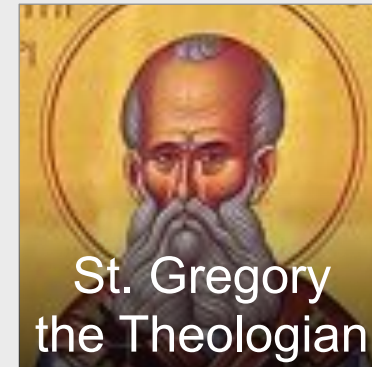
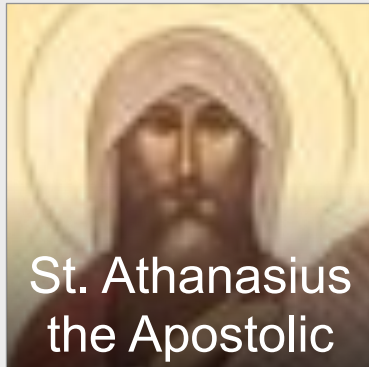


Prominent 3rd / 4th Century Apostolic Fathers



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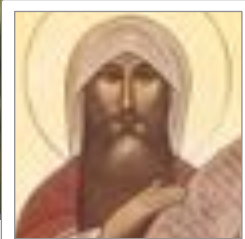
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♥ 20th Pope of Alexandria
Past: deacon, presbyter

🗣️ Speaks **Coptic** and **Greek**

📍 Lived in **Alexandria, Egypt**

★ Born in **Alexandria, Egypt** in 297 AD

🕒 Died in 373 AD (77 yrs old)

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St. Gregory the Theologian ▶ **Pope Athanasius the Apostolic**

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This man was indeed a Pillar of the Church

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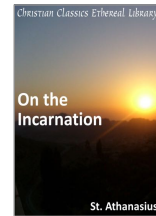
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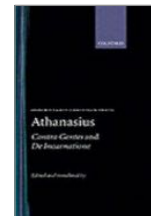
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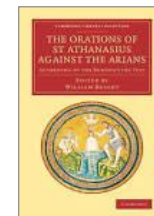
Life of Antony



On the Incarnation



Against the Heathens



Orations of St. Athanasius



Treatises of St. Athanasius

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Pope Athanasius the Apostolic

c. 325 AD

God the Word of the all-good Father did not abandon the human race when it was falling to its ruin. By the offering of His own body He destroyed death which had attached itself to man, by His own teaching He corrected man's negligence, by His own power He restored all that belonged to man's condition. #OntheIncarnation

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Jesus that I know as my Redeemer cannot be less than God" [#CouncilOfNicea](#)

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Pope Athanasius the Apostolic

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Both from the confession of the evil spirits and from the daily witness of His works, it is manifest, then, and let none presume to doubt it, that the Savior has raised His own body, and that He is very Son of God, having His being from God as from a Father, Whose Word and Wisdom and Whose Power He is. He it is Who in these latter days assumed a body for the salvation of us all, and taught the world concerning the Father. He it is Who has destroyed death and freely graced us all with incorruption through the promise of the resurrection, having raised His own body as its first-fruits, and displayed it by the sign of the cross as the monument to His victory over death and its corruption [#OnTheIncarnation](#)

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Pope Athanasius the Apostolic

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Orthodoxy is what Christ taught, the apostles preached, and the fathers kept...But what is also to the point, let us note that the very tradition, teaching and faith of the Catholic Church from the beginning, which the Lord gave, was preached by the Apostles, and was preserved by the Fathers. On this was the Church founded; and if anyone departs from this, he neither is nor any longer ought to be called a Christian: there is a Trinity holy and perfect, acknowledged as God, in Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, having nothing foreign or external mixed with It . . . It is consistent in Itself, indivisible in nature, and Its activity is one. The Father does all things through the Word in the Holy Spirit; and thus the unity of the Holy Trinity is preserved; and thus there is preached in the Church one God, "who is over all, and through all, through the Word; and in all, in the Holy Spirit."

