



## JEROME

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d. 420

30 September

Monastic, Presbyter, and Scholar

- ✠ Wrote Life of St. Paul, the first desert hermit
- ✠ Learned Hebrew while a hermit in Syria
- ✠ Secretary to Pope Damasus
- ✠ When Damasus died, he sought more hospitable base of operations in Bethlehem, with Paula
- ✠ Controversy over death of Paula's daughter Blesilla
- ✠ Translated Bible from Hebrew and Greek into more accurate, everyday Latin
- ✠ Correspondent of Augustine, friend of Nazianzen

A literal translation from one language into another obscures the sense; the exuberance of the growth lessens the yield. For while one's diction is enslaved to cases and metaphors, it has to explain by tedious circumlocutions what a few words would otherwise have sufficed to make plain.

One who is well-grounded in the testimonies of the Scripture is the bulwark of the Church.

We speak to him when we pray; we listen to him when we read the divine oracles.