



IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

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Bishop and Martyr

- ✦ Teaching bishop; wrote letters to Romans, Magnesians, Ephesians, Trallians, Philadelphians, Smyrnæans, and Polycarp
- ✦ Threefold orders: deacon, presbyter, bishop
- ✦ Emphasized monepiscopacy (or “monarchical episcopate”) – one bishop per diocese
- ✦ First to refer to “catholic church”
- ✦ Devoured by beasts in Rome under Trajan

Come together in common through grace, each of you, in one faith, and in Jesus Christ, who was of the seed of David according to the flesh, being both the Son of man and the Son of God, so that you obey the bishop and the presbytery with an undivided mind, breaking one bread, which is the medicine of immortality. . . .

To the Ephesians, xx

There is one Physician who is possessed both of flesh and spirit; both made and not made; God in flesh; true life in death; born of Mary and of God; first passible and then impassible, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

To the Ephesians, vii