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A PILGRIMAGE FROM CHILE ST NICHOLAS IN LATIN AMERICA

SAN NICOLÁS

CHILE



The town's coat of arms

An unexpected pilgrimage arrived to Bari this 9th of May: the municipal counsel of the town of San Nicolás in **Chile** (Province of Ñuble, region of Biobío. The group was composed by the mayor (alcalde) Victor Toro Leiva, and the counsellors Elena Rivas Toro, Ramón Toro Leiva, Feliciano Parra Pérez, Luis Guzmán Alvarez, Rogelio Hernández González, y Manuel Bello Nuñez.

San Nicolás, 25 km from Chillán, is a town with 9.991 inhabitants.

Founded at the end of XVIII century, is characterized by forestal and rural activities. A public Library ("Rosario Lantaño Pedro Bueno" was created in 1978.

Other News: **St Nicholas Schools in Santiago:** 1. *St Nicholas de Myra* (Academic coordinator of English program: Vangelina Hernández); 2. *Kindergarten Montessori*; 3. *Colegio San Nicolás Diácono* in Chicureo. [50 km from Santiago there are a beautiful SN Hill and a Stream].



A PROVISIONAL LIST OF ST NICHOLAS CHURCHES IN LATIN AMERICA

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SN = St Nicholas; RC= Roman Catholic; Orth = Orthodox; Angl = Anglican; pr = province; ch = church; NB. In Latin America there are about 20 towns named after St Nicholas of Bari. Here are signed with numbers only the towns in which I have found clear reference to a SN church. I remind the reader that a great number of churches is dedicated to St Nicholas of Tolentino (obviously they have been omitted here).

Argentina:

- 1.- Buenos Aires (Santa Fe 1364); RC
- 2.-Buenos Aires (Gr Orth.)
- 3.- La Rioja;



**La Rioja
St Nicholas
Cathedral**

- 4.- San Nicolás de los Arroyos (city and RC church);



**San
Nicolás de
los Arroyos**

- 5.- SN de los Arroyos (iglesia adventista);
- 6.- Villa el Descanso (Russ. Orth. Zagr).
- 7.- Ambil;
- 8.- San Pablo,
- 9.- Machagay Chaco (Orth. Montenegrin)
- 10.-San Nicolás (town and church at 5 km from Chilecito, La Rioja)
- 11.-Cordoba (Rus Orth Ch Zagr);

Aruba (Holland):

San Nicolàs (island and town; church ?). *Second city after Oranjestad.*

Bahamas:

- 1.-East End, G B (St Michael and N, angl)
- 2.-High Rock, Grand Bahama, Angl Ch

Barbados:

- 1.-St Nicholas Abbey (1650 plantation center)

**St Nicholas
Abbey
Barbados**



Bolivia:

San Nicolás, a town in Cochabamba prov. (ch ?); Rancho San Nicolás (Santa Cruz).

Brazil:

- 1.- São Nicolau (1628) on the Suruí river (districto de Magé, Rio de J.).
- 2.- São Nicolau in Rio Grande do Sul, town of 5000 and church.
- 3.-Goiania (Orth. Parish)
- 4.-Rio de Janeiro (Orth. Antiochene ch)
- 5.- São Paulo (Russian Orth. Zagr)
- 6.- Florianopolis (Greek Orth.)

**Church of
St Nicholas
in Rio
Grande do
Sul**



Chile:

- 1.- Santiago, Recoleta (Orth.; sec. Jim RC);

San Nicolas (prov. of Ñuble, region of Biobío; town, church ?). NB. Be careful: There is a Recoleta also in the suburb of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Colombia:

- 1 - Cali (Valle del Cauca);



San Nicolás Cali, Valle del Cauca
Colombia

- 2.- Rionegro (Antioquía, concatedral);
- 3.- Sopetrán (Antioquía, iglesia colonial);
- 4.- Cartagena (SN de la Roca).

NB. Be careful: many SN churches in Colombia (like in Barranquilla and Medellín) are dedicated to SN Tolentino.

Costa Rica:

District of Cartago (church ?)

Cuba:

1. Habana Vieja, St Jude and N
2. Habana SN of Myra (Greek Orth
3. San Nicolás,
town in the prov of Mayabeque, ex
Habana 20.000 with airport and church.



St Nicholas
Greek Orth
Church
Habana,
Cuba

Ecuador:

Andine mission of St Nicholas in Cotopaxi-Pujili (a church too ?). NB. The churches in Palenque and Tumbes are dedicated to SN Tolentino.

