

**St. Nicholas.**

The place and time of the birth of St. Nicholas are shrouded in mystery. Patron Saint of sea-faring men, thieves, virgins and children, he is also a prominent Saint of the Greek church and the Patron Saint of Russia. His festival is celebrated on December 25th.

He is always pictured either as Santa Claus in a garb similar to us all, or in the black habit of the Hermits of St. Augustine. Near above him or on his breast. His parents were pious folks who had been denied the joy of children until they had reached an advanced age, then in answer to a prayer, Nicholas was born.

From the first Nicholas was a model of holiness and legend says that when only a day old, the "amazing" child stood up in the basin, in which he was being bathed, and for two "mortal" hours, with hands joined and eyes raised to Heaven, he remained in an attitude of giving thanks to God for each daughter in having brought him into the world. Then it being Friday, he refused nourishment, and there after he faithfully abstained from his mother's breast, until after the setting of the sun on Wednesdays and Fridays, the fast days of the church.

Nicholas excelled so much in his studies that even before they were over he was made a bishop of St. Saviour's Church. At an early age his parents both died leaving him a large fortune which he at once began to give away to the poor.

He owes his position as the Christian Santa Claus to the legend that he wished to save the three daughters of a poor nobleman from dishonor when the father, having no money for marriage portions, was about to force them to support themselves by leading a degrading life. He approached the father's house under cover of darkness, and threw a purse of gold in an open window for three nights in succession, thus furnishing a dowry for each daughter. On the third night the nobleman watched for and discovered him, but the Saint made him promise not to reveal his munificence. From this incident it is said to be derived the custom of placing gifts in the shoes or stockings of children on the eve of Christmas Day.

According to another tradition, St. Nicholas once determined to visit the Holy Land and having set sail was overtaken by a storm. One of the sailors fell from a mast and was killed, but the Saint, by his prayers, restored him to life. He then rebuked the winds and caused the waves to subside.

Upon his return he decided to live in Palestine and just at this time the Bishop of Myra died. One of the clergy was informed by a revelation from Heaven, that the first man to present himself to the church door on the following morning was to be the appointed bishop. Of course Nicholas was the first, for he always entered the church to pray at dawn, and although he protested, he was consecrated bishop.

His appointment was a fortunate one for shortly after the land was visited by a famine and the resourceful Nicholas found a way to feed the people. Learning that three ships laden with grain, stood in the harbor, he begged their respective captains to sell him three hundred hogheads of grain. When they demurred, saying that they were not, as the wheat was destined for the Imperial granaries, Nicholas persisted, however, and said, "If you will do as I ask, you will find that by the grace of God, your cargoes will not be diminished." They allowed themselves to be persuaded and sure enough when they reached Alexandria the cargoes were undiminished. St. Nicholas also increased his own allowance until he had not only enough to feed his people for the year, but sufficient to furnish seed to sow the fields for the following season. So runs one of the many curious old stories associated with this Saint.

About this time, there was what we should call a strike in Phrygia, and the Emperor Constantine sent three of his generals to enquire into the matter. Nicholas invited these three generals to dine with him, in the hope of influencing them in favor of his people. But while they were at the table, word came that the consul had already given orders that three innocent citizens were to beheaded.

Stephen at once hastened to the place of execution and snatching the sword away from the headman, he commanded that the three victims be released. Of course the Bishop-Saint had his way and the three generals went home greatly impressed by the ability of St. Nicholas.

Soon this seafarer was cast into prison and ordered to be executed, a story concerning Nicholas' powers that merit him word of their might and their knell down on the steps of the altar and prayed to God, to save them.

Nicholas, at once hastened to their rescue and demanding an audience of Constantine, said to him: "Arise in haste and command that the three tribunes be not executed, for I shall pray God to move a battle against thee in which thou shalt be overthrown and shall be made meat for the beasts!"

The Emperor in amazement demanded, "Who art thou that entered by palace by night and darrest say such words to me?"

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### "I am Nicholas, Bishop of Myra,"

replied the Saint. Upon enquiry the Emperor learned of the sanctity, the miracles and the great power of the Saint and was enormously impressed, released his three generals, saying: "Go forth, I charge you, bear jewels to this man, and entreat him that he threaten me no more, but pray unto our Lord for me and for my realm." Furthermore, he sent Nicholas a copy of the gospels written after the fashion of that age in letters of gold, bound in covers studded with pearls and precious stones.

St. Nicholas is sometimes pictured standing beside a tub containing three boys because there is legend concerning a tub connected with his name to the following effect:

Once when bent upon an errand of mercy, Nicholas set up at an inn in the forest. It was while the famins raged in the land, so he was therefore surprised when his landlord put before him a beautiful dish of salted meat. Instead of beginning to eat, St. Nicholas looked fixedly at the dish and then at the landlord, and leaving the food untouched, demanded to see the tub from which it had been taken.

The tub stood in the cellar and St. Nicholas upon reaching it, discovered the remains of three little boys whom the wicked innkeeper had slain and pickled. According to the ancient legend, Nicholas miraculously restored them to life and delivered them to their mother.



Just Folks  
Some day they'll know why we worry  
When into the road on flying feet  
They venture the dangers of the street  
Some day the youngest of them will know  
Although he laughs at our fears today  
Just why we watch him out there at play  
Some day they'll know why we whisper "no"  
When they wish to wander where danger lies  
And bring the tears to their youthful eyes  
Some day they'll learn what we dread of so  
Some day they'll find, in the years to be  
What only the parents of children see  
They wonder now why it is we stay  
Forever watching them, day and night  
The mother praying that they're all right  
Never at peace till they come from play  
Some day, down in the distant years  
They'll share and they'll understand  
Our fears.

They'll know why the mother has never slept  
Until she has seen them all safe in bed  
And why she has waited to hear their tread  
And there at the window her watch has kept  
When they have children to come and go  
They'll know why it was that we worried so.

Was This Cinderella?  
A ROMANTIC EGYPTIAN STORY.  
At this season of the year, when pantomimes are all the talk, it is interesting to find that about seven hundred years before the birth of Christ there is supposed to have lived a young lady, whose eventful life very much resembles that of "Cinderella."

This may sound rather strange, but when the full story is told, it certainly looks as though the popular fairy tale which we now know as "Cinderella" has been constructed from the following extract from an Egyptian record.

Rhodope, a lovely Egyptian girl, who was very proud of her tiny feet, and daily became famous all over the known world about the time of the twelve Egyptian Rulers. The reason was the stealing of one of her microscopic shoes whilst she was bathing.

The story says that having left her shoes on the river side near her home, Rhodope waded into the water. Whilst taking her bath, an eagle is said to have swooped down, and playing the part of the modern fairy tale godmother, snatched up one of the little shoes in its beak. The bird carried it miles away, and eventually dropped it in the grounds of the Royal Palace, where the king was seated.

Naturally, the ruler was struck by such an exquisite "bombshell," and the tiny piece of footwear attracted so much attention in the royal household that the possessor of the dainty shoe was sought for. The size was taken and the king's messengers were sent in all directions to discover the owner.

In the course of time Rhodope was found to be the wonderful woman with the tiny feet, and the shoe as tried on her. Great rejoicing followed this wonderful discovery, and a triumphal entry into the king's presence was recorded. The sequel was that the lucky ancient "Cinderella" was made queen.

Perhaps the fairy tale, as we know it to-day, is founded on this old Eastern story.

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Bishop Paulinus, of Nola, in Campania, is said to have been the first to recognize the value of bells as a signal for summoning congregations to church. Paulinus, it is stated, was annoyed at the excuses offered by the congregation for not being prompt.

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