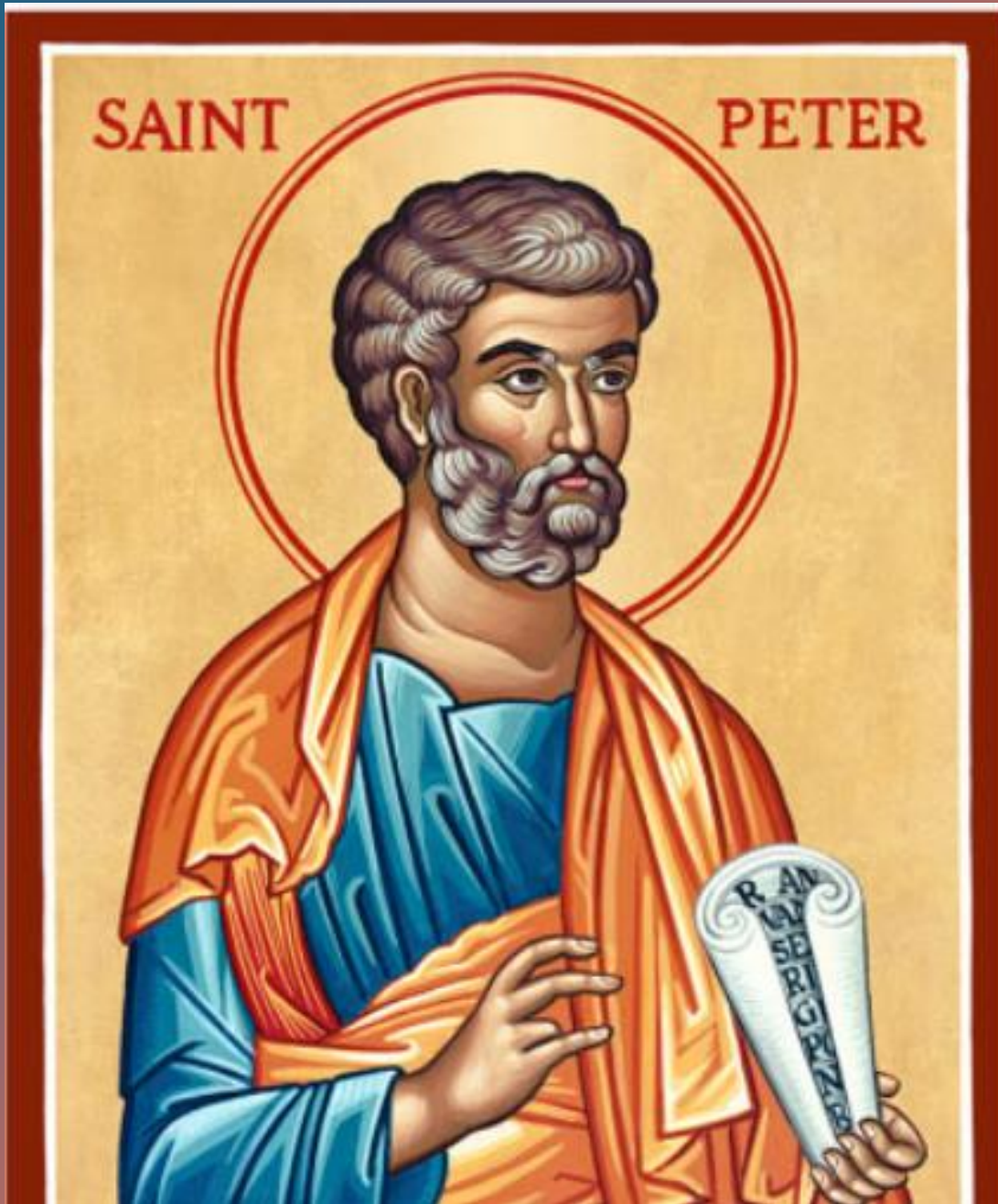


Twelve Original Disciples of Jesus

