



St. Paul the Apostle

Paul was born about A.D. 8, in what is now Turkey. He was a Pharisee and the son of a Pharisee. Saul was his Jewish name; Paul was his Roman name. He was a tentmaker by profession.

The letters or epistles, of St. Paul make up one-third of the New Testament. Thirteen are attributed to Paul: Romans, 1 and 2,

Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2, Thessalonians, 1 and 2, Timothy, Titus, and Philemon.

Paul was beheaded outside the walls of Rome during the reign of Nero, probably between A.D. 65 and 67. Tradition has always maintained that Paul was buried where the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls now stands. Current archaeological evidence confirms this tradition; the chapel of relics in the basilica contains a set of chains said to be those which bound Paul in the last days before his execution.

Prayer to the Apostle Paul

Glorious St. Paul,
Most zealous Apostle,
Martyr for the love of Christ,
Give us a deep faith,
A steadfast hope,
A burning love for our Lord;
So that we can proclaim with you,
"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."
Help us to become apostles
Serving the Church with a pure heart,
Witnesses to her truth and beauty
Amidst the darkness of our days.
With you we praise God, our Father:
"To Him be the glory, in the Church and in Christ, now and forever."
Amen