

6. The Third-Century Church Fathers

NAME	DATES	PLACES OF MINISTRY	REPRESENTATIVE WRITINGS (* = Lost)	NOTABLE FACTS
IRENÆUS	late 2nd century	Smyrna Gaul	Against Heresies On the Unity of God and the Origin of Evil	Studied under Polycarp. Was a missionary and apologist. Strong opponent of Gnosticism. Held premillennial views. Was bishop of Lyons. Was allegedly martyred in Lyons.
CLEMENT	c.150–c.215	Alexandria Antioch Jerusalem	Exhortation to the Greeks The Pedagogue Stromata	Was trained in philosophy. Was converted as an adult. Emphasized Logos. Approached Scripture allegorically. Wrote oldest extant Christian hymn, "Shepherd of Tender Youth."
TERTULLIAN	c.160–c.220	Carthage	Prescription of Heretics Against Marcion Against Praxeus	Was a son of Roman army officer. Was trained in law. Was converted in middle age. Joined <u>Montanists</u> c.200. <i>ascetic had visions</i> Laid important groundwork for doctrine of Trinity.
HIPPOLYTUS	c.170–c.236	Rome	Philosophumena (Numerous lost commentaries)	Studied under Irenaeus. Opposed contemporary bishops of Rome. Used allegorical method of interpretation. Died in exile on Sardinia.

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JULIUS AFRICANUS	c.160–c.240	Palestine	Chronography	Studied under Origen. His historical research covered period from Creation to A.D. 221.
ORIGEN <i>excommunicated ~ 300 yrs after death</i>	c.185–c.254	Alexandria Caesarea	Hexapla Against Gelsus De Principiis	His father Leonidas was martyred in 202. Studied under Clement. Succeeded Clement as catechist in 203. Was a notable advocate of allegorical interpretation of Scripture. Was extremely ascetic. Was exiled by his enemies in the church. Died after torture at hands of Romans.
CYPRIAN	c.200–258	Carthage	Unity of the Church De Lapsis	Was trained in rhetoric. Was converted in 245. Was bishop of Carthage from 247. Was influenced by Tertullian. Emphasized authority of episcopate. Took strict stand against those who faltered under persecution. Was martyred under Valerian.
GREGORY THAUMATURGOS	c.213–270	Palestine Asia Minor	Declaration of Faith Eulogy on Origen	Was converted by and studied under Origen. Was known as the Wonder-Worker. Was bishop of Neo-Caesarea.