



St Nicholas News

Communications to the Saint Nicholas' Friends

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I would like to bring three books to your attention. The first one is for those who love **Russian culture and/or St Nicholas**. The second one is for those who like to collect **St Nicholas images**. The third one is for those who are interested in **St Nicholas Music**.

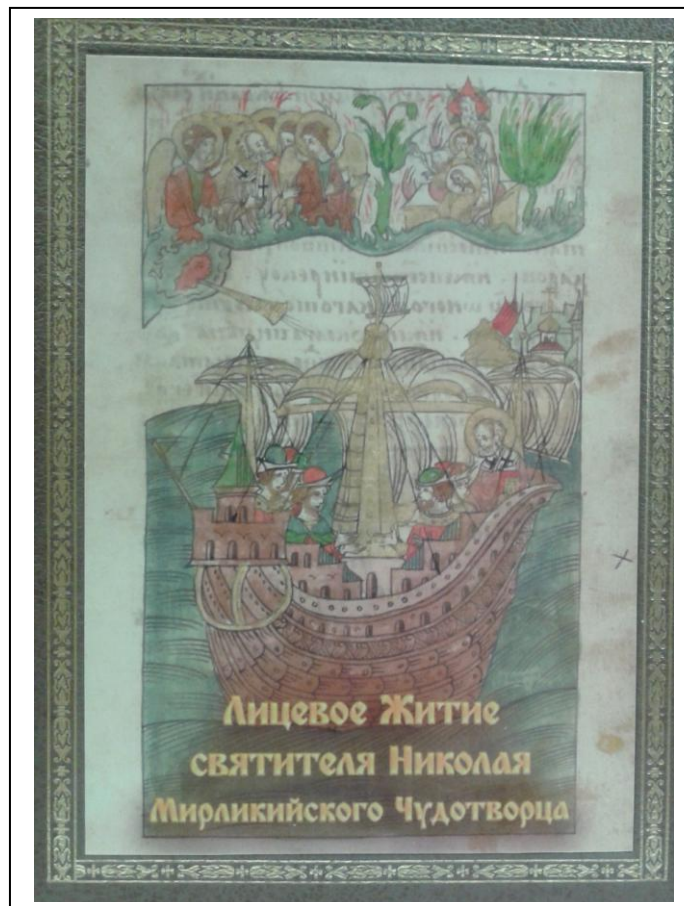
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In Russia has been published the book: **ЛИЦЕВОЕ ЖИТИЕ СВТ. НИКОЛАЯ ЧУДОТВОРЦА**

(Illustrated Life of St Nicholas Miracle worker), Moscow 2010.

It is the facsimile of the manuscript **most beautiful Life of St Nicholas ever written in the World**. It was written about the year 1560 under the reign of Ivan The Terrible.

It contains all the writings that circulated at that time in Russia on St Nicholas.



But what makes it a unique creation is the amount of miniatures (more than 400) that illustrate the text. The wonderful facsimile is accompanied by a modern Russian translation and a scientific apparatus by the major Russian scholar on St Nicholas ancient manuscripts: Marina Semiõnovna Krutova.

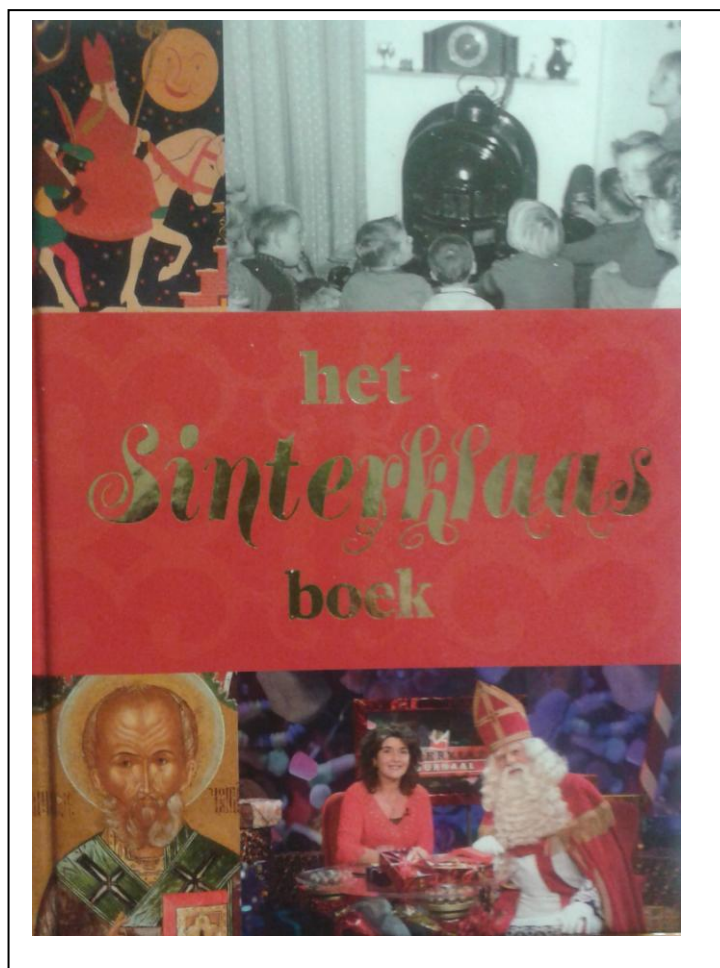
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2. In Holland has been published the book:
HET SINTERKLAAS BOEK, Zwolle 2009
(The Book of St Nicholas), by Eugenie Boer and John Helsloot. 352 pages, small size.

Before entering into the subject of Santa Claus (the Dutch popular figure), that forms the second half of the book) the authors deal with the Saint and its cult. In spite of its size the book is very precious, because contains **pictures that is very difficult to find elsewhere**. Therefore, anyone who wants enhance his collection of the Saint's images shall find this book extremely interesting.

For informations: www.waanders.nl



3. In Holland has been published:
SINT-NICOLAASLIEDEREN
(St Nicholas songs), Kemper Conseil Publishing,
Amsterdam 2009.

Written by Henk van Benthem the book is very interesting for all those who are concerned with St Nicholas Music. The author gives the text of more than 70 hymns and popular songs with the corresponding sheet music. The first one is the most famous of ancient hymns of the Saint: *Congaudentes exultemus* (Latin text and Dutch translation). I cannot give a critical opinion because I have knowledge neither of Dutch language nor of Music. However I am sure that it would result of great interest for those who love Music and popular songs.

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Little note: The Dutch – Italian Conference in Bari (19 november 2010), about which I gave you some previous news, has resulted very successful.

COMING SOON:

St Nicholas, his Cult and the Origins of Europe.

French-Italian Conferences in **Bari** (Italy) and (independently) in **Saint Nicolas de Port** (Lorraine, France).

If there are friends who desire to receive the “St Nicholas News”, please send to me their e-mail.

