

Sunday, December 10, 2023

**ST. ATHANASIUS UKRAINIAN
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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REGINA SK. S4R 3G3**

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ROSARY: Sunday – 9:10 a.m. (livestreaming)

DIVINE LITURGY: Bilingual: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. for the faithful. (livestreaming)

DIVINE LITURGY in Ukrainian – the first Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Liturgies – as scheduled

Confessions before every Divine Liturgy & Week Day Liturgies – As per the schedule

MEMBERSHIP AT ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH is recognized by participating in the Sunday Divine Liturgy and by fulfilling your baptismal responsibility in contributing to our Church Community activities by using your time, talents and treasures. Regular financial donations by use of Sunday envelopes is necessary for our parish to grow and prosper. If you would like to become a registered member, please contact Fr. Vasyl or parish office.

Please contact Fr. Vasyl if you know of any parishioner who is sick and wants to be visited.

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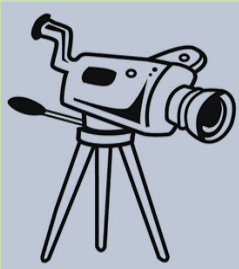
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Welcome to all visitors and parishioners who are celebrating the Liturgy with us today. You are invited to celebrate our Saint Nicholas Feast Day.



TO ALL PARISHIONERS: During our Livestream and Videotaping, the video may capture the likeness of those parishioners sitting in the pews during our services. This video will be kept for a maximum of 45 days. Other than those who choose to view the livestream as it happens, the video will not be released to third parties.

As our video will stream on Facebook, we will comply with the website's regulations.

If you are uncomfortable being on video, please advise the greeters when you enter the church and they will place you in a pew where you will not be captured.

Please join our services by visiting our website and clicking on The Livestream icon: <https://st-athanasius.ca/> or on Facebook: <https://facebook.com/reginaukrainiancatholicnorth/live>

December Greeters		December Ushers & Tabulators
Dec. 10	Terelyne Vadeboncoeur & Len Markewich	Linda Korchynski & John Dmyterko
Dec. 17	Carl & Linda Korchynski	Cliff Rakochy & Carl Korchynski
Dec. 24 9:30 a.m.	Maggie Stephen & Bernice Bzdell	Volunteers
Dec. 24 9:00 p.m.	Terry & Rosanne Miller	Walter Brigidear & Art Wytrykush
Dec. 25 10:00 a.m.	Volunteers	Volunteers
Dec. 31	Kevin Korchinski & Len Markewich	Walter Brigidear & Rosanne Miller

DECEMBER ROSARY		DECEMBER READERS
Dec. 10	Bernice Bzdell & Natalia Osobo – <i>Joyful Mysteries</i>	Terelyne Vadeboncoeur
Dec. 17	Louise Makuch & Svitlana Zelenyi – <i>Byzantine Joyful Mysteries</i>	Louise Makuch
Dec. 24 9:30 a.m	-----	Christine Hladky
Dec. 24 9:00 p.m.	Christmas Compline	Peter Federko
Dec. 25 10:00 a.m.	-----	Phyllis Lukey & Alla Goff
Dec. 31	Art Wytrykush & Mykola Perun – <i>Joyful Mysteries</i>	Art Wytrykush

Glory Be To Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever! Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава на віки!

TWENTY – EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- Post-feast of Immaculate Conception

TROPAR (Tone 3): Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death; He became the first born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

FEAST DAY TROPAR (Tone 4): Today the bonds of childlessness are loosed, for God has heard the prayers of Anne and Joachim. He promised against all hope that they would give birth to a divine virgin from whom the Indescribable would be born as man, the same who ordered the Angels to sing to her: “Hail, O Woman full of grace, the Lord is with you!”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 3): You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord, and led us out from the gates of death. Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices, and the prophets together with the patriarchs unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

PROKIMEN (Tone 3): Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

VERSE: *Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.*

EPISTLE: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to Colossians (1: 12-18)

Brothers and Sisters! Give thanks to the Father for having made you worthy to share the lot of the saints in light. He rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. Through him we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creatures. In him everything in heaven and on earth was created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominations, principalities or powers; all were created through him, and for him. He is before all else that is. In him everything continues in being. It is he who is head of the body, the church; he who is the beginning, the first-born of the dead, so that primacy may be his in everything.

