

St. Basil the Great

St. Basil the Great was born in 329 in what is now Turkey. He was such a successful speaker that he feared he would lose his piety. Therefore, he gave away his money and things to become a priest and monk. The bishop and archbishop of Caesarea founded monasteries; he also made rules for monks who lived in the desert. He is a doctor of the church and a father of the church. He died in 379. St. Basil is patron saint of hospital administrators, reformers and Russia.