

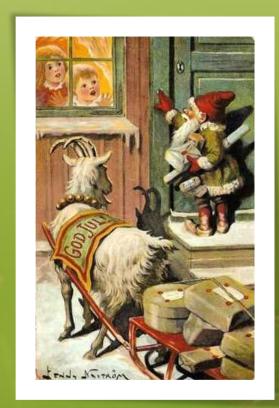
Joulupukki



The name "Joulupukki" literally means "Christmas Goat"

Earlier, Joulupukki wore a goat fur and delivered gifts to children on a goat





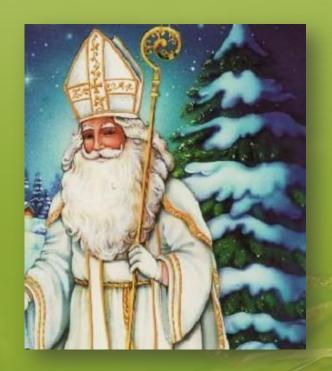
Svatý Mikulá**š** (St. Nicholas)



... is usually dressed in the white robes of bishop

Accompanied by an angel and a devil (representatives of good and bad children)





Jultomten



...is often depicted as a portly gnome with a white beard and a pointed red cap.

During most of the year this creature hides under the staircase, in the attic, or in any other dark corner of the house

The Jultomten emerges on Christmas Eve, tucking small gifts into unlikely locations about the house





Sinterklaas



... is an elderly, stately and serious man with white hair and a long, full beard

... has a servant Zwarte Piet (Black Pete)





Père Noël



...He resembles Santa Claus in appearance, but instead of using reindeer he rides a single donkey called Gui





La Befana



...is a witch-like character, wears a black shawl and carries a bag of gifts

She supposedly does not like to be seen, and is said to whack any child who her spies on her with





Tol Babai (Vdmurtia)

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...looks like Ded Moroz, but wear fashionable purple suit.





Yamal Iri (Yamal peninsula)

Totally gray-haired he works as a shamar the rest of the year.



Ehee Dyl (Yakutia)

He has a huge bull, which every autumn comes from the ocean and begins to grow horns. The longer horns – the stronger frost





Uvlin Uvgun (Mongolia)

He can be easily recognized by fox fur hat.









Basil (Cyprus)

The patron of unmarried people.





Father heat (Cambodia)



