

Until John of Damascus

Church Father ✎	Date of death ✎	Notes ✎
Adrian the monk of Antioch		wrote a manual on the Antiochene method of Scriptural exegesis ^[1]
Alexander of Alexandria ^[2]	326	
Alexander of Lycopolis	4th century	
Ambrose of Milan	397	one of the Four Great Doctors of the Western Church; strongly opposed Arianism
Amphilochius of Iconium ^{[1][2]}	before 403	
Ananias of Shirak ^{[2][3]}	7th century	wrote a work on Christmas and one on Easter
Anastasius Sinaita ^{[1][2]}	7th century	
Andrew of Caesarea ^[1]	6th century	commented on the <i>Apocalypse</i>
Andrew of Crete ^[2]	8th century	author of the 250-strophe <i>Great Canon</i>
Anthony the Great ^[1]	356	
Aphraates	367	Mesopotamian bishop who authored 23 homilies ^[1]
Apollinaris of Laodicea		
Apollonius of Ephesus	210	
Archelaus		wrote against Manichaeism
Aristides the Athenian ^{[1][2]}	134	
Aristo of Pella ^[1]	2nd century	
Arnobius ^[1]	330	author of <i>Against the Heathen</i>
Arsenius the Great	445	
Aspringius of Beja		commented on the <i>Apocalypse</i> ^[4]
Asterius of Amasea ^[2]	405	wrote sermons on morality including topics like divorce and covetousness, and the parables of Jesus Christ
Athanasius	373	one of the Four Great Doctors of the Eastern Church
Athenagoras of Athens ^[1]	190	wrote in defense of the resurrection of the dead ^[2]
Atticus ^[1]	420s	

Augustine of Hippo	430	one of the Four Great Doctors of the Western Church (<i>Doctor Gratiae</i>)
Aurelius Prudentius ^{[1][2]}	early 5th century	commented on the <i>Psalms</i> ^[5]
Ausonius	395	
Avitus of Vienne ^[1]	523	author of the five-book poem <i>De spiritualis historiae gestis</i> ; converted King Sigismund; combated Arianism
Barnabas ^[2]	61	
Basil the Great of Caesarea	379	one of the Four Great Doctors of the Eastern Church and one of the Three Holy Hierarchs; father of monachism
Bede ^[1]	735	Doctor of the Church and author of <i>Ecclesiastical History of the English People</i>
Benedict of Nursia ^{[1][2]}	547	best known for the Rule of St Benedict
Boethius ^[2]	520s	author of <i>Consolation of Philosophy</i>
Braulio of Saragossa	651	commented on the <i>Psalms</i> ^[5]
Caesarius of Arles ^[1]	542	commented on the Apocalypse
Caius	3rd century	
Cassiodorus ^{[1][2]}	585	
Chromatius ^[2]	407	wrote sermons on the <i>Gospel of Matthew</i>
Clement of Alexandria	210s	
Pope Clement I	101	
Coelius Sedulius ^[1]	5th century	
Columba of Iona ^{[1][2]}	597	
Commodianus	3rd century	
Cyprian of Carthage ^[1]	258	
Cyril of Alexandria	444	Doctor of the Church (<i>Doctor Incarnationis</i>) combated the Nestorian heresy
Cyril of Jerusalem	386	Doctor of the Church who wrote thorough instructions to catechumens and baptized Christians ^[1]
Pope Damasus I	384	
Didymus the Blind ^[1]	398	teacher of Jerome and Rufinus; follower of Origen; opponent of Arianism and the Macedonian heresy; works condemned at the Fifth