ALLELUIA VERSES: In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever.

Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me.

GOSPEL: Luke (14: 16-24)

At that time the Lord said this parable: “A man was giving a large dinner and he invited many. At dinner time he sent his servant to say to those invited, ‘Come along, everything is ready now.’ But they began to excuse themselves, one and all. The first one said to the servant, ‘I have bought some land and must go out and inspect it. Please excuse me.’ Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen and I am going out to test them. Please excuse me.’ A third said, ‘I am newly married and so I cannot come.’ The servant returning reported all this to his master. The master of the house grew angry at the account. He said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame.’ The servant reported, after some time, ‘Your orders have been carried out, my lord, and there is still room.’ The master then said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and along the hedgerows and force them to come in. I want my house to be full, but I tell you that not one of those invited shall taste a morsel of my dinner. For many are called, but few are chosen.’ “

INSTEAD OF ‘It is truly right...’: O my soul, extol the glorious conception of the Mother of God. You are an inexhaustible source of life, O Mother of God. You are a radiant lamp of grace, a temple of the Holy Spirit, an all-pure tent more spacious than the heavens and the earth. Therefore, we the faithful, praise you.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.

Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE December 11 – December 17, 2023

Monday, December 11, 2023 - Our Venerable Father Daniel the Stylite (493) [Hebrews 3:5-11, 17-19; Luke 20:27-44.](#)

6:30pm Catechism

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 - Our Venerable Father Spiridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tremithus (337-61) [Hebrews 4:1-13; Luke 21:12-19.](#)

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 - The Holy Martyrs Eustratios and others with him (284-305); [Ephesians 6:10-17; Luke 21:12-19.](#)

No service scheduled

Thursday, December 14, 2023 - The Holy Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius (249-51), Philemon, Apollonius and Callinicus (284-305) **Nativity Fast.** [Hebrews 7:1-6; Luke 21:28-33.](#)

7:00 p.m. Baptism

Friday, December 15, 2023 - The Holy Priest-Martyr Eleutherius and others; (956); [Hebrews 7:18-25; Luke 21:37-22:8.](#)

6:30 p.m. Weddings Rehearsal

7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Youth Gathering at St. Athanasius

Saturday, December 16, 2023 - The Holy Prophet Haggai (6th c. BC), [Ephesians 2:11-13; Luke 13:18-29.](#)

1:30 p.m. Wedding

Sunday, December 17, 2023 - Sunday of the Holy Ancestors. [Colossians 3:4-11; Luke 14:16-24.](#)

9:10 a.m. Rosary - Livestream

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy - Livestream

1:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy in Moose Jaw

2:00 p.m. Choir practice

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL TREE: Once again, the memorial tree is set up in the front foyer.



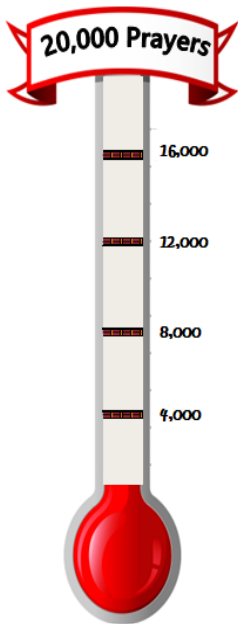
Christmas is a time to spend with loved ones, family and friends, and to remember those who are no longer with us in person but are with us in spirit. If you wish to donate, you may do so by placing your money and family names in the envelopes at the back of the church where it is stated "Specify Donation" and print "**Memorial Tree**" and then place in the Sunday collection basket. E-Transfers are accepted, please indicate in the message

field the names of the deceased member/members for whom you are donating. Fr. Vasyl will have the Panakhyda for all those departed family and friends on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. All funds received will be directed to "St. Athanasius Aide to Ukraine Fund" to help our new families enjoy their first Christmas in Regina.