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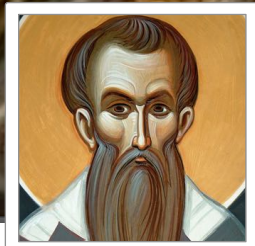


Pope Athanasius the Apostolic

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The Son of God became man so that we might become God.

23 billion people like this



St. Basil the Great

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♥ Bishop of **Caeserea, Cappadocia** and One of the Cappadocian Fathers
 Past: orphaned son of rich parents

🗣️ Speaks **Greek**

📍 Lived in **Caeserea**

★ Born in **Caeserea, Cappadocia** in 330 AD

🕒 Died in 379 AD (49 yrs old)

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St. Basil the Great

c. 350 AD

I am abandoning my profession as a lawyer.

I had wasted much time on follies and spent nearly all of my youth in vain labors, and devotion to the teachings of a wisdom that God had made foolish. Suddenly, I awoke as out of a deep sleep. I beheld the wonderful light of the Gospel truth, and I recognized the nothingness of the wisdom of the princes of this world.

32 million people like this



St. Gregory the Theologian ▶ St. Basil the Great

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Go forth a little way from the city, and behold the New City, the storehouse of piety, the common treasury of the wealthy ... where disease is regarded in a religious light, and disaster is thought a blessing, and sympathy is put to the test. [#Basiliad](#)

147 million people like this



St. Basil the Great

unknown

O God, the great and eternal, who formed man in incorruption. But death which entered into the world by the envy of the devil, You have destroyed by the life-giving manifestation of Your only begotten Son, Our Lord God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

32 million people like this



St. Basil the Great

unknown

When you sit down to eat, pray. When you eat bread, do so thanking Him for being so generous to you. If you drink wine, be mindful of Him who has given it to you for your pleasure and as a relief in sickness. When you dress, thank Him for His kindness in providing you with clothes. When you look at the sky and the beauty of the stars, throw yourself at God's feet and adore Him who in His wisdom has arranged things in this way. Similarly, when the sun goes down and when it rises, when you are asleep or awake, give thanks to God, who created and arranged all things for your benefit, to have you know, love and praise their Creator.

13 billion people like this



St. Basil the Great

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Keep striving until the fire of heresy is put out, before it consumes the Church.
[#FightNestorianism](#) [#FightArianism](#)

13 billion people like this



St. Basil the Great

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“If you see your neighbor in sin, don't look only at this, but also think about what he has done or does that is good, and infrequently trying this in general, while not partially judging, you will find that he is better than you.”

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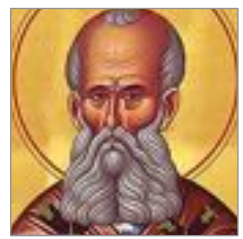


St. Basil the Great

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Do not say, 'This happened by chance, while this came to be of itself.' In all that exists there is nothing disorderly, nothing indefinite, nothing without purpose, nothing by chance ... How many hairs are on your head? God will not forget one of them. Do you see how nothing, even the smallest thing, escapes the gaze of God?

13 billion people like this



St. Gregory the Theologian

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Archbishop of **Constantinople** and One of the Cappadocian Fathers
Past: Bishop of Sasima

Speaks **Latin** (fluently) and **Greek**

Lived in **Nazianzus, Cappadocia**

Born in **Nazianzus, Cappadocia** in 329 AD

Died in 390 AD (61 yrs old)

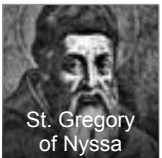
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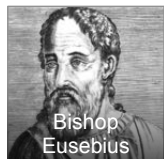
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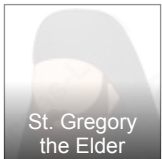
St. Gregory of Nyssa



Bishop Eusebius



Emperor Theodosius



St. Gregory the Elder



Emperor Theodosius ► **St. Gregory the Theologian**

c. 381 AD

I appoint you Archbishop of Constantinople

c. 372 AD • 15 billion people like this



Egyptian Bishop but he is the bishop of Sasima! This is illegitimate!



Macedonian Bishop I agree, this is not canonical!



