

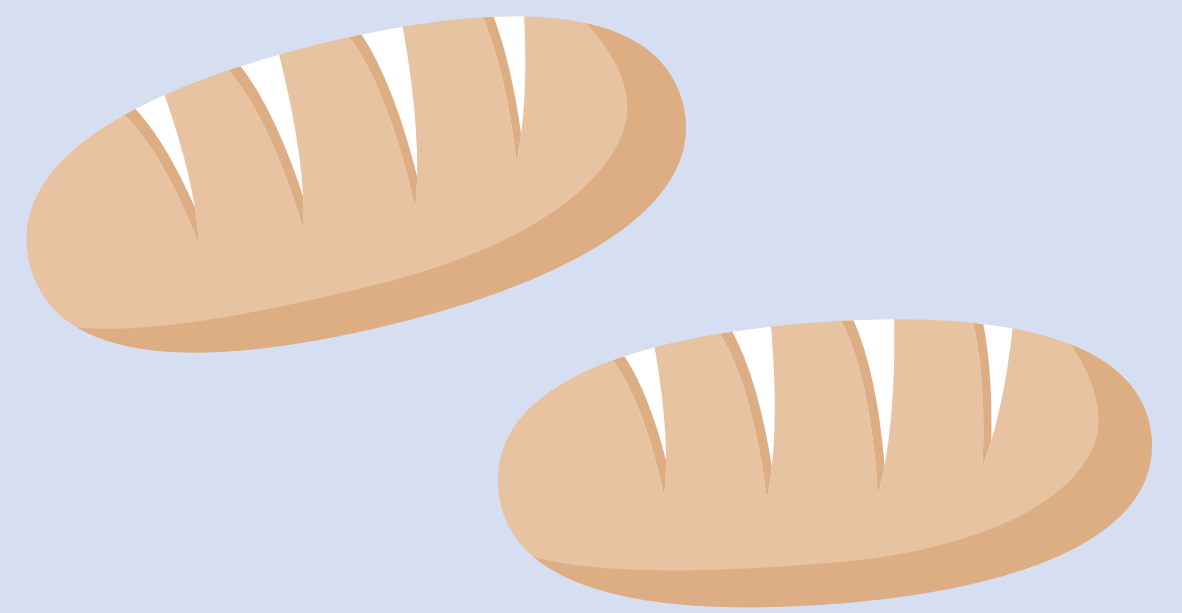
SAINT PHILIP THE APOSTLE

FEAST DAY: MAY 3

PATRON SAINT OF: HAT MAKERS, PASTRY CHEFS, AND COBBLERS

Origins of Saint Philip

LIKE PETER AND ANDREW, PHILIP WAS FROM BETHSAIDA, GALILEE. HE WAS A DISCIPLE OF JOHN THE BAPTIST. AFTER JOHN TESTIFIED THAT JESUS WAS THE MESSIAH (JOHN 1:29-34), JESUS FOUND PHILIP AND SAID TO HIM, "FOLLOW ME" (JOHN 1:43). PHILIP WENT TO NATHANAEL AND SAID TO HIM: "WE HAVE FOUND HIM OF WHOM MOSES IN THE LAW, AND THE PROPHETS DID WRITE, JESUS THE SON OF JOSEPH OF NAZARETH" (JOHN 1:45). PHILIP BROUGHT NATHANAEL TO JESUS, AND HE WAS ALSO MADE AN APOSTLE.



PHILIP IS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNT OF THE MULTIPLICATION OF THE LOAVES AND FISHES. BECAUSE OF THIS, SAINT PHILIP IS OFTEN SYMBOLIZED BY TWO LOAVES OF BREAD.

After the Ascension

SAINT PHILIP IS CREDITED WITH EVANGELIZING GREECE, SYRIA, AND PHRYGIA. HE EVENTUALLY TRAVELED TO THE EGYPTIAN CITY OF HELIOPOLIS, WHERE HE WOULD BE MARTYRED UNDER EMPEROR DOMITIAN. TRADITION HOLDS THAT HE WAS WHIPPED, THROWN INTO PRISON, AND THEN CRUCIFIED UPSIDE-DOWN. HIS REMAINS CAN BE FOUND IN THE HOLY APOSTLES BASILICA IN ROME.



PHILIP COMES FROM THE GREEK NAME "PHILIPPOS," MEANING "FRIEND OF HORSES."

PHILIP IS MENTIONED IN THE LIST OF APOSTLES PROVIDED BY MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE, AND THE BOOK OF ACTS. OTHERWISE, HE IS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED ONLY IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN.