

St. Ignatius of Antioch

St. Ignatius of Antioch was born circa the year 50 in Syria. He converted to Christianity and eventually become the bishop of Antioch, Syria. He served during the persecutions of Domitian and Trajan. The latter ordered that St. Ignatius be killed by wild animals in Rome. The trip to Rome took months, during which the saint wrote letters to churches. It is said that he was the first to use the term the Catholic Church. He was thrown to wild animals and died circa 107. St. Ignatius of Antioch is patron saint of the church in the eastern Mediterranean.