

# Saint of the Week for February 10

This week features a Bishop from Smyrna in Asia that was actually a disciple of the Apostle John (who wrote the Gospel of John) in the early Church. He was also friends with St. Ignatius of Antioch and was a revered leader in the first half of the second century.

Our saint was held in such high regard that he went to Rome to meet with the third Pope in our Church (Anacletus) to figure out the date that Easter would be celebrated by the Church!

One of the letters he wrote to the Church in Philippi has been preserved.

At 86 years of age, he was led with other Christians into a stadium in Smyrna to be burned alive because he refused to deny Christ. The flames did not harm him so he was stabbed with a dagger until he died. Member of his faith community collected his body and wrote about the account which is one of the earliest known written accounts.



Who Am I?