



# Saint of the Week



## St. Barnabas

*First century  
Feast Day—June 11*

The story of this early missionary, a Cypriot Jew called Joseph, is told in the Acts of the Apostles. He was named Barnabas (son of encouragement) by the Twelve Apostles when he sold property and gave them the money (4:36-37). He introduced the convert Paul to the apostles (9:27), was officially sent by the Jerusalem church to Antioch (11:22-26), was set apart with Paul by the Spirit for a mission to Cyprus (13:2), attended the Council of Jerusalem (15:12), and returned to Cyprus with Mark (15:36-41). By tradition, he was martyred there.

In those days a great number who believed turned to the Lord.  
The news about them reached the ears of the Church in Jerusalem,  
and they sent Barnabas to go to Antioch.  
When he arrived and saw the grace of God,  
he rejoiced and encouraged them all  
to remain faithful to the Lord in firmness of heart,  
for he was a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and faith.

Acts 11: 21-24



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