		Ecumenical Council and the Sixth Ecumenical Council
Diodore of Tarsus ^[1]	390	
Dionysius of Corinth ^[1]	2nd century	
Pope Dionysius of Rome ^[1]	268	combated Sabellianism
Dionysius the Areopagite		
Pope Dionysius the Great of Alexandria	265	
Ephrem the Syrian	373	Doctor of the Church
Epiphanius of Salamis	403	friend of Jerome who strongly opposed Origenism and wrote a history of heresies
Eucherius of Lyon ^{[1][2]}	449	
Eugippius ^[3]	6th century	
Eusebius of Caesarea	339	
Eusebius of Emesa	360	commented on <i>Genesis</i> ^[6]
Eusebius of Vercelli ^[1]	371	
Firmilian ^[1]	269	
Fulgentius of Ruspe	6th century	
Gaius Marius Victorinus	4th century	combated Arianism ^[1]
Gennadius of Massilia ^[1]	496	
Pope Gregory I the Great	604	one of the Four Great Doctors of the Western Church and author of <i>Dialogues</i>
Gregory of Nazianzus	389	one of the Four Great Doctors of the Eastern Church; one of three Orthodox saints honored with the title "The Theologian;" one of the Three Holy Hierarchs
Gregory of Nyssa	394	
Gregory of Tours ^[2]	594	
Gregory Thaumaturgus	270	
Hegesippus of Palestine ^[1]	180	a Jewish convert who combated Gnosticism and Marcionism
Hermias ^[2]	3rd century	
Hesychius of Jerusalem	5th century	
Hilary of Poitiers	367	Doctor of the Church
Hippolytus of Rome ^{[1][2]}	235	
Ignatius of Antioch	107	

Irenaeus	end of 2nd or beginning of 3rd century	
Isaac of Nineveh	700	ascetic author of many spiritual homilies who commented on the <i>Psalms</i> ^[5] and contributed significantly to Syrian piety; was not Christologically Nestorian ^[7]
Isho'dad of Mery		commented on the <i>Book of Job</i>
Isidore of Pelusium	449	author of 2000 letters dealing primarily with allegorical exegesis ^[1]
Isidore of Seville ^{[1][2]}	636	Doctor of the Church
Jacob of Serugh ^{[3][5][8]}	521	a.k.a. Mar Jacob
Jerome	420	one of the Four Great Doctors of the Western Church
John Cassian ^{[1][8]}	435	
John Chrysostom	407	one of the Four Great Doctors of the Eastern Church and one of the Three Holy Hierarchs
John Climacus ^[8]	606	
John of Damascus	749	Doctor of the Church and author of <i>An Exact Exposition of the Orthodox Faith</i> and ascetic and exegetical writings and hymns; Peter Lombard based his <i>Four Books of Sentences</i> on the works of John of Damascus and Thomas Aquinas based his <i>Summa Theologica</i> on Peter Lombard's <i>Sentences</i>
Julianus Pomerius ^[1]		author of <i>De Vita Contemplativa</i> concerning Christian sanctity
Julius Firmicus Maternus	4th century	
Justin Martyr	165	
Juvencus ^[1]	4th century	
Lactantius	320	
Pope Leo I the Great	461	Doctor of the Church
Leontius of Byzantium ^[1]	543	
Lucian of Antioch ^[1]	312	
Lucifer ^[1]	370	combated Arianism and defended Athanasius at the Council of Milan in 354

Macarius of Alexandria ^[8]	395	
Macarius of Egypt ^[8]	391	
Malchion		played key role in the deposition of Paul of Samosata
Marcus Minucius Felix ^{[1][8]}		author of <i>Octavianus</i>
Marius Mercator	451	made a compilation on Nestorianism and another on Pelagianism ^[1]
Martin of Bruga	4th century	commented on the <i>Psalms</i> ^[5]
Martin of Tours ^[8]	397	
Mathetes		author of an <i>Epistle to Diognetus</i>
Maximus of Turin ^[1]	465	
Maximus the Confessor ^{[1][8]}	662	
Meletius of Antioch ^[8]	381	
Melito of Sardis	180	author of an important sermon called <i>On Pascha</i> about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ
Methodius of Olympus ^{[1][8]}	311	combated Origenism
Moses of Chorene	490	author of <i>A History of Armenia</i>
Nectarius of Constantinople ^[8]	398	
Nicetas of Remesiana		the patron saint of Romania commented on the <i>Psalms</i> ^[5]
Nilus of Sinai	430	
Nonnus	5th century	
Novatian ^[1]	258	commented on the <i>Psalms</i> ^[5]
Oecumenius	6th century	author of the first extant Greek commentary on the <i>Apocalypse</i> ^[4]
Optatus	4th century	combated Donatism ^[1]
Origen of Alexandria	254	posthumously anathematized at Fifth Ecumenical Council (533)
Orosius ^[1]	420	
Pachomius ^{[1][8]}	348	Father of Christian cenobitic monasticism
Pacian of Barcelona ^[8]	391	combated Novatianism
Palladius of Helenopolis ^{[1][8]}	5th century	
Pamphilus of Caesarea	309	
Pantamus	214	first to make the Catechetical school of Alexandria famous ^[1]