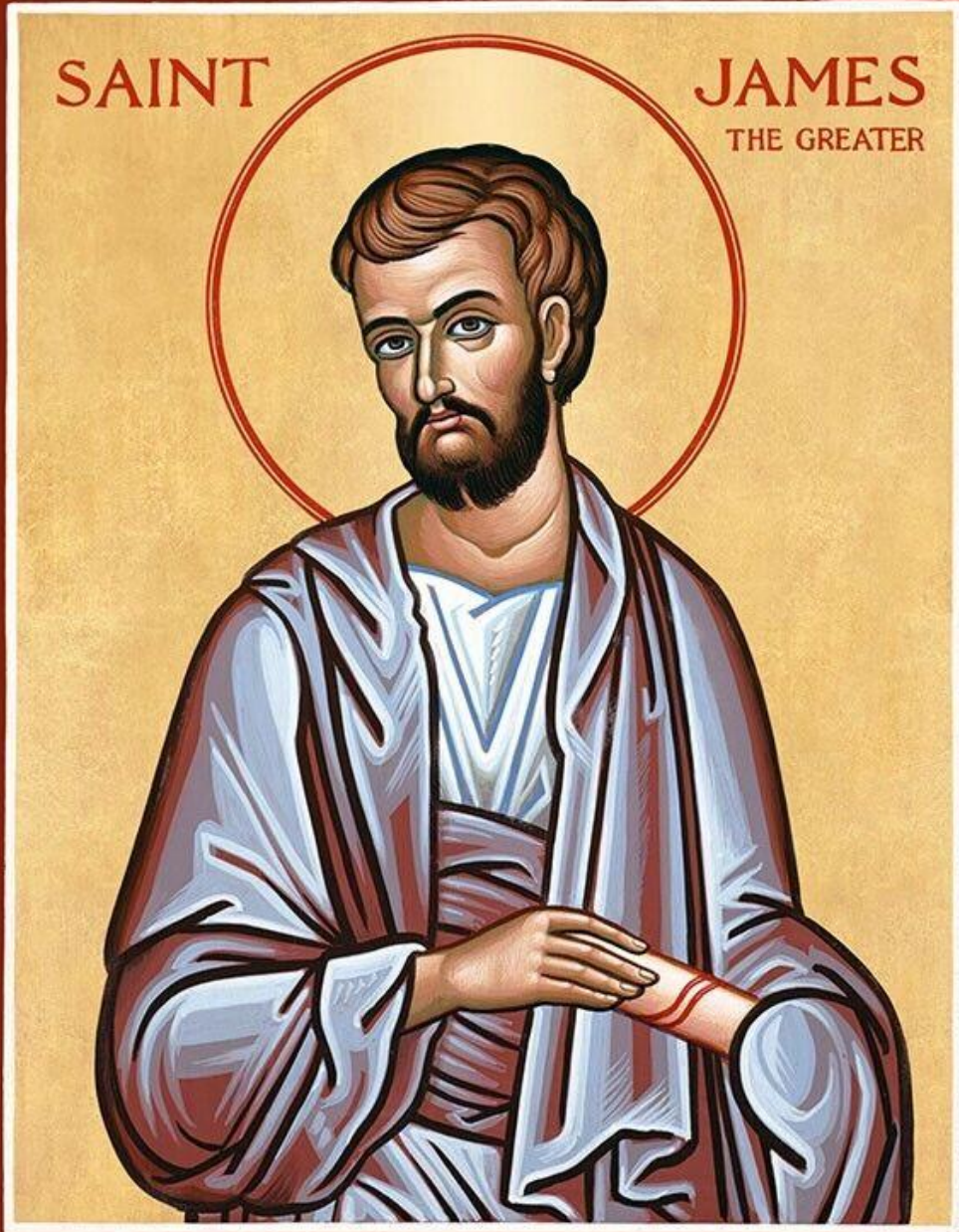
Detailed View

By The Theological Maniac



Simon Peter (Cephas)

