

Wreath Lighting and a Visit from the Bishop of Myra Kick Off the First Week of Advent

At the 9:00 a.m. Mass the Teal Family lit the first candle of the Advent Wreath, the "Prophet's Candle", which symbolizes Hope and reminds us that Jesus is coming.

The Bishop of Myra (*aka St. Nicholas*) paid a visit to RE classrooms, passing out candy canes and telling the story of how he became known for his generosity to those in need.



Santa & St. Nicholas

Santa Claus is round and plump;

St. Nicholas is tall and thin.

Santa Claus wears a stocking cap;

St. Nicholas wears a bishop's hat.

Santa Claus comes December 25th;

St. Nicholas comes December 6th.

Santa Claus is often seen in stores;

St. Nicholas is often seen in churches.

Santa Claus flies through the air—

from the North Pole;

St. Nicholas walked the earth,

caring for those in need.

Santa Claus,

for some, replaces Jesus at Christmas;

St. Nicholas, for all,

points to Jesus at Christmas.

—C. Myers & J. Rosenthal

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St. Nicholas was born in the third century, dedicated his life to serving God, and was made Bishop of Myra which is in present-day Turkey.

