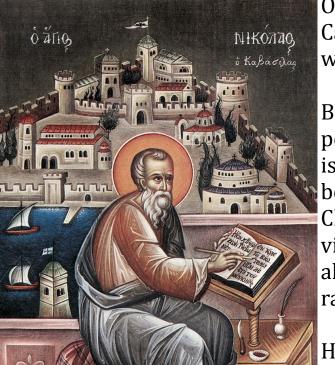
## St. Nikolas Kabasilas

June 20



Our father among the saints, Nicholas Cabasilas, was a well known theological writer and mystic of the Church.

Born in Thessaloniki, he was involved in politics as a young man. Although little is known of his later life, he is remembered for his two treatises, "Life in Christ" and "The Exposition of the Divine Liturgy." These volumes are generally regarded as classics of Eastern sacramental theology.

He was on intimate terms with the emperor John VI Cantacuzenos, whom he accompanied in his retirement to a monastery.

In 1355, he succeeded his uncle, Nilus Kabasilas, as archbishop of Thessaloniki, who, like himself, was a determined opponent of the union of the Greek and Latin churches. During the Hesychast controversy, St. Nikolas took the side of the monks of Mount Athos and St. Gregory Palamas.



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