

St. Philip

The Apostle

Saint of the Month *March 2008*



Patron Saint of: *hatters, pastry chefs*

Profile: *Disciple of Saint John the Baptist. Confidante of Jesus. Preached in Greece and Asia Minor. Martyred.*

Noted for: *During the Last Supper, he asked Jesus to see the Father, providing Jesus the opportunity to teach about the unity of the Father and the Son.*

Represented by: *elderly man holding loaves and fishes. man holding a book or scroll; tall cross*

Suggestion for this month:

*Pray for opportunities to introduce others to Jesus.
Look for opportunities to serve the parish and community.
How can you put your talents to good use?*

Character Trait: Fairness

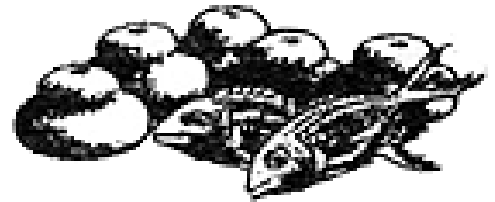
Virtue: Love

Philip was invited to follow Jesus the day after Peter and Andrew became followers of Jesus. Philip was so enthusiastic that he introduced his friend Nathaniel to Jesus. Philip was present at the wedding in Cana, as well as at the feeding of the multitudes. After Our Lord's ascension, Philip preached in the two Phrygias, and spent a great deal of time in conversation with St. Polycarp.

Feast Day: May 3

The Orientals celebrate his feast day on the 14th of November; the Latins on the 1st of May, with St. James. His body is said to be in the church of SS. Philip and James, in Rome, which was dedicated to God in 560.

From St. Philip we learn an ardent love of God, and desire to see the Father. We must ask ourselves: "Do we desire to see the Father so much that we are willing to truly be Christ-like in our actions and thoughts?"



Prayer to Saint Philip

O Glorious Saint Philip, at the Last Supper you said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father and it will be enough for us." Help us to make this our prayer also and to seek God in all things. Obtain for us the grace to know the Father and Jesus Christ whom he has sent - for in this does eternal life consist.