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### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
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### **WEBSITES**

Parish: [www.steugenes.com](http://www.steugenes.com)  
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### **REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH**

Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our community. If you are not registered in the parish, please complete a registration card. Cards are available at church entrances or at the parish office.

### **MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS**

Please contact the office at least 6 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for baptisms. Check the parish website for more information.

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please call the parish office when a parishioner is home bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.



### **MASS TIMES**

Daily Mass: 6:45 and 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m.; 4:30 p.m. & Sp. 6:30 p. m.  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday Latin Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Latin Mass: 1:30 p.m.

### **CONFESSIONS**

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

### **PERPETUAL ADORATION**

**Perpetual Adoration** is in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To sign up for your hour with our Lord, call 539-2772.

**Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament** is held in the chapel every First Friday following 8:00 a.m. Mass.

### **DEVOTIONS**

**Recitation of the Rosary** is Monday – Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the Cathedral

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** is Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral

### **CATHEDRAL SHOPS**

**Cathedral Thrift Shop** is open Tues & Wed 9:30 – 2:30  
**Cathedral Books & Gifts** Hours: Wed-Fri 9:30-4:30  
& Sun 9:30-1:30 - Phone: 542-0250

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 17, 2017

Today's Hymn numbers follow bulletin announcements

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY DECEMBER 17

Coffee Social – PLC – 8:00 am – 12:00 noon  
RCIA – Becker Ctr. – 10:30 am  
Latin Mass – Cathedral – 1:30 pm

#### MONDAY DECEMBER 18

Rosary for Life-Chapel – 9:00 am  
Choir Rehearsal – PLC (Faith Rm) - 7:30 pm

#### TUESDAY DECEMBER 19

Latin Mass – Cathedral – 5:30 pm -

#### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20

Vespers Service – Cathedral – 6:00 pm  
Legion of Mary – PLC – 6:00 pm  
Queen of the Angels – Becker Ctr (Youth Room). – 6:15 pm  
Reconciliation Service – Cathedral – 7:00 pm

#### THURSDAY DECEMBER 21

Solemn High Mass (Latin) – Cathedral – 7:00 pm

#### FRIDAY DECEMBER 22

Friday Morning Bible Study – PLC – 9:30 am

#### SATURDAY DECEMBER 23

Confession – Cathedral – 3:30 – 4:30 pm  
Spanish Mass – Cathedral – 6:30 pm

### YEAR-END TAX STATEMENTS

#### ~2017 CHARITABLE DONATIONS~

Saint Eugene's greatly appreciates your donations to the parish operations fund. Those of you who make charitable donations and deduct them from your income taxes need to make sure that any checks you write to Saint Eugene's dated in December arrive in our office by Jan. 2nd. We will be making our bank deposit on that day. Any Dec. donations received as of that date will be included on the 2017 year-end tax statements that are sent to registered parishioners upon request who use offertory envelopes, online bank payments for plate collections and who donate by credit card. Donations received after Jan. 2nd will be posted to 2018.

#### ~CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS DECORATING~

The Advent season is upon us and Christmas will soon be here! We are in need of volunteers to help decorate the Cathedral for the season. The decorating will take place on Sat., Dec. 23rd, beginning after the 8:00 am Mass. Come and help make the Cathedral reflect the beauty of the Christmas season. Call Barbara at 529-1413 if you can help!

### Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

#### ADMINISTRATION

For the Week of: 11/26/17

Sunday Donations Received:	\$ 12,861
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Collection Revenue Received for: <i>School Tuition Program</i>	\$ 3,066
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#### ~CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

During the month of December the four volume set, *Liturgy of the Hours*, is 20% off! It is a perfect gift for that person who wants to pray the *Liturgy of the Hours*. The *Liturgy of the Hours*, also known as the *Divine Office*, is the daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer. The Hours are a meditative dialogue on the mystery of Christ, using scripture and prayer. Also, consider doing your Christmas shopping with us! We have many items such as statues, rosaries, medals, books, CD's and much, much more! The shop is open Wed-Fri from 9:30 am-4:30 pm, Sun 9:30 am-1:30 pm & Sat. 12:00 noon -4:30 pm. Call us at 542-0250.