Papias ^[8]	155	disciple of John the Evangelist and Ariston ^[1]
Patrick ^[8]	5th century	
Paulinus of Nola ^[8]	431	
Peter Chrysologus	450	Doctor of the Church
Pope Peter of Alexandria	311	
Philip the priest		commented on the Book of Job
Philoxenus of Hierapolis ^[3]	6th century	author of 13 ascetic discourses who combated Nestorianism, Manichaeism, and Marcionism
Poemen		commented on the <i>Psalms</i> ^[5]
Polycarp	155	
Proclus of Constantinople	440s	
Prohaeresius ^[1]	367	
Prosper of Aquitaine ^[1]	455	
Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite		author of <i>The Divine Names</i> , <i>The Mystical Theology</i> , <i>The Celestial Hierarchy</i> , <i>The Ecclesiastical Hierarchy</i> , and the non-extant <i>Theological Outlines</i> ; quoted extensively in the <i>Summa Theologica</i> of Thomas Aquinas
Quadratus of Athens ^[1]	2nd century	wrote a non-extant apology to Emperor Hadrian
Rabbula ^{[3][9]}	435	ascetic and energetic bishop of Edessa and ally of Cyril of Alexandria who opposed the heretical teachings of Nestorius
Romanos the Melodist ^[9]	556	
Sahdona		commented on the <i>Psalms</i> ^[5]
Salvian ^{[1][9]}	490s	Gallic author of <i>On the government of God</i>
Severian of Gabala	408	commented on <i>Genesis</i> ^[6] and the <i>First</i> and <i>Second Epistle to the Corinthians</i>
Severus of Antioch ^{[3][9]}	6th century	
Sextus Julius Africanus ^{[1][8]}	3rd century	
Sidonius Apollinaris ^{[1][9]}		
Socrates of Constantinople	5th century	
Sophronius ^[9]	638	

Sozomen	450	
Sulpicius Severus ^[9]	420	disciple and biographer of Martin of Tours and author of an <i>Ecclesiastical History</i> ^[1]
Synesius of Syrene ^{[1][9]}	414	
Tatian	185	
Tertullian	222	died a Montanist
Theodore of Mopsuestia ^[1]	428	commented on <i>Acts of the Apostles</i> and the <i>First</i> and <i>Second Epistle to the Corinthians</i>
Theodoret of Cyrus	457	continuator of Eusebius of Caesarea ^[1]
Theodotus of Ancyra	4th century	
Theophilus of Antioch ^[1]	180s	first writer known to have used the term Trinity to describe the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
Theotimos	407	
Tichonius	390	commented on the <i>Apocalypse</i> ; his seven principles of interpretation from his <i>Book of Rules</i> inspired Augustine of Hippo ^[4]
Tyrannius Rufinus	410	friend of Jerome and continuator of Eusebius of Caesarea ^[1] who commented on the <i>Psalms</i> ^[5]
Valerian of Cimiez		commented on the <i>Psalms</i> ^[5]
Venantius Fortunatus	600s	wrote a poem on Easter
Victor of Antioch		commented on the Gospel of Mark ^[1]
Victorinus of Pettau	303	author of <i>On the Creation of the World</i> and a <i>Commentary on the Apocalypse of the Blessed John</i>
Vincent of Lérins	450	
Zeno of Verona	371	
Pope Zephyrinus	217	commented on the <i>Psalms</i>

After John of Damascus

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Athanasius the Athonite ^[7]	1000	
Gregory Palamas ^[10]	1359	Pillar of Orthodoxy and defender of Hesychasm
Innocent of Alaska	1879	his <i>The Way Into the Kingdom of Heaven</i> is often used as an Orthodox catechism ^[2]
Mark of Ephesus ^[8]	1444	Pillar of Orthodoxy
Nicholas Cabasilas ^[8]	1391	
Photius the Great ^{[8][10]}	893	Pillar of Orthodoxy and author of <i>Bibliotheca</i>
Symeon Metaphrastes ^[9]	10th century	
Symeon the New Theologian ^[10]	1022	one of three Orthodox saints honored with the title "The Theologian"
Theodore the Studite	826	
Theophan the Recluse ^[9]	1894	