Orthodox mission grow in Japan. In 1880 Fr Nicholas was made the first bishop of Japan. When Bishop Nicholas fell asleep in the Lord in 1912, there were 184 churches and 34 111 Orthodox Japanese throughout the country. In 1970, he was canonized as **St Nicholas, Archbishop of Japan and Equal-to-the-Apostles**. Let us pray to St Nicholas to help us to realise that all people around us are the children of God and so we should love and respect everyone and be very proud of our faith as Christians.



## Δίδαγμα και Ρητό

«Όλοι είμαστε τέκνα Θεού» (Άγιος Νικόλαος της Ιαπωνίας)  
"All men are the children of God" (St Nicholas of Japan)

### Activity:

Help  
Sawabe the  
Samurai  
through  
the maze  
of people  
to meet St  
Nicholas.

