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Sealed Under Turkish Mud, a Well-Preserved Byzantine Chapel

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Myra-Andriake Excavations

DISCOVERY A section of the 13th-century chapel at Myra.

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DEMRE, Turkey — In the fourth century A.D., a bishop named Nicholas transformed the city of Myra, on the Mediterranean coast of what is now Turkey, into a Christian capital.

Nicholas was later canonized, becoming the St. Nicholas of Christmas fame. Myra had a much unhappier fate. ([περισσότερα...](#))