St. Gregory the Theologian Let me be as the Prophet Jonah! I was responsible for the storm, but I would sacrifice myself for the salvation of the ship. Seize me and throw me ... I was not happy when I ascended the throne, and gladly would I descend it. I request to resign from this office!



Emperor Theodosius Your wish is granted.



St. Gregory the Theologian in **Constantinople**

c 378 AD

Look at these facts: Christ is born, the Holy Spirit is His Forerunner. Christ is baptized, the Spirit bears witness to this ... Christ works miracles, the Spirit accompanies them. Christ ascends, the Spirit takes His place. What great things are there in the idea of God which are not in His power? What titles appertaining to God do not apply also to Him, except for Unbegotten and Begotten? I tremble when I think of such an abundance of titles, and how many Names they blaspheme, those who revolt against the Spirit! [#Trinitarianism](#)

147 million people like this



St. Gregory the Theologian ▶ **St. Gregory of Nyssa**

c. 375 AD

Please see my heartfelt letter of condolences for the loss of your brother, **St. Basil the Great**. I also have composed twelve memorial poems dedicated to the memory of my departed friend. [#bestfriend](#)

147 million people like this



St. Basil the Great ▶ **St. Gregory the Theologian**

c. 372 AD

Why did you leave your post at Sasima? I insist that you return!



St. Gregory the Theologian I must assist my dying father in the administration of his diocese!

c. 372 AD • 15 billion people like this



St. Gregory the Theologian

c. 372 AD

I feel forced into the bishopric of Sasima. It is an utterly dreadful, pokey little hole; a paltry horse-stop on the main road ... devoid of water, vegetation, or the company of gentlemen ... this was my Church of Sasima!

To my father **Gregory** and my dear friend **St. Basil the Great** who have forced me into this position, I prefer a contemplative life!

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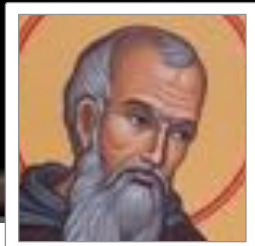


St. Gregory the Theologian

c. 370 AD

St. Basil the Great, We thank God we have emerged triumphant in our debates against **Emperor Valens** and his Arian followers.

11 billion people like this



St. Jerome

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- ♥ **Doctor of the Church**
Past: hermit on an island

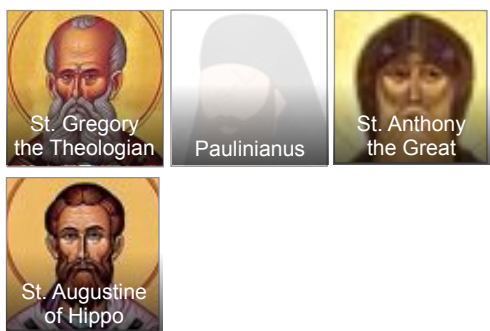
- 🗣 **Speaks Latin, Greek, and Hebrew**

- 📍 **Lived in Rome**

- ★ **Born in Stridon in 347 AD**

- 🕒 **Died in 420 AD (73 yrs old)**

Friends



St. Jerome
unknown time

May your actions never be unworthy of your words, may it not happen that, when you preach in church, someone might say to himself: 'Why does he therefore not act like this?'. How could a teacher, on a full stomach, discuss fasting; even a thief can blame avarice; but in the priest of Christ the mind and words must harmonize.

147 million people like this



St. Jerome
unknown time

The Scriptures are shallow enough for a babe to come and drink without fear of drowning and deep enough for a theologians to swim in without ever touching the bottom

147 million people like this



St. Jerome
unknown time

Dwell not in the temple of idols . . . Do you not hear the great St. Paul, who says in other words, 'Do not read either the pagan philosophers, or the orators, or the poets; do not repose in the study of their works.' Let us not be too confident that we shall not believe the things we read. It is a crime to drink at the same time of the chalice of Jesus Christ and that of the demons.

147 million people like this



St. Augustine of Hippo ▶ **St. Jerome**

unknown

What **St. Jerome** is ignorant of, no mortal has ever known!

