



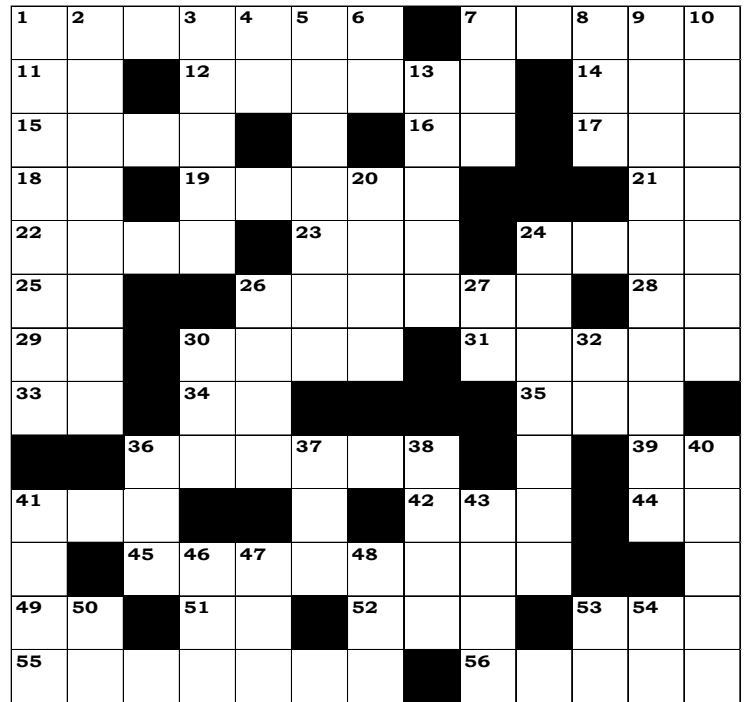
Puzzle #670

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ACROSS

1. Our ____ Santa Claus of today has religious roots in a historic Greek saint, St. Nicholas of Myra who lived in the middle 300's in what is today Turkey.
7. The 1822 iconic poem we know familiarly as "Twas the night before Christmas" is actually titled "A ____ from St. Nicholas." Its image of St. Nick (Nicholas) set the standard for today's Santa Claus.
11. Army policeman.
12. Import tax.
14. He runs his own pizza chain.
15. Billy Bob, I jist ____ that kinda feller.
16. ____TN; Catholic radio.
17. News service for KBIA, for example.
18. Letters for the fed. holiday on the first Monday of Sept.
19. County Seat of Knox Co. and home of St. Joseph Church.
21. Internet code for Romania.
22. To gaze in a lascivious way.
23. Distress letters.
24. #20 DOWN must have been sick of it after 40 days and nights.
25. 13th letter of the alphabet.
26. "King Nebuchadnezzar had a golden ____ made, sixty cubits high..." (Daniel 3:1).

28. Like Ave. or Rd.
29. Short for *Sports Illustrated* magazine.
30. God spoke to Moses from a burning one (Exodus 3:2-4).
31. I ____ emotionally involved to render an unbiased opinion.
33. In text, letters for take care.
34. Letters for Owens-Illinois, world's leading glass bottle manufacturer.
35. Prince Valiant's son.
36. St. Nicholas is the ____ saint of Sicily, Greece and numerous cities and regions in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Italy, Russia, & the Netherlands.
39. "____, what's up, Doc?"
41. A ____ boss; gangster chieftain.
42. Suffix for east or west.
44. Letters after an osteopath's name.
45. In 1809, St. Nicholas was portrayed as a pipe-smoking figure in a flying wagon magically delivering presents to good boys and girls and also ____ to bad ones (Washington Irving's *History of New York*).
49. Short for the parishes in Brookfield, Owensville, and St. James.
51. Short for artificial intelligence.
52. Short for transient ischemic attack; a brief mini-stroke that could signal a bigger stroke ahead.
53. "____ est enim corpus meum," i.e., "This is my Body," the words of consecration in the old Latin Mass.
55. The best known story of St. Nicholas's generous care is his secretly providing marriage ____ for three young girls thus saving them from destitution and prostitution.



56. The name Santa Claus comes from Sinter Klaas, the ____ name for St. Nicholas.

DOWN

1. In 1926, the Father Millet cross at historic Ft. Niagara, dedicated to a Jesuit priest's heroic mission to the Indians, was established as a national monument, the ____ nat. monument ever established (320 sq. ft.). It was removed from the Nat. Park system in 1949.
2. St. Nicholas's Christian parents died of an ____ while he was young. He dedicated himself and his inheritance for all in need and esp. for children.
3. "Blessed are you when they... ____ every kind of evil against you..." (Matthew 5:11).
4. ____-dee-da.
5. It is said that, after the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Nicholas is the saint most pictured by Christian ____.
6. The old Rock Island (____) railroad line in Mo. is being touted as another possible KATY Trail.
7. A veteran's org.
8. The Virgin Mary was conceived without it.
9. The real St. Nicholas was ____ because of his great defense of the faith in the times of Roman persecution. He was associated with many miracles.
10. The CN Tower at 1,815 ft. high in this city is Canada's most recognizable and celebrated icon.
13. St. Nicholas's reputation for secret gift-giving inspired a custom on his Dec. 6th ____ Day to give out presents, thus a model for Santa Claus. After the 1500's, the more common date for gift-giving started shifting to the celebration of Christmas.
20. He counted animals two at a time.
24. Today the ____ of the Bishop St. Nicholas is housed in the Cathedral of St. Nicholas in Bari, Italy.
26. Santa Claus's red ____ imitates the red garments of a Bishop, in this case Bishop St. Nicholas.

27. Letters for the Crimson Tide Univ.
30. A reptile constrictor.
32. In business, short for total revenue.
36. The ____ NewsHour is hosted by Judy Woodruff.
37. The thug said he would never ____ on his fellow thieves.
38. A brand of soda.
40. Moonshine.
41. "Lovely Rita, meter ____," lyrics from the Beatles album "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band."
43. "(Jesus) stood up to ____ and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah" (Luke 4:16).
46. The "Just ____ Theory" applies only to nation States and has three stringent conditions set out in the *Catechism of the Cath. Church*, #2309.
47. 3 pm on a sundial, perhaps.
48. Certain medical scans.
50. "...we may merit to be ____ heirs to eternal life..." —Eucharistic Prayer II.
53. Abbr. for height.
54. Letters for OxyContin, a prescription drug.