#### ~FLOWER MEMORIAL ENVELOPES~

For those not receiving the Christmas mailing, you will find Christmas Flower donation memorial envelopes in the vestibules. The deadline for loved ones names to be published in the Christmas bulletin is Monday, 12/18, 12:00 noon. Names from envelopes received after this will be published in subsequent bulletins after Christmas.

### CHRISTMAS TREES

#### ~KRINGLES CHRISTMAS TREE REBATES~

Buy your tree at Kringle's Korner Christmas Trees at the Luther Burbank Center and earn a 15% rebate for St. Eugene's. Green rebate cards are in the vestibules. Turn in the card to Kringle's when you buy your tree. If you don't have a card or forget to take a card with you, just tell your sales clerk that you are from St. Eugene's and want to participate in the rebate program. The parish uses the rebates to help offset the cost of church Christmas greenery.

#### ~ST. VINCENT DE PAUL~

Thank you St. Eugene's parishioners for helping the St Vincent de Paul Society over the years with the 5th Sunday collections. We have been able to take care of about 3,000 clients (1,800 adults and 1,200 children) this year. Our main help is with food; but on occasion we have helped with other bills. Our clients are most appreciative of our help and relate that to us. We, in turn, let them know who provides the money for this project. December 31st is the last 5th Sunday this year. Your help is appreciated!

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 16</b>
6:00 am	Monalisa Douglas, living
8:00 am	Michael Tran, living
4:30 pm	Julian Warner, living
6:30 pm	Julio Cesar Peraza, deceased
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 17</b>
7:30 am	In Thanksgiving
9:00 am	George Schirle, deceased
10:30 am	People of the St. Eugene's
12:00 pm	Erin Johnson, deceased
1:30 pm	Edward and Frances Malone, deceased
5:30 pm	Ann and Scott Webb, deceased
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 18</b>
6:45 am	In Thanksgiving
8:00 am	McShane and Strong Families, living and deceased
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 19</b>
6:45 am	In Thanksgiving
8:00 am	Stephanie L. Buettner, deceased
5:30 pm	Michael Tran, living
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 20</b>
6:45 am	Goretti Sanchez-Barba, living
8:00 am	William Avilla, deceased
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 21</b>
6:45 am	Michael Tran, living
8:00 am	Stephanie L. Buettner, deceased
7:00 pm	Francis Keyes & Martha Keyes Cushnyr, deceased
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 22</b>
6:45 am	David P. Plagge, deceased
8:00 am	George Skikos, deceased
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 23</b>
8:00 am	George Skikos, deceased
4:30 pm	Rodney Avery Laws, Jr., living
6:30 pm	Julio Cesar Peraza, deceased

## **IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS**

Those who are ill need your support and prayers: Elaine Dolcini, Edward G. Urtega, Maureen Mardanyas, Alice Gordon, Cristina Mamuyac, Jeffrey Andrews, Thomas Timko, Jim Keegan, Irene Medina, Catherine Hubbard, Tristan Humble, Samuel Agius, Sandy Torti Wilcox, Marjorie Miles, Lynne Staley, Marie Tran, Pam Hall, Amelia Lansangan, Marv Kidweiler, Kathryn Acquistapace, Gail Brown, Bob Del Santo, Patrick Grace, Luigi Fabiano, Leo and Bernie Del Santo, Daniel Velasquez, Emeline Jane Smith, Nina Marie Cantacessi, Lisa Adams, Rosalind Britto, Ken Davis, Rita Wyatt, Bertha Harrington, Karen Mills, John Patrick, Valerie McGuire, Margaret Bowden, Eileen Carol.

