

2. THE CHURCH SETS HER FOUNDATION



Love is the Source

- “God is a ‘family’ of Three Persons who love each other so much as to form into one.” For all of time, God loved in relationship.
- The Church was founded in this love before the creation of the world.



Pentecost: Birth of the Church



“The Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you...On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.”

-Jn 14:17-20

Make Disciples of All Nations



“Go, therefore and make
disciples of all nations, baptizing
them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of
the holy Spirit”.

-Mt 28:19

Four marks of the Church

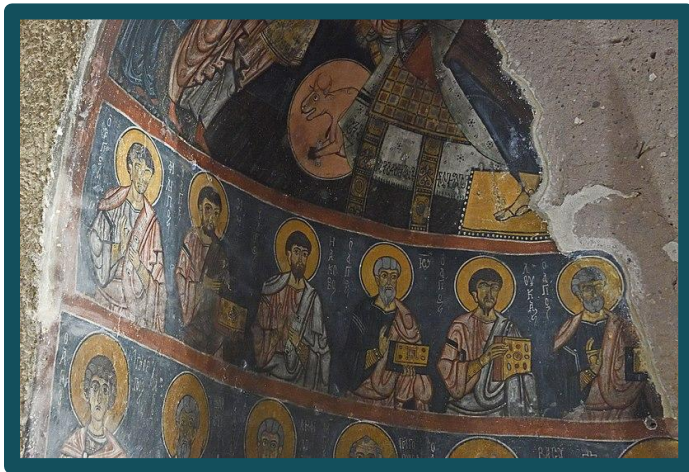
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The key attributes or characteristics of the Church that Jesus established which are mentioned in the Nicene Creed: “We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

Apostolic

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The Church is built on the foundation of the Apostles. It hands on the teaching of the Apostles in the Deposit of Faith, The Church is to be “taught, sanctified, and guided” by the Apostles and their successors until Christ’s return.



Saint Peter

- The 'Rock'
- Leader of the Apostles and early church
- Preached, wrote and instructed
- Martyred in Rome



Saint Paul

- Convert
- Preacher
- Writer
- Missionary
- Theologian

From Saul

BEFORE

A Pharisee and scholar

Persecuted members
of the Church

Participated in the
martyrdom of Stephen



to Saint Paul

AFTER

Became the “Apostle
to the Gentiles”

One of the Church’s
greatest theologians

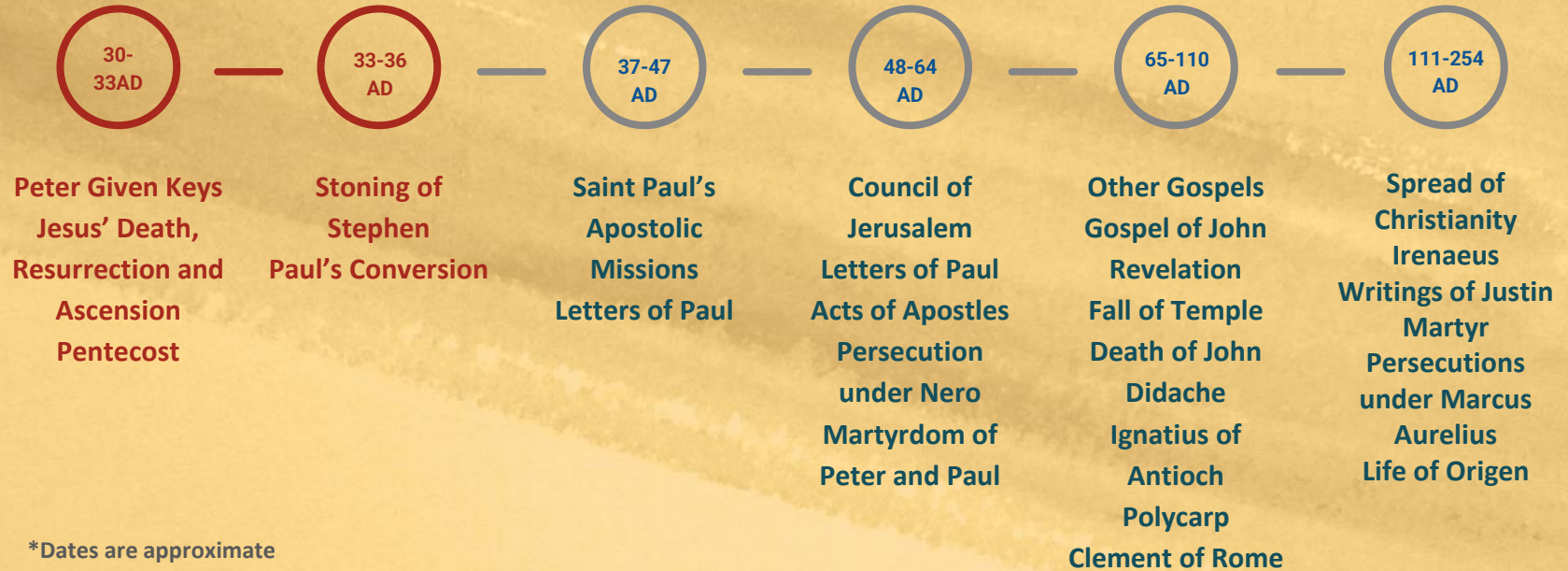
Wrote a large part of
New Testament

Saint Paul's Mission to the Gentiles



**‘For I am
already being
poured out like
a libation,
and the time of
my departure
is at hand’.**
-2 Tim 4:6

Church Foundations Timeline



Didache

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The Didache (did-ah-kay) is also known as “The Teaching of the Apostles.” It dates from the late first century and describes early Christian belief and practice including the Trinitarian formula, moral teachings and it explains the rites of Baptism and the Eucharist.

