



IRENÆUS OF LYONS

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d. 203

28 June

Bishop

- ✦ Native of Smyrna
- ✦ Consulted by Rome relative to status of Montanism
- ✦ While in Rome, his bishop was martyred; when he returned to Lyons, he was consecrated
- ✦ Opponent of Gnosticism
- ✦ Author of *Refutation and Overthrow of the Knowledge Falsely So-Called* (*Adversus Hæreses*)
- ✦ Advocate of tradition, Scripture, and episcopacy
- ✦ Taught doctrine of *anakephalaiosis*, recapitulation

“We ought not to seek the truth among others which it is easy to obtain from the Church; since the apostles, like a rich man depositing his money in a bank,, delivered into her hands in the fullest measure the whole truth: so that every man, whosoever will, can draw from her the water of life.”

Adv. Hær. III.4