## **~KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS~**

Join the Knights of Columbus for their Epiphany Breakfast on Sunday, January 7, from 8-12:00 noon in the Msgr. Becker Center. The cost will be \$8.00 a plate. Enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, OJ & hot chocolate! Please join us!

## **SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES**

### **~VESPERS SERVICE~**

Join Bishop Vasa for a sung Vespers service with our newly formed men's Gregorian Chant Schola this Wed., Dec. 20, at 6:00 pm in the Cathedral. Confessions follow at 7:00 pm.

### **~RECONCILIATION SERVICE~**

Prepare for Christmas by coming to our Parish Reconciliation Service at 7:00 p.m., this Wed., Dec. 20th, in the Cathedral. Individual Confessions will be heard at this time.

### **~SOLEMN HIGH MASS~**

Please join us as we offer a Solemn High Mass on Thursday, December 21st, at 7:00 pm. This will be a Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Latin). A Solemn High Mass is a Mass that has a deacon and a sub-deacon present. If you have never before attended a Mass in the Extraordinary form before, this might be a good first time! (No prayer vigil on this day.)

### **~CHRISTMAS CAROLS~**

Planning to attend the 9:00 pm Latin Mass on Dec. 24th? You are invited to come at 8:30 pm to hear our schola sing Christmas Carols. If you are planning to attend Midnight Mass (English), you are invited to come at 11:30 pm to listen to our Cathedral Choir sing Christmas Carols. For Christmas Mass times, you can find schedules on the tables in the vestibules and on our website at: [www.steugenes.com](http://www.steugenes.com).

### **~MILITIA IMMACULATA~**

This year is the 100th anniversary of the Militia Immaculata, founded by the priest and martyr of Auschwitz, St. Maximilian Kolbe. People today are extraordinarily busy and distracted, making it far too easy to make a sincere, total consecration to the Virgin Mary, and then forget about it in the confusion of our busy lives. The M.I. is an excellent way to continue being formed and reminded of one's individual consecration. Come to our 30 minute informational meeting on Friday, Jan 5th, at 5:00 pm, in the PLC. We will then have a much more detailed meeting on Saturday, Jan. 6th, in the PLC from 9-12:00 noon. For more information, please contact John Galten at 829-8140.

## **RESPECT LIFE**

### **~WALK FOR LIFE~**

The 14th annual Pacific Coast Walk for Life will take place in San Francisco on Saturday, Jan. 27th, 2018. The St. Eugene's Knights of Columbus, Council 4930 has organized a bus for the event. The bus will leave St. Eugene's parking lot at 8:00 am. Mass will be offered before the walk at St. Mary's Cathedral. At 1:30pm, the Walk down Market Street begins. Afterwards, participants will walk the few block's to our awaiting bus which will return everyone to St. Eugene's in the late afternoon. The cost is \$27 per person. To reserve a seat on the bus, send a \$27 check made out to "Knights of Columbus" with your contact information (must include e-mail address) to: Knights of Columbus, 3485D Airway Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95403. Payment must be received no later than Wed., 1/10/18. Call Mike at 579-8982.

# SUNDAY MASS HYMNS

## HYMNS AT 4:30 P.M. & 10:30 A.M.

ENTRANCE HYMN: #118 Missal

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: #204 Missal

COMMUNION HYMN: #230 Missal

RECESSIONAL HYMN: #260 Missal

## HYMNS AT 12:00 P.M.

ENTRANCE HYMN: TBA

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: TBA

COMMUNION HYMN: TBA

RECESSIONAL HYMN: TBA

## MY CATHOLIC FAITH

### **GAUDETE SUNDAY**

#### **~FROM THE PASTOR~**

The theme of our first two readings today is one of rejoicing. We are told to, *"Rejoice always"*. On this, the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, we feel joy at the nearness of the coming of the Lord. The difference between joy and happiness is that while happiness is dependent on external conditions, joy is more of an internal condition. Thus, joy can be present even in the midst of sadness. On this day, we experience the joy of knowing that soon we will celebrate the coming of the Christ child into the world to break the bonds of sin which had us chained since the days of Adam and Eve. Our Gospel reading focuses on John the Baptist, "He was not the light, but came to testify to the light." Also, Dec. 17 is the feast day of an oft overlooked saint. Let us read on ...