- **Origin:** Bethsaida (Galilee), later lived in Capernaum
- **Profession:** Fisherman
- **Role/Importance:**
 - Leader of the apostles
 - First to confess Jesus as the Messiah (Matthew 16:16)
 - Preached at Pentecost (Acts 2), helped build the early church
- **Years:** c. 1 BCE – c. 64–68 CE
- **Death:**
 - **Crucified upside down** in Rome under Emperor Nero
 - Didn't feel worthy to die like Jesus



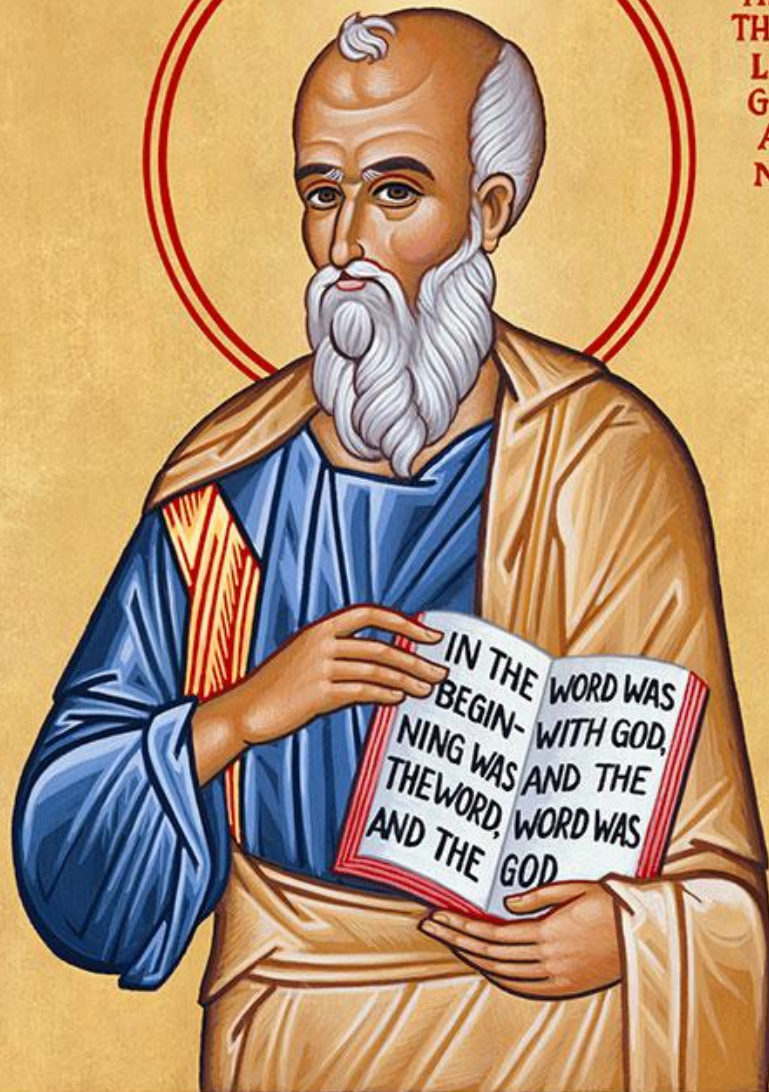
James the Greater (Son of Zebedee)

- **Origin:** Galilee (probably Bethsaida or Capernaum)
- **Profession:** Fisherman
- **Role/Importance:**
 - Brother of John; one of Jesus' inner circle (with Peter and John)
 - Witnessed Transfiguration and Gethsemane events
- **Years:** Unknown birth – 44 CE
- **Death:**
 - **Beheaded in Jerusalem** by order of King Herod Agrippa I (Acts 12:1–2)
 - **First apostolic martyr**