El Salvador:

- 1.-SN Tonacatepeque (RC)

Guatemala:

- 1.- Quetzaltenango (Xela, RC);



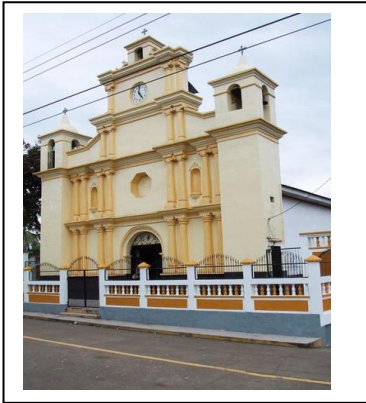
S Nicholas
Church
in
Quetzalte-
nango
Guatemala

Haiti:

- 1.-Mole St Nicolás (town and church)
- 2.Eglise St Nicolas (Angl)
3. Cap Haitien (Russian Zagr)

Honduras:

- 1.- San Nicolás (Dep. Santa Barbara, town of 10.740 inhab, and church);
- 2.- San Nicolás (Dep. Copán, town of 5000 and church, RC);



St Nicholas Church in the town of St Nicolás, pr. of Copán Honduras

3.- Copán (angl., ruins, Jim)

Mexico:

- 1.- Zapopan (Guadalajara);
- 2.- San Cristobal (Chiapas);
- 3.- Santa Fe de la Laguna;
- 4.- General Escobedo (Monterrey, N L).

San Nicolás (town Oaxaca pr; church ?); San Nicolás Hidalgo (town Oaxaca pr; ch ?); San Nicolas de Obispo (town, Morelia pr; church ?); Morelia (Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo; church ?); Patzcuaro (ex-Church, after College of San Nicolás, today Museo de Artes e Industrias Populares); SN de los Ranchos (town, Puebla pr); SN Buenos Aires (town, Puebla prov.); SN de Ibarra (town, Jalisco pr); San Nicolás (Tamaulipas prov); San Nicolás (Guerrero pr); SN Zoyatlan (Guerrero pr); SN del Oro (Guerrero pr); SN Acambay (pr ?). NB. **Be careful:** San Nicolas de los Garza (town in N Leon; church SN Tolentino; *SN of Bari too ?*). Note that a Parish of SN is also in Guadalajara, Spain.

Nicaragua:

- 1.-La Paz Centro.
San Nicolás (dep. Esteli, town of 6768; church?). NB. The SN church of Managua is dedicated to SN Tolentino.

Paraguay:

- 1.-Encarnacion. San Nicolás (Russian Orth. Zagr.).
San Nicolás. One of the 7 pueblos founded by the Jesuits in XVII c. *Church?*

Peru:

Bahia San Nicolás (Marcona, church?); San Nicolás Airport (Rodriguez de Mendoza; church?); San Nicolás (district of Amazonas, church ?)

Republica Dominicana:

- 1.Santo Domingo (Ch and Hospital; ruins)

Trinidad Tobago:

- 1.-SN San Souci (Angl)
- 2.-SN Tableland (Angl.)
- 3.- SN Lambeau Tobago (Angl)

Uruguay:

- 1.-Montevideo (Greek Orth.)

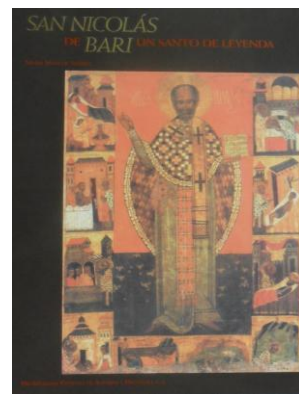
Venezuela:

- 1.-Porlamar, Isla Margarita (1st doc. 1766),
- 2.-Moruy (1st doc. 1681 ?),

St Nicholas Church in Moruy (Paraguaná Peninsula) Falcón, Venezuela



- 3.-Sarare (1st doc. 1779),
- 4.-S. Nicolás de Obispos (1st doc. 1738),
- 5.-S. Nicolás de Chuao (end of XVIII c.).



María Matilde Suárez, *San Nicolás de Bari, un Santo de leyenda*, Caracas 2000.

Greetings from Bari, while a crowd of Russian Pilgrims is attending the Orthodox Celebration for the feast of the Translation of St Nicholas' relics from Myra to Bari (9/22 May)