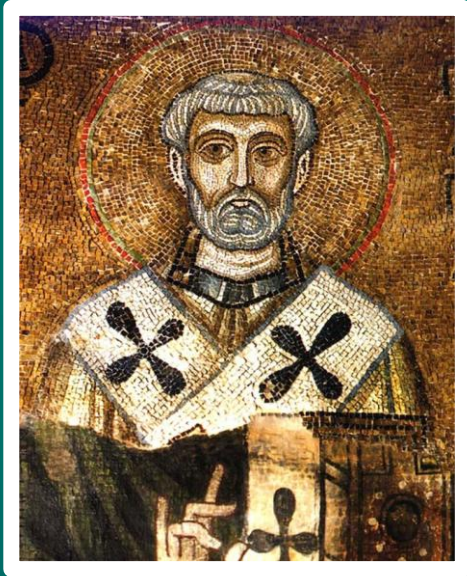
The Eucharist in the Early Church



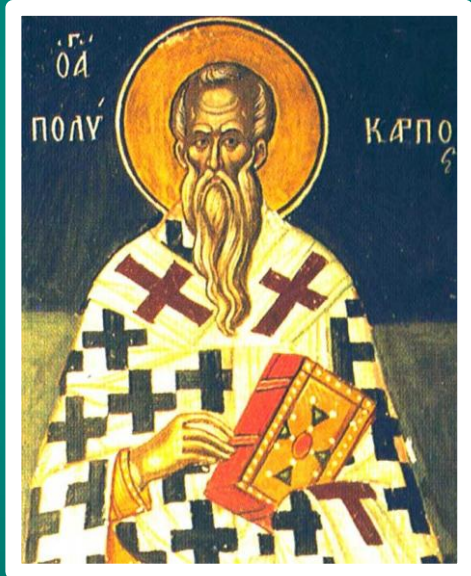
“The historical record is clear about this: Wherever Christianity spread, the Church immediately established the liturgy—‘the breaking of the bread and the prayers’—on the ‘Lord’s day’ which was Sunday.”

-Mike Aquilina

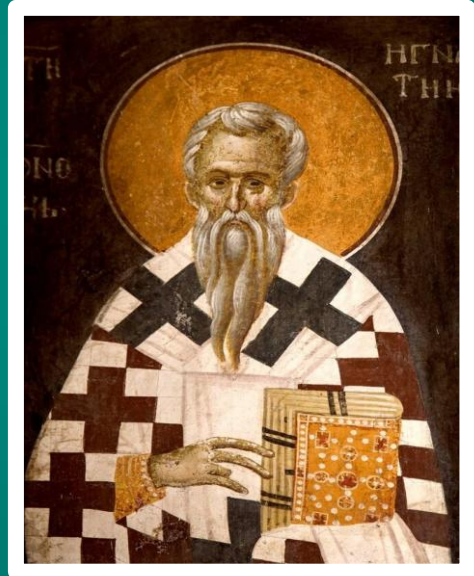
The Apostolic Fathers



Clement of Rome

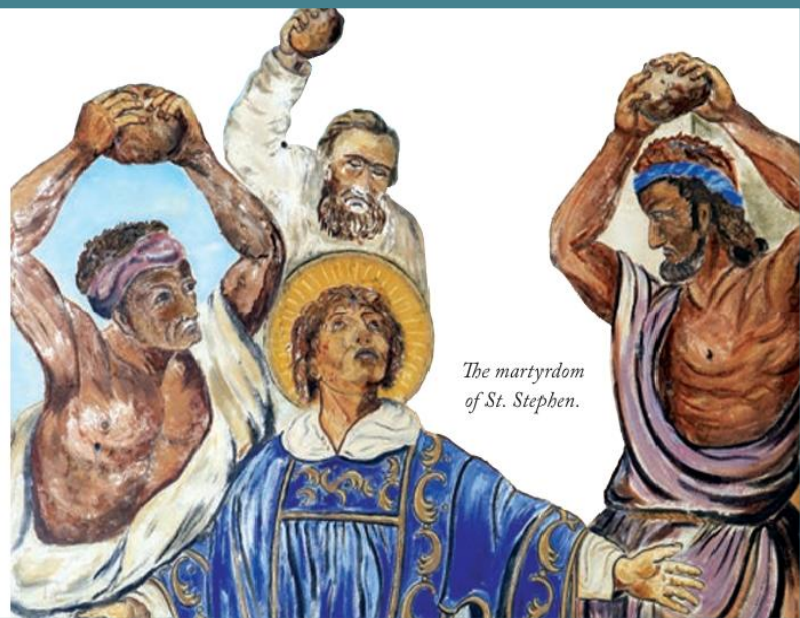


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Ignatius of Antioch

Three Elements of Christian Martyrdom



1. The person must be put to death.
2. The person must die for Christ and the faith.
3. The person does not die out of hatred for the enemy, but in joy out of love for Christ and the truth of the faith.



Tertullian

*"The blood of the
martyrs is the seed
of the church"*

-Tertullian 187 AD

Memorize It

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Quote



**“Wherever the bishop appears,
there let the people be; as
wherever Jesus Christ is, there
is the catholic Church.”**

-Ignatius of Antioch