

# ST. NICHOLAS PICTURES

*Symbols and objects associated with the good saint*

	Saint Nicholas himself!		Saint Nicholas himself! (As he looks in the Eastern Church)
	St. Nicholas' hat, a bishop's miter		St. Nicholas' hat, a Byzantine bishop's miter
	St. Nicholas' staff, a bishop's crozier		St. Nicholas' staff, a Byzantine bishop's crozier
	St. Nicholas book, either the Book of the Gospels or a book telling about children		St. Nicholas—patron saint of children
	3 gold balls for the dowry money		Candy cane represents a bishop's crozier, showing how bishops care for their flocks
	3 oranges represent the gold balls		European children leave carrots for St. Nicholas' horse or donkey
	3 apples represent the gold balls		European children put their shoes out for St. Nicholas' treats
	Ship—patron saint of sailors		American children leave stockings for St. Nicholas & Santa Claus
	Anchor—patron saint of sailors & fishermen		Naughty German children sometimes get a potato
	Gold coins for the dowry money		St. Nicholas comes with a donkey in Belgium, France and Switzerland
	Money bags for the dowry money		Bishop Nicholas provided grain when people were starving
	Three maidens who received the dowry money		St. Nicholas rides a white horse in the Netherlands
	Children rescued from the tub		Bishop Nicholas saved innocent men from the executioner's sword
	St. Nicholas is a gift giver		St. Nicholas icon—a special image that is a “window into heaven”
	St. Nicholas brings chocolate letters in the Netherlands		Orange for dowry gold, often found in the toe of a Christmas stocking