ANNUAL THEOPHANY SUPPER – will be held on Friday, January 5, 2024, following the blessing of water. Tickets are now on sale. The ticket price will be \$20/adult, \$15/child (ages 7-12), and free for children under 7 years of age. Tickets **MUST BE** purchased or reserved by seeing/calling Rosanne at 306-543-5773, by Wednesday, January 3rd.

Prayer Thermometer:

St. Athanasius Parish
PRAYER THERMOMETER



CIX! Our Catechism class would like to challenge us all to pray together as a church family. From now until Christmas when pray Our Father, Hail Mary and the Rosary at home, work or church etc. please keep a tally of how many prayers you recite. Tally sheets are available at the entrance. Each Our Father and Hail Mary count as one point and each Rosary counts as 59 points. For example you may count your daily prayers, prayers before meals, opening prayers at meetings, rosary at church or even the our Father during liturgy. All these prayers can be recorded. You can keep track individually or as a family on the tally sheets. The tally sheets should be turned in each week so that we can mark the totals on the thermometer located at the entrance of the church. There will be a container to drop off your tally sheets. Remember that a family that prays together stays together. May God Bless you all as we pray and prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

NOTICE: Our parish expenses continue, so please continue to support the parish. Your donations are very much appreciated. There are a few options available to you: drop off your envelope at 54 McMurchy Avenue, mail in your cheque to 55 McMurchy Avenue, Regina, S4R 3G3, or you can also do an e-transfer to stathandeposit@sasktel.net. PLEASE COMPLETE THE MESSAGE FIELD and DO NOT USE ALIAS NAMES WHEN SENDING AN E-TRANSFER DONATION.

December 3: 52 Regular Envelopes - \$2075; 4 Visitor Envelopes - \$100; 3 Building Fund Envelopes - \$520; 1 Christmas Flowers Envelope - \$20; 4 Memorial Tree Envelopes - \$240; Loose Change - \$140.

10 Pre authorized Givings - \$1605.

E-Transfers: 6 general donations - \$1045; 2 Patriarchal Collection donations - \$45; 2 Aid to Ukraine - \$45; 1 World Mission donation - \$25; 2 Christmas Flowers donations - \$50; 2 Memorial Tree donations - \$150; 1 Ukrainian Christmas CD - \$30; Orpheus Concert - \$100.



MARRIAGE BANNS

December 2023:

MICHAEL THOMAS MARKEWICH (Groom)

*Son of Leonard Markewich & Anna (Popowich) Markewich
from Regina, SK.*

and

MORGAN MARIE ZIOLA (Bride)

*Daughter of Robert Elmer Ziola &
Cindy Lou (Bean) Ziola
from Regina, SK.*

ANYONE HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OBSTACLES TO THE PROPOSED MARRIAGE HAS AN OBLIGATION IN CONSCIENCE TO MAKE IT KNOWN TO THE PARISH PRIEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



NEW COFFEE SIGN UP SCHEDULE: Please, if you can sign up for a Sunday to serve coffee, juice and cookies. This would be very much appreciated. Coffee schedule sign up sheets are located in the front foyer desk and on the kitchen table. If no one signs up for serving this would be an indicator no one is interested in having coffee after Sunday Divine Liturgy and will be discontinued. Please, help out when you can.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: *For Persons with Disabilities* – we pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

DECEMBER FOOD BANK ITEM – Baby Food



DONATIONS FOR POINSETTIAS to decorate our church for Christmas are now being accepted. Please use the envelopes at the back of church where it is stated **"Specify Donation"** and print **"flowers"**, e-transfers stating flowers in the message field, or include with your regular donations and indicate **"Christmas flower donation"**. Thank You!