17 billion people like this



St. Jerome

unknown time

Begin now to be what you will be hereafter.

43 million people like this



St. Jerome

unknown time

The face is the mirror of the mind, and eyes without speaking confess the secrets of the heart.

25 million people like this



St. Jerome

unknown time

A fat stomach never breeds fine thoughts.

293 million people like this



St. Jerome

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Virginity can be lost by a thought.

293 million people like this

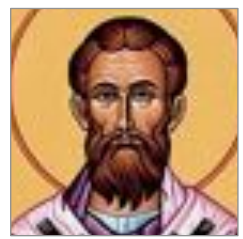


St. Jerome

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The friendship that can cease has never been real.

293 million people like this



St. Augustine of Hippo

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♥ Bishop of **Hippo Regius (Algeria)** and Doctor of the Church
Past: Manichaeist and Neo-Platonist

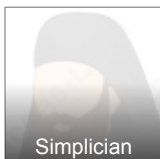
🗣️ Speaks **Latin** (fluently) and **Greek**

📍 Lived in **Hippo (Algeria)**

★ Born in **Numidia (Algeria)** in 354 AD

🕒 Died in 430 AD (75 yrs old)

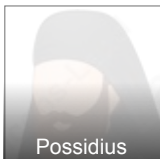
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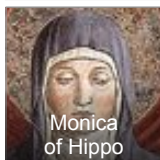
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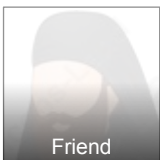
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Monica of Hippo



St. Jerome



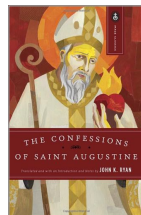
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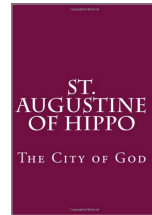
St. Augustine of Hippo

c. 420 AD

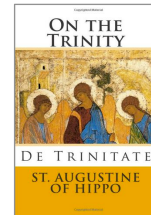
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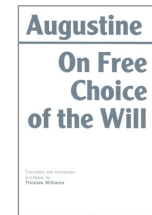
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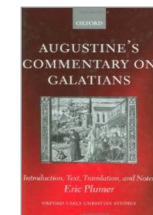
City of God



On the Trinity



On Free Choice of the Will



Commentaries

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St. Augustine of Hippo

c. 410 AD

God is always trying to give us good things, but our hands are too full to receive them. #CityOfGod

17 billion people like this



St. Augustine of Hippo

c. 400 AD

Thou has made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in Thee. #Confessions

48 billion people like this



St. Augustine of Hippo

c. 400 AD

Men go abroad to admire the heights of mountains, the mighty waves of the sea, the broad tides of rivers, the compass of the ocean, and the circuits of the stars, yet pass over the mystery of themselves without a thought. [#Confessions](#)

48 billion people like this



St. Augustine of Hippo

c. 400 AD

The Bible was composed in such a way that as beginners mature, its meaning grows with them. [#Confessions](#)

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St. Augustine of Hippo

c. 371 AD

I did not steal the fruit because I was hungry, but because it was not permitted. It was foul, and I loved it. I loved my own error—not that for which I erred, but the error itself.

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St. Augustine of Hippo

c. 385 AD

[St. Ambrose of Milan](#), that man of God, received me as a father would, and welcomed my coming as a good bishop should

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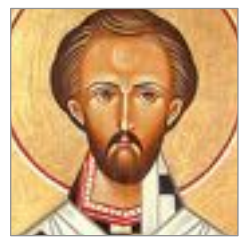


St. Augustine of Hippo ▶ [Alipius](#)

c. 386 AD

What are we doing? Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!

