Jerome

Monastic, Presbyter, and Scholar

30 September
d. 420

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.