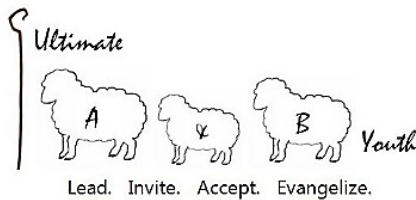


**Choir Practises are scheduled as follows, unless otherwise announced:
Sun Dec. 17 @ 2 PM**

The time will be spent re-grouping and preparing for Christmas and Theophany services.

Do you have an interest in joining the choir? Please contact me (call or text) and plan to attend practises *if possible*. Thanks. ----- Phyllis Lukey 306-529-8152.

NEXT YOUTH GATHERING!



Our last youth gathering for 2023 is on **Friday, December 15, 2023 from 7-9pm** at **St. Athanasius Parish**. Invite your friends!

SAVE THE DATE!

The 2024 Lock-in Retreat will be on **Friday, January 26** and **Saturday, January 27, 2024**. More details to come!

Please contact Lesia (ultimateaandb@hotmail.com) or your parish priest for more information on either of the above gatherings.

St. Michael's Winter Camp is BACK!



When: February 19-25, 2024

Where: Madge Lake, SK - Duck Mountain Provincial Park

Who: Co-ed, ages 8-14

What: downhill skiing, cross country skiing, sledding, skating, crafts, spiritual activities, campfire singing and MORE!

Cost: \$300 (before January 1st \$250)

Limited spots! Visit our website to register <https://www.stmichaelscamp.com/> or email us at camp@stmichaelscamp.com for more details! Want to donate to St. Michael's Winter Camp? Let us know by emailing Maria at camp@stmichaelcamp.com for details.

November 2023 Parish Council Highlights

Hello everyone,

As a way to improve communication with all of you as St. Athanasius Parishioners we will be including a brief recap of the recent Parish Council meeting. If there is other information you would like to know about do not hesitate to contact Parish Council.

Financial Update

Inquiries regarding the balance of accounts is available by contacting the Parish office.

Business Arising

Contracts for Syro Malabar – The January – June contract for Syro Malabar was approved with an increase based on the Saskatchewan Cost of Living. There is also an adjustment in rental rates for the use of the auditorium for parish events.

Coffee – Please sign up to serve coffee as it can only happen with your support. There will not be coffee if no one is signed up to help and we are VERY short of volunteers at the moment.

Constitution and Policy – Father has updated a draft Constitution. The hope is to have it approved at the March AGM and then approved by the Eparchy.

Support for Ukraine – The donations are noted weekly in the bulletin – your generosity is very much appreciated. Father mentioned that new families have arrived and are in need of bedding and mattresses. Gift cards will be given to the families who have arrived in 2023 for Christmas. We wish to thank all of the parishioners who have donated funds or goods, as well as those who have been driving the newcomers to appointments, church etc

Ushering – in the last few months we have returned to the pre-pandemic way of ushering. Those scheduled to usher will be responsible for the collection after the Homily, guiding people during Holy Communion, and tabulating the collection after Liturgy. Ushers are also reminded to notify the Sunday School teachers at times during Liturgy as noted on the reserved pew. If, you would like to volunteer please let the office know. We would also like to remind parishioners that collections will happen immediately after the Homily.

Bilingual Liturgies - With the arrival of many newcomers from the Ukraine, we will continue having a more bilingual service to help all feel welcome. Please use the weekly bulletin for English words for epistle and Gospel readings. Special thanks to all parishioners for helping everyone feel welcome. The first Sunday of the month will see a Ukrainian Liturgy starting at 11:30 A.M.

