

The 12 Apostles



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Peter: formerly “Simon” renamed “Cephas” by Our Lord; preached in Antioch, Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, and Asia Minor, Rome; headed Roman Church (was first Pope); crucified upside-down Latin Cross. Symbols; the keys; upside-down Latin cross; Feast, June 29

Andrew: Peter’s brother; preached in Scythia; Epirus; Achaia; Hellas; Cappadocia and others; crucified in Patrae in Achaia; Symbols; X-shaped cross; anchor; fish; fishing net; Feast, November 30

James the Greater: a son of Zebedee; preached in Spain; beheaded by Herod Agrippa I to please the Jews; Symbols; seashells; staff; scroll; Feast, July 25

John: a son of Zebedee; brother of James the Greater; preached in Asia Minor (Ephesus); Evangelist; Symbols; chalice; serpent; Feast, December 27

Philip: preached in Hieropolis in Asia (?); relics at church of the Dodici Apostoli in Rome, Italy; Symbols; basket of loaves; T-shaped cross; Feast, May 11

Bartholomew: preached in India, Persia, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Armenia, Lycaonia, Phrygia, shores of the Black Sea; beheaded or flayed alive and crucified, head downward in Albanopolis in Armenia; Symbol; tanner’s knife; Feast, August 24

Matthew: “Levi”; Evangelist; preached in Ethiopia to the south of the Caspian Sea; Persia and the Kingdom of Parthians, and to the Hebrews generally; Symbols; spear; sword; halberd; lance; Feast, September 21

Thomas: “Didymus”: meaning “Twin” familiarly known as “Doubting Thomas”; preached in India; pierced through with spears by four soldiers at Syriac Mazdai; Symbols; T-square; spear; Feast, December 21

James the Less: “James the Just”: or “James the Younger”; son of Alphaeus (Clopas); Bishop of Jerusalem Church; epistle writer; killed by Jews by being thrown off the Temple and clubbed to death; symbols; fuller’s club; book; windmill; Feast, May 11

Jude: “Thaddaeus”; “brother of James (the Less)”; epistle writer; Symbols; shown with medallion with profile of Jesus around neck; boat, axe; book; pen; Feast, October 28

Simon: “Simon the Zealot” or “Simon the Canaanite”; Symbols; fish, man being sawn in two longitudinally; Feast, October 28

Judas Iscariot: betrayed Jesus, then was replaced after his suicide by Matthias whose Feast is February 24