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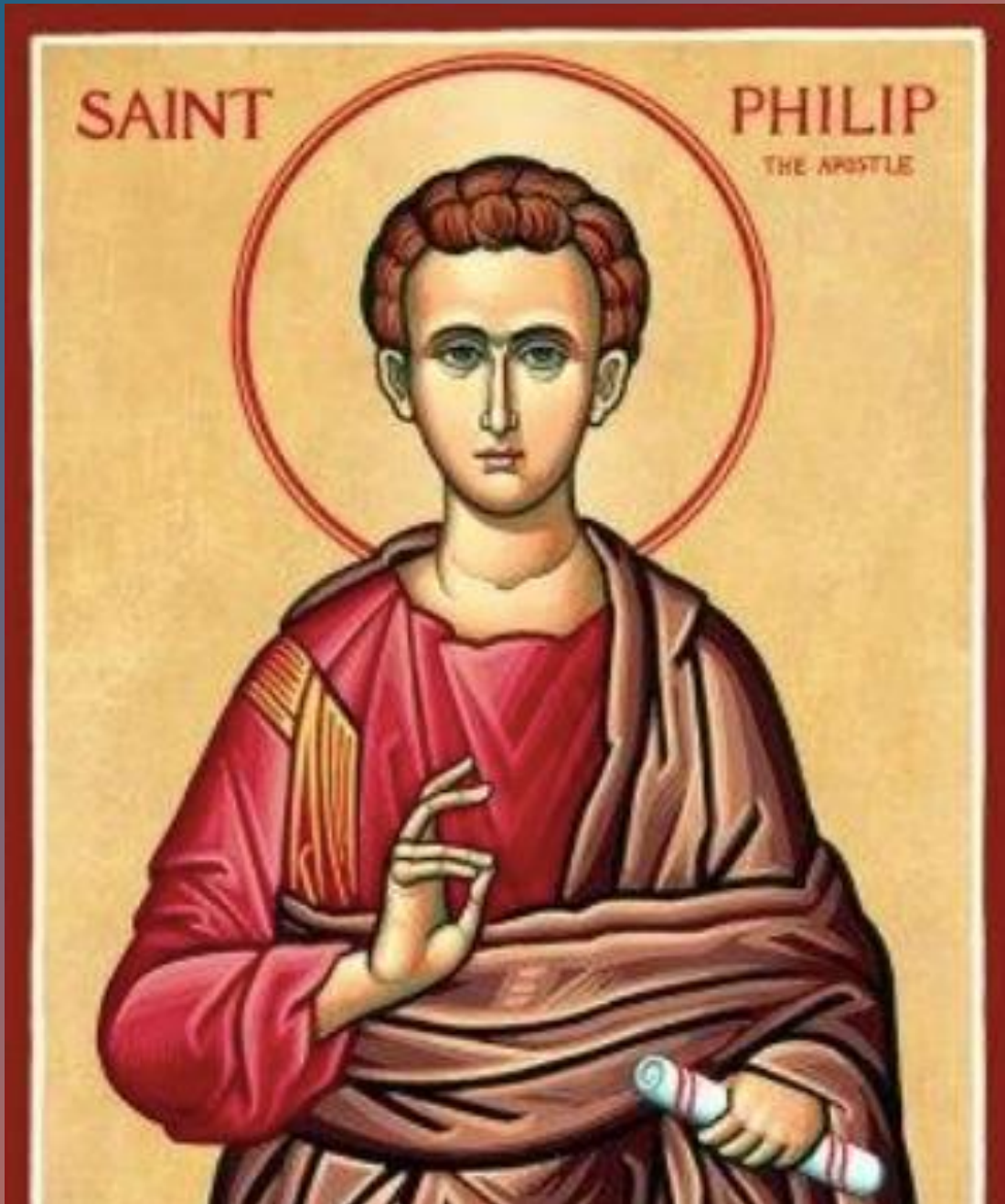
John (Son of Zebedee)

- **Origin:** Galilee
- **Profession:** Fisherman
- **Role/Importance:**
 - “The beloved disciple”
 - Author of the Gospel of John, 1–3 John, and Revelation
 - Took care of Mary after Jesus’ death (John 19:26–27)
- **Years:** c. 6–100 CE
- **Death:**
 - Only disciple believed to die of natural causes
 - Exiled to Patmos; later returned to Ephesus



