

St. Damasus I, pope

St. Damasus I was born circa 306 in Rome. A priest, he was elected the 37th pope in 366. This election also saw the rise of anti-pope Ursinus. The pope was opposed to Arianism and Apollinarianism. He commissioned St. Jerome to do a translation of Scripture, which is now called the Vulgate. Damasus restored shrines, martyrs' tombs and catacombs. He died Dec. 11, 384, in Rome. St. Damasus is patron saint of archeologists.