Door Locking Policy – following a person entering the complex twice earlier this year during a Syro Malabar liturgy as well as once during a St. A's Liturgy, Parish Council has reminded all key holders to ensure that procedures are being followed. Also, for the time being the West Door will remain locked Sunday mornings. We will ask those making coffee to listen for knocking/doorbell but no one may be available to open the door.

The snow removal contract was renewed and took effect November 1, 2023.

The St. Nicholas concert and luncheon will take place December 10 following Divine Liturgy.

New Business

Theophany Supper - will be held on Friday, January 5, 2024, following the blessing of water. Tickets will be on sale shortly at a cost of \$20/adult, \$15/child (Ages 7-12), and free for younger children. Rosanne reiterated that she cannot prepare this meal without tickets being sold or reserved in advance which must be spoken for before January 3, 2024.

Salaries - Parish Council approved the 2024 salary for Father Vasyl, using the Eparchial guidelines of the provincial Cost of Living for the increase. The Parish Secretary hourly wage will also be increased using the same guidelines.

Nominating Committee for 2024 - Fr. Vasyl and Kevin Korchinski will be reaching out to fill vacant positions. Please contact them if you are interested as there will be President and Vice President roles to be filled.

Thanks for your continued support.
St. Athanasius Parish Council



Press release
For immediate release

Episcopal appointment to Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon

30 November 2023, Ottawa - His Holiness Pope Francis today appointed the Reverend Father Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R., Provincial Superior of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, Province of Canada, as the new Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon.

Bishop-Elect Smolinski was born on 10 September 1972. He was ordained a priest on 5 July 2003. He completed primary and secondary education at Greater Saskatoon Catholic schools (Bishop Pocock Elementary and Holy Cross High School) finishing in 1990.

He obtained a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 1994. Bishop-Elect Smolinski obtained a Master of Divinity degree in 2002 from the University of St. Michael's College through the Faculty of Theology.

He continued studies to earn a Certificate in Eastern Christian Studies in 2023 at the University of St. Paul/Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies.

He worked with youth as Youth Ministry Coordinator for the Edmonton Eparchy (1994-1996). A few years later, he served as the assistant pastor at St. Joseph Ukrainian Church in Winnipeg (2003-2005). He worked as director at The Welcome Home (Redemptorist Inner-City Mission) in Winnipeg from 2015 to 2019.

Bishop-Elect Smolinski was pastor at Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church Saskatoon (2015- 2019). He also served as the Extraordinary Provincial Council Member and Ordinary Provincial Council Member in the former Redemptorist Province of Yorkton and Consultor, Eparchy of Saskatoon (2015- 2019).

He worked as coordinator of the Yorkton region (Province of Canada) and assistant pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Saskatoon from 2019 to 2022.

Bishop-Elect Smolinski was elected provincial superior of the Redemptorist Province of Canada on 9 November 2022.

His enthronement as Bishop of the Eparchy will be announced at a later date. Bishop-Elect Smolinski will replace the current apostolic administrator, the Most Rev. Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, O.S.B.M., Archbishop of the Archeparchy of Winnipeg and Metropolitan of Canada.

The Eparchy of Saskatoon is the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Saskatchewan. The Eparchy is made up of about 90 parishes (of varying degrees of activity), 15 eparchial priests, 8 priests serving from monastic communities or religious orders, 3 deacons, 18 nuns, and some 3,100 Catholic lay people. There is also one Catholic school with a Ukrainian Bilingual Program, one Nursing Home run by the Sisters of St.

Joseph's, and three Senior Citizens' Residences.

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Bishop-Elect Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R.

