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T. CHRISTOPHER, a legendary martyr of the 3rd century and Saint of the Roman Catholic and Greek Churches.

He is said to have been 12 feet high and of prodigious strength, and served only the mightiest on earth, and eventually gave himself to be the servant of the devil.

One day, however, he saw the devil trembling before an image of Christ and resolved thenceforth to serve Christ only. For his penance he undertook to carry pilgrims across a broad unbridged stream.



His feats of strength incurred the enmity of Dagnus, prefect under the Emperor Decius, who ordered him to be shot with poisoned arrows. These only rebounded from him, the prefect himself being wounded.

Christopher suffered himself to be beheaded that his blood might heal his enemy.

St. Christopher has been adopted as the patron saint of travellers in all lands.

The Roman Catholic Church celebrates his festival on July 25th, and the Greek Church on May 9th.