## St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas was a priest, abbot and bishop of Myra (located in present-day Turkey) who was very generous to those who were in need. He also protected the innocent. He is known by many as Santa Claus. There are many stories about St. Nicholas. Once he heard of a poor man who was going to make his daughters become prostitutes; St. Nicholas threw bags of gold through their window to save the girls. He died circa 346. St. Nicholas is patron saint of children, sailors, students, unmarried girls and newlyweds.