Save the Dates

January
Friday - Dormition Parish
Nomination 19

-6:30pm, followed by dainties & fellowship

Saturday - Ss. Peter & Paul
Cheirotonia (Consecration) 20

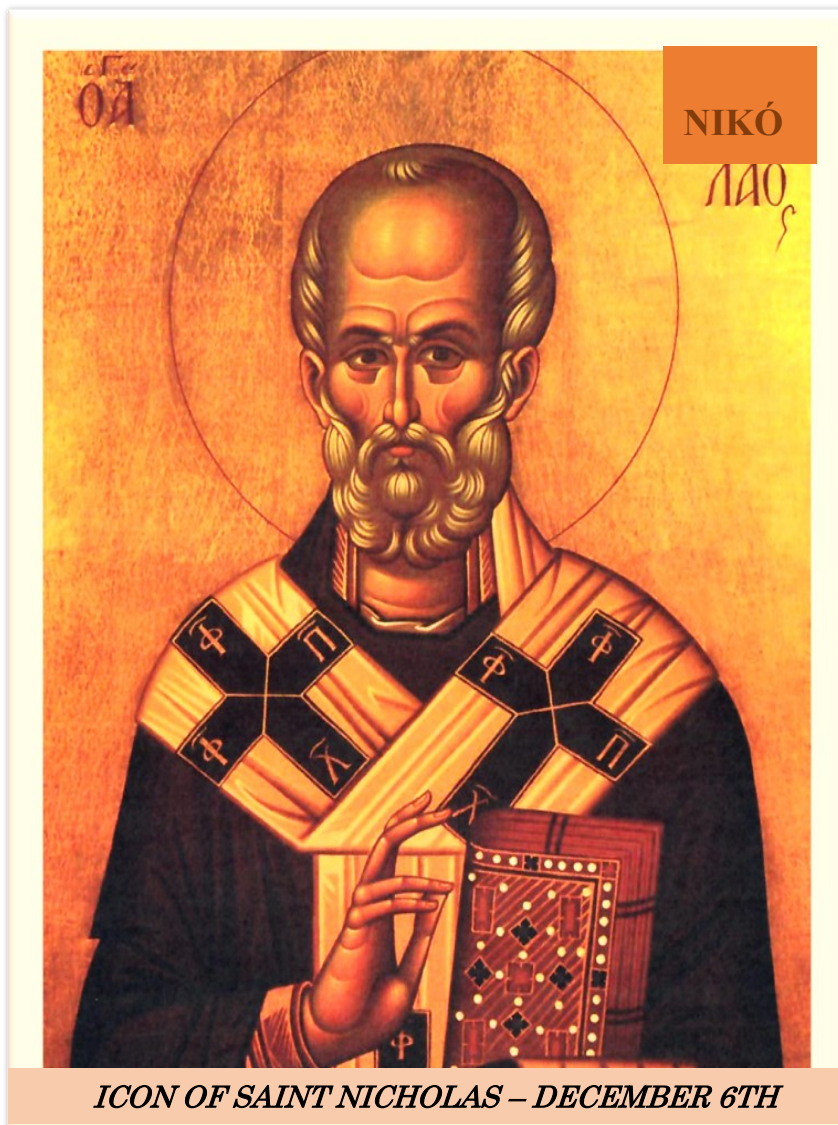
-10:00am, followed by ticketed luncheon

Sunday - St. George Cathedral
Installation 21

-10:00am, followed by light lunch

2024

Saskatoon, SK



ICON OF SAINT NICHOLAS – DECEMBER 6TH

The Legendary Saint Nicholas

The absence of the "hard facts" of history is not necessarily an obstacle to the popularity of saints, as the devotion to St. Nicholas shows. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it is claimed that, after the Theotokos, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. And yet, historically, we can pinpoint only the fact that Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor.

As with many of the saints, however, we are able to capture the relationship which Nicholas had with God through the admiration which Christians have had for him - an admiration expressed in the colorful stories which have been told and retold through the centuries.

Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man's window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint's feast. In the English-speaking countries, St. Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus - further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop.

The critical eye of modern history makes us take a deeper look at the legends surrounding St. Nicholas. But perhaps we can utilize the lesson taught by his legendary charity, look deeper at our approach to material goods in the Christmas season and seek ways to extend our sharing to those in real need.