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NICHOLAS OF MYRA

Among other things, Saint Nicholas of Myra became a patron saint of sailors. This image depicts a key ring with his supposed image.

Saint Nicholas was born in the seaport town of <u>Patara</u>, on the Turkish <u>coast</u>, in about 271 A.D. Although his parents were very wealthy, they died (most likely of plague) when Nicholas was still a boy.

At the time, Turkey was called Asia Minor. Today the <u>ruins</u> of Patara are mostly under the <u>beautiful</u> sandy beaches of the <u>area</u>. Not much has been excavated, although some ruins are visible.

Little is known about the early years of his life. During the centuries, legend has replaced fact.

According to <u>Butler's Lives of the Saints</u>, Nicholas wanted to share the wealth his parents had left him. And it is that sharing of wealth, and how he did it, that led to his increasing fame and his association with <u>protecting</u> <u>children</u>.

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