#### **~JOY AND PENANCE~**

"John the Baptist is often thought of as a stern, grim figure. But as a matter of fact, he could be the patron saint of joy! Maybe that's why he is the focal point of the gospel for Gaudete or Rejoice Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. Joy comes only through humility and repentance. On the third Sunday of Advent, the penitential purple of the season changes to rose and we celebrate "Gaudete" or "Rejoice!" Sunday. "Shout for joy, daughter of Sion" says Zephaniah. "Draw water joyfully from the font of salvation," says Isaiah. "Rejoice in the Lord always," says St. Paul. "Do penance for the judge is coming," says John the Baptist. Wait a minute! What's that stark, strident saint of the desert doing here, on "Rejoice Sunday"? His stern call to repentance does not seem to fit. Believe it or not, John the Baptist is the patron saint of spiritual joy. After all, he leapt for joy in his mother's womb at the presence of Jesus and Mary (Luke 1:44).

And it says that he rejoices to hear the bridegroom's voice (John 3:29-30)."

#### **~BEST MAN, NOT THE GROOM~**

"Now this is very interesting. Crowds were coming to hear John from all over Israel before anyone even heard a peep out of the carpenter from Nazareth. In fact, John even baptized his cousin. This launched the Lord's public ministry, heralding the demise of John's career. Most of us would not appreciate the competition. The Pharisees and Sadducees certainly didn't. They felt threatened by Jesus' popularity. But John actually encouraged his disciples to leave him for Jesus, the Lamb of God. When people came, ready to honor John as the messiah, he set them straight. He insisted that he was not the star of the show, only the best supporting actor. John may have been center-stage for a while, but now that the star had shown up, he knew it was time for him to slip quietly off to the dressing room. Or to use John's own example, he was like the best man at a wedding. It certainly is an honor to be chosen as "best man." But the best man does not get the bride. According to Jewish custom, the best man's role was to bring the bride to the bridegroom, and then make a tactful exit. And John found joy in this. "My joy is now full. He must increase and I must decrease."

#### **~REPENTANCE AND PRIDE~**

"The Baptist was joyful because he was humble. In fact, he shows us the true nature of this virtue. Humility is not beating up on yourself, denying that you have any gifts, talents, or importance. John knew he had an important role which he played aggressively, with authority and confidence. The humble man does not sheepishly look down on himself. Actually, he does not look at himself at all. *He looks away from himself to the Lord.*"

## ~PRIDE~

“Most human beings, at one time or another, battle a nagging sense inadequacy. Pride is sin’s approach to dealing with this. Proud people are preoccupied with self, seeing all others as competitors. The proud have to perpetually exalt themselves over others in hope that this will provide a sense of worth and inner peace. Of course, it doesn’t. Human history has proven that point time and time again. Even the pagan Greek storytellers knew that *hubris* or pride was the root of tragedy. Pride always comes before the fall, as it did in the Garden of Eden. Humility brings freedom from this frantic bondage. Trying at every turn to affirm, exalt, and protect oneself is an exhausting enterprise. Receiving one’s dignity and self-worth as a gift from God relieves us from this stressful burden. We can recognize the presence of God and feel a sense of satisfaction when others recognize that God is God and honor him as such. We can even be free to recognize godliness in someone else and rejoice when others notice and honor this person. But what about John’s stark call to repentance? How this be Good News? Because repentance is all about humility and humility is all about freedom. And freedom leads to inner peace and joy, joy in the presence of the Bridegroom.” Marcellino D’Ambrosio - [www.crossroadsinitiative.com/topics/gaudetesundayadventanjohnthebaptist/](http://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/topics/gaudetesundayadventanjohnthebaptist/)

