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## **Orthodox Church of Moldova - The Feast of Translation of the relics of St. Nicholas, celebrated at the Metropolitan Cathedral**



22 May (9 may in the Church calendar) is the day when the Orthodox Church celebrates the Translation of the Relics of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker from Mira to Bari. The holiday is much venerated in Moldova, expressing broad veneration of St. Nicholas in the Orthodox Christian world.

Surrounded by the clergy and the praying community, Metropolitan Vladimir of Chisinau and all Moldova celebrated the Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral Square, praying to God and to St. Nicholas, for intercession and heavenly protection.

His Eminence Vladimir has special veneration for St. Nicholas, for the metropolitan was christened with this name in the childhood. Also on the Feast of the Translation of the Relics of St. Nicholas, the future Metropolitan of Chisinau, then Nicolai Cantarean, was ordained deacon in Smolensk by Bishop Theodosy.

The liturgical community uttered prayers to God, asking for the protection of the world from the modern plague of coronavirus. The Church receives all difficulties through which the world is passing as the Lord's pedagogical care of the world that is slipping into the oblivion of spiritual indifference.

The clergy and the lay Christians congratulated Metropolitan Vladimir on the feast of his heavenly protector, wishing the hierarch long and blessed life. Metropolitan Vladimir, in his turn, thanked the liturgical community for uniting in prayer and for the love he receives from his pasture.

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