

# St Nicholas News



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## ST NICHOLAS RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL IN NICE: APPLE OF DISCORD

### UPDATED NEWS

The issue number 21, about the St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Nice (France), needs a flash updating.

I wrote about the jurisdictional conflict between the Archbishop of Chersonèse (exarchate of the Patriarchate of Moscow) and the Archbishop of Comana (exarchate of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople) in France.

It has to be remembered that from December 24, 2010, Innokentij (Vasil'ev) has been moved to the see of Vilnius and Lituania, while the title of Archbishop of Chersonèse was given by the Russian Synod (under the presidency of the Patriarch of Moscow) to Mgr Nestor (Sirotenko). With those of France, to Nestor was given the administration of the communities of the Moscow Patriarchate in Switzerland, Spain, Portugal and temporarily in Italy.

Archbishop Nestor had an encounter with Archbishop Gabriel of Comana, but in spite of the good will the dialogue had no result, because Nestor reasserted the Moscow jurisdiction over the St Nicholas Cathedral in Nice. Gabriel, on his side,

answered that he would act according the instructions of his superior, the Ecumenical Patriarch (of Constantinople).

This dialogue took place in the month of August 2011. At the moment I have no other news. When I will learn the developments I'll communicate to the St. Nicholas friends.



**Archbishop Nestor of Chersonèse**