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St. John Chrysostom the "Golden-Mouthed"

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♥ Archbishop of **Constantinople**
Past: reader, deacon in **Antioch**

🗣️ Speaks **Greek**

📍 Lived in **Antioch**

★ Born in **Antioch** in 349 AD

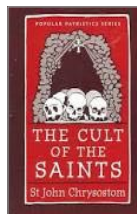
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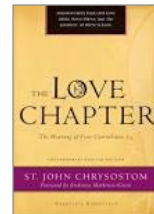
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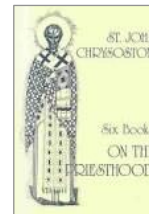
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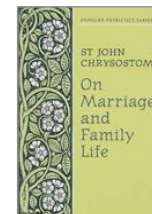
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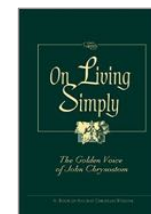
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On the Priesthood



On Marriage and Family Life



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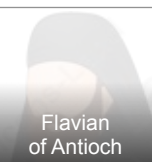
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Pope Theophilus



Pope Innocent



Flavian of Antioch



Emperor Theodosius



St. John Chrysostom

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The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together. Men will take up arms and even sacrifice their lives for the sake of this love. St. Paul would not speak so earnestly about this subject without serious reason; why else would he say, "Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord?" Because when harmony prevails, the children are raised well, the household is kept in order, and neighbors, friends, and relatives praise the result. Great benefits, both of families and states, are thus produced. When it is otherwise, however, everything is thrown into confusion and turned upside-down. [#HomilyOnMarriage](#)

253 billion people like this



Aelia Eudoxia ▶ **St. John Chrysostom**

unknown time

I know that your comment about the extravagance of women's clothing was aimed at me! How dare you insult the wife of an emperor!!!

147 million people like this



St. John Chrysostom

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Wherefore, if you desire to become equal to the apostles, there is nothing to hinder you. For to have arrived at this virtue only suffices for your not at all falling short of them. Let no one therefore wait for miracles. For though the evil spirit is grieved, when he is driven out of a body, yet much more so, when he sees a soul delivered from sin. For indeed this is his great power. This power caused Christ to die, that He might put an end to it. [#Homily46OnMatthew](#)

93 billion people like this



St. John Chrysostom

unknown time

So let the name of the saints enter our homes through the naming of our children, to train not only the child but the father, when he reflects that he is the father of John or Elijah or James; for, if the name be given with forethought to pay honor to those that have departed

63 billion people like this



St. John Chrysostom

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Are you a sinner? Do not become discouraged, and come to Church to put forward repentance. [#RepentanceAndAlmsgivingHomily2](#)

82 billion people like this



St. John Chrysostom

unknown time

Let us give thanks to God continually. For, it is outrageous that when we enjoy His benefaction to us in deed every single day, we do not acknowledge the favor with so much as a word. [#Homily25OnStMatthew](#)

15 billion people like this



St. John Chrysostom

unknown time

Do you wish to honour the body of Christ? Do not ignore him when he is naked. Do not pay him homage in the temple clad in silk, only then to neglect him outside where he is cold and ill-clad. He who said: "This is my body" is the same who said: "You saw me hungry and you gave me no food", and "Whatever you did to the least of my brothers you did also to me"... What good is it if the Eucharistic table is overloaded with golden chalices when your brother is dying of hunger? Start by satisfying his hunger and then with what is left you may adorn the altar as well. [#Homily50](#)

[253 billion people](#) like this



St. John Chrysostom

unknown time

For there is no relationship between man and man so close as that between man and wife, if they be joined together as they should be.

[253 billion people](#) like this



St. John Chrysostom

unknown time

Discouragement does not allow the one who falls to get back up.

[253 billion people](#) like this

What can we learn?

1. Theological debate is good. Most avoid controversy, but it is the lifeblood of the church. It is essential for truth. Running from it is being a coward. Loving it is pride. It results in clarified belief, but it is not without tears.
2. Truth is not defined by majority opinion.
3. You must love the Word of God to defend it. And it must have an affect on you. God incarnate became man had an affect on Athanasius.
4. Persevere. Persevere. Persevere
5. God can use broken people.
6. Theology matters: especially Christ's divinity, the Holy Spirit, etc.
7. Theological debate will never cease in a fallen world.
8. God protects his church. "the gates of Hell will not prevail against the Church (Matthew 16:18)