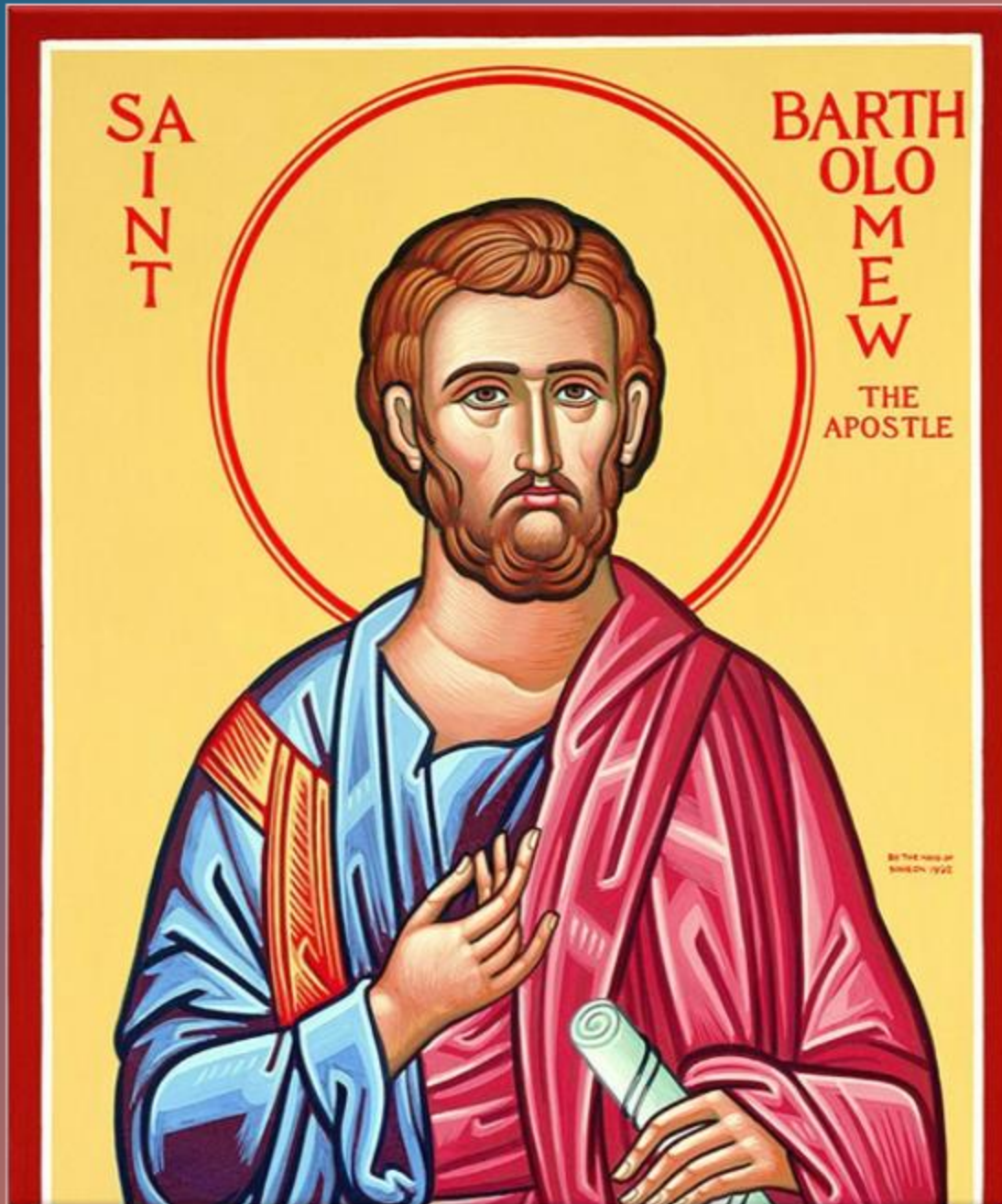
Andrew

- **Origin:** Bethsaida, Galilee
- **Profession:** Fisherman
- **Role/Importance:**
 - Brother of Peter
 - First disciple called (John 1:40)
 - Introduced others to Jesus (including Peter)
- **Years:** Unknown – c. 60–70 CE
- **Death:**
 - **Crucified on an X-shaped cross** in Patras, Greece
 - Preached for two days while hanging on the cross



