

**The Czech Center Museum Houston Celebrates its Annual St. Nicholas Eve Tradition,**

**Friday, December 4, 2009, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** Brno Gallery **Free Admission** Family Children's Hour includes Visit with St. Nicholas and Nicholas Market.

**7:30 p.m.** Prague Hall Dinner Service & Entertainment commences - **Dinner Admission: \$50.00 per person.** Partial proceeds benefit Third Floor Build-Out. For admission information RSVP required with pre-payment contact Valerie at: 713.528.2060, [valerie@czechcenter.org](mailto:valerie@czechcenter.org).

**Who was St. Nicholas?**

*The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas who was born during the third century in the village of Patara. At the time, the area was Greek and is now on the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young.*

*Obedying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man.*

*Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships.*

*Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly persecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and imprisoned. He was released later and he died December 6, AD 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church. The anniversary of his death became a day of celebration, St. Nicholas Day. St. Nicholas is patron of sailors and protector of children and ferrymen.*

**Free Family Children's Hour**

Visit with St. Nicholas and Nicholas Market  
6:30 to 7:30 p.m – Brno Gallery

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to make the following reservations:

Children's Names and

Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults Accompanying \_\_\_\_\_

I am not attending the Dinner but I would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be applied to the Capital Campaign for the finish of the third floor.

Please indicate payment method by using form in next column.

**CCMH Celebrates St. Nicholas**

Dinner and Entertainment  
7:30 p.m. December 4, 2009 – Prague Hall

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Tel \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to make the following reservations:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Reservation/s @ \$50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**I am unable to attend** but wish to make a contribution to the Capital Campaign for the finish of the third floor in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment for this reservation/contribution is as follows:

Enclosed is check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to: **Czech Center**

**Museum Houston** or charge this amount of to my credit card:

Visa  MasterCard  Discover Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Also you may pay through Google Checkout on the web: [www.czechcenter.org](http://www.czechcenter.org)

**Please reply by December 1, 2009 – print names of your guests below**