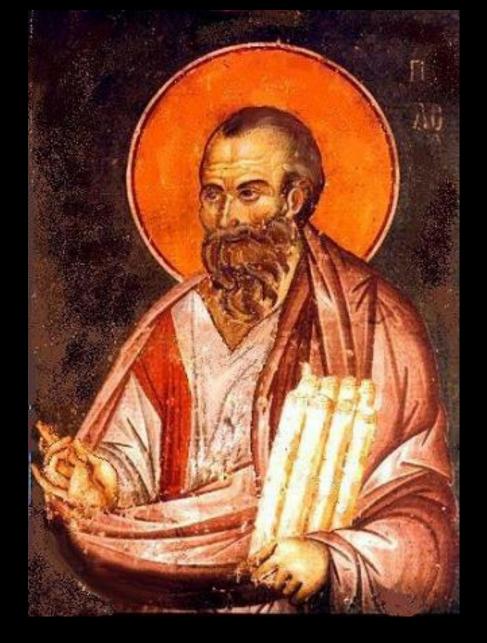


Of mice and men (Acts 5:17-32)



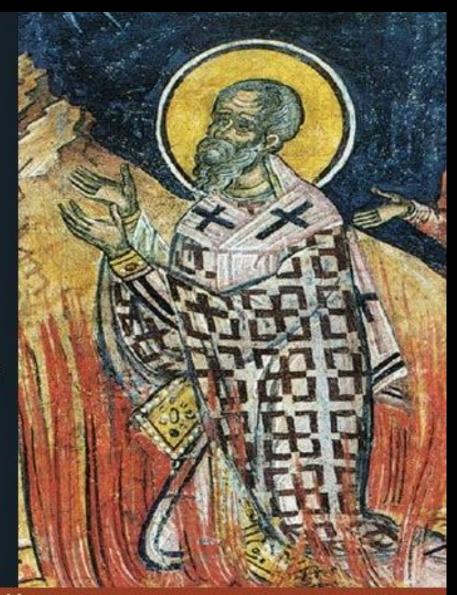
Polycarp (69-155)

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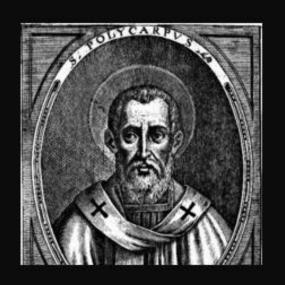
Hear me clearly: I am a Christian."

-Saint Polycarp

to the Roman Proconsul Statius Quadratus on the occasion of his martyrdom, AD 167



Polycarp



Eighty and six years have I served Christ, nor has He ever done me any harm. How, then, could I blaspheme my King who saved Me?....I bless Thee for deigning me worthy of this day and this hour that I may be among Thy martyrs and drink the cup of my Lord Jesus Christ.

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Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it (Gen. 4:7)

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