## ~THE FIRST & SECOND COMING~

“It is good to pause a moment and think about the difference made by Christ’s first coming. Old Covenant vs. New. Works vs. Grace. Written law vs. the law of the Spirit. Liberation from Pharaoh vs. liberation from Satan. An eye for an eye vs. the Sermon on the Mount. It is also good to pause a moment to remember the difference between His first Coming and his Second. Mortality vs. immortality. The darkness of faith vs. the beatific vision. The valley of tears vs. unending joy. While Christ’s first coming transformed the meaning of suffering, it did not banish it. His Second Coming, however, will! At the sight of him riding upon the clouds, “sorrow and mourning will flee.” (Is. 35:10) Yes, we have been saved. But we have not yet fully taken possession of our salvation. We have tasted the first fruits, we have received the down-payment. But the rest is held for us in trust.” Marcellino D’Ambrosio. [www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/rejoice-in-hope-john-the-baptist-gaudete-sunday/](http://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/rejoice-in-hope-john-the-baptist-gaudete-sunday/)

## FEAST DAY OF ST. HILDEGARD

### ~VISIONARY~

December 17th is the Feast Day of a little known saint: St. Hildegard of Bingen. Let us learn a little more about this amazing woman. “Abbess, artist, author, composer, mystic, pharmacist, poet, preacher, theologian—where to begin in describing this remarkable woman? Born into a noble family, she was instructed for ten years by the holy woman Blessed Jutta. When Hildegard was 18, she became a Benedictine nun at the Monastery of Saint Disibodenberg. Ordered by her confessor to write down the visions that she had received since the age of three, Hildegard took ten years to write her *Scivias* (*Know the Ways*). Pope Eugene III read it, and in 1147, encouraged her to continue writing. Her *Book of the Merits of Life* and *Book of Divine Works* followed. She wrote over 300 letters to people who sought her advice; she also composed short works on medicine and physiology, and sought advice from contemporaries such as Saint Bernard of Clairvaux.

### ~LIVING SPARKS~

Hildegard’s visions caused her to see humans as “living sparks” of God’s love, coming from God as daylight comes from the sun. Sin destroyed the original harmony of creation; Christ’s redeeming death and resurrection opened up new possibilities. Virtuous living reduces the estrangement from God and others that sin causes. Like all mystics, Hildegard saw the harmony of God’s creation and the place of women and men in that. This unity was not apparent to many of her contemporaries. Hildegard was no stranger to controversy. The monks near her original foundation protested vigorously when she moved her monastery to Bingen, overlooking the Rhine River. She confronted Emperor Frederick Barbarossa for supporting at least three antipopes. Hildegard challenged the Cathars, who rejected the Catholic Church claiming to follow a more pure Christianity. Between 1152 and 1162, Hildegard often preached in the Rhineland. Her monastery was placed under interdict because she had permitted the burial of a young man who had been excommunicated. She insisted that he had been reconciled with the Church and had received its sacraments before dying. In 2012, Hildegard was canonized and named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI.” <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-hildegard-of-bingen/>

**CATEDRAL DE ST. EUGENE'S — 17 de Diciembre del 2017**  
**Tercer Domingo de Adviento**

**PARA LA PARTICIPACION EN LA MISA**

**CREDO**

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible. Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no creado, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; Que por nosotros lo hombres, y por nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, Y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María la Virgen, y se hizo hombre; Y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato; padeció y fue sepultado, Y resucitó al tercer día, según las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecha del Padre; Y de nuevo vendrá con gloria para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin.

Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor y dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, Que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y gloria, y que habló por los profetas.

Creo en la Iglesia, que es una, santa, católica y apostólica. Confieso que hay un solo Bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida del mundo futuro. **Amén.**

**BAUTIZO**

Preparación Pre-Bautismal en Español, Para Padres y Padrinos. Cada Primer Jueves de cada mes en el Salón Parroquial (PLC) La próxima será: el 4 de Enero a las 7:00pm. *No niños.*  
Antes de hacer preparativos tienen que hablar a la oficina por lo menos 2 meses antes.

**DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL PADRE ROA**

**Vida de San Nicolás de Myra ó de Bari**

Nos encontramos en el tiempo de adviento, tiempo de preparación para la llegada del Hijo de Dios. En esta época donde los niños comienzan a preparar sus cartas para pedir sus juguetes preferidos, ropa u otra cosa que más les guste, los padres o madres de familia les dicen escríbele o pídele a santa Claus (san Nicolás) que te lo traiga, siendo un error muy común, bien sea por ignorancia, por cultura o por adaptarnos a una cultura de un país extranjero. Así olvidamos de decirles a nuestros niños que realmente se le debe pedir o escribir es al niño Dios, al niño Jesús, esto tal vez por comodidad o por costumbre no les explicamos que el santa Claus (san Nicolás) que ellos creen, es un hombre cualquiera que no existió, —————>

que los medios de comunicación y las grandes corporaciones jugueteras lo promueven para hacer marketing, entonces lo llamaremos el san Nicolás comercial.

Nos olvidamos que San Nicolás, obispo de Myra existió realmente. Nació a finales del siglo 3, era nativo de Patara en Licia, Asia Menor. Unos de sus tíos era obispo y fue éste quien lo consagró como sacerdote, al quedar huérfano repartió todas sus riquezas entre los pobres e ingresó al monasterio del Santo Sión cerca de Myra. Cuando la Sede de Myra capital de Licia estuvo vacante, por tradición los obispos y sacerdotes se reunían en el templo para la elección del nuevo obispo, ya que el anterior había muerto. Al fin dijeron: "elegiremos al próximo sacerdote que entre al templo". En ese momento y sin saber lo que ocurría, entró Nicolás y por aclamación de todos fue nombrado obispo.

San Nicolás fue muy generoso con los pobres, virtud característica de este hombre fue sin duda su caridad. Protector especial de los inocentes y extraviados. Desde niño todo lo que conseguía lo repartía. Hacia penitencia y era abstemio desde muy joven. Cuentan que un padre de familia quien se había quedado muy pobre quería abandonar a sus tres hijas a una vida de pecado, San Nicolás viendo lo que estaba pasando salió y arrojó una bolsa de oro por la ventana de la casa, al saber este padre de familia que había sido Nicolás cayó de rodilla ante El diciéndole "tú eres mi protector, salvando mi alma y las de mis hijas del infierno". Fue muy querido por la cantidad de milagros que concedió a los fieles.

Se dice que sufrió por la Fe bajo Diocleciano, quien lo encarcelo y lo azoto. Estuvo presente en el concilio de Nicea como opositor del Arrianismo (que se caracterizaba por negar que Jesús tuviera la misma condición divina que Dios Padre. Siendo una herejía y en este concilio fue condenado). Logró impedir que los herejes arrianos entrasen a la ciudad de Myra. Murió en Myra en el año 342

El emperador Justiniano construyó una iglesia en su honor en Constantinopla, alrededor del año 540. En oriente lo llaman Nicolás de Myra, por la ciudad donde fue obispo, pero en occidente se le llama Nicolás de Bari, porque cuando los mahometanos invadieron a Turquía, un grupo de católicos sacó de allí, en secreto, las reliquias y se las llevó a la ciudad de Bari, en Italia, en el año 1807. Honrado con gran veneración por las iglesias Griega y Latina, La iglesia Rusa parece honrarlo más que a otro santo después de los Apóstoles, siendo el Santo Patrono de Rusia, de Grecia y de Turquía.

San Nicolás patrono especial de los niños, de los panaderos y prestamistas. Celebramos su fiesta los 6 de diciembre. Pidamos a este ejemplar Santo que interceda ante Dios, que nos libre de los peligros y así marchemos sin obstáculos al camino de la salvación.