

**Holy  
Pentecost  
(AD 33)**

Matt. 28.16-20, John 16.13,  
Acts 1.3-8; 2.1-13

**St. Constantine the Great  
becomes  
Emperor of the Roman Empire  
(AD 306)**

**The 12 Disciples and Apostles Evangelize**  
2.14-41 (St. Peter preaches at Pentecost); 3.1-10,  
5.12-16

**Early life of the Church in Jerusalem**  
Acts 2.42-47; 4.32-37

**Persecution of Apostles**  
Acts 4.1-4; 5.17-18, 40-42

**The First Deacons Ordained**  
Acts 6.1-7

**The First Christian Martyr – St. Stephen**  
Acts 6.8-7.60

**Persecution of the Church Increases**  
Acts 8.1-3

**Conversion of Saul/Ministry of St. Paul**  
Acts 9.1-31

**First Apostolic Council (in Jerusalem)**  
Acts 15.1-35

**Church in Antioch founded (AD 34)**  
Acts 11.19

**St. Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary Journey from Antioch**  
Acts 13.1-14.28

**St. Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journey**  
Acts 15.36-18.22

**St. Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup> Missionary Journey**  
Acts 18.23-

**St. Paul – Jerusalem to Rome**  
Acts 21.17ff

**Martyrdom  
of St. Paul the Apostle  
in Rome  
(c. 65)**

**St. Ignatius –  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bp. of Antioch  
(bishop 68-c. 107)**

**St. Polycarp -  
Bp. of Smyrna  
(c. 69/81-  
c. 155/167)**

**St. John the  
Apostle and  
Theologian  
(r. c. 100)**

**St. Justin the  
Philosopher  
(c. 110- c. 165)**

**St. Irenaeus  
of Lyons  
(c. 130-202)**

**St. Anthony  
the Great  
(b. c. 254)**

*The Church Emerges from Persecution*

## THE EARLY CHURCH

from *Holy Pentecost*  
through *Persecution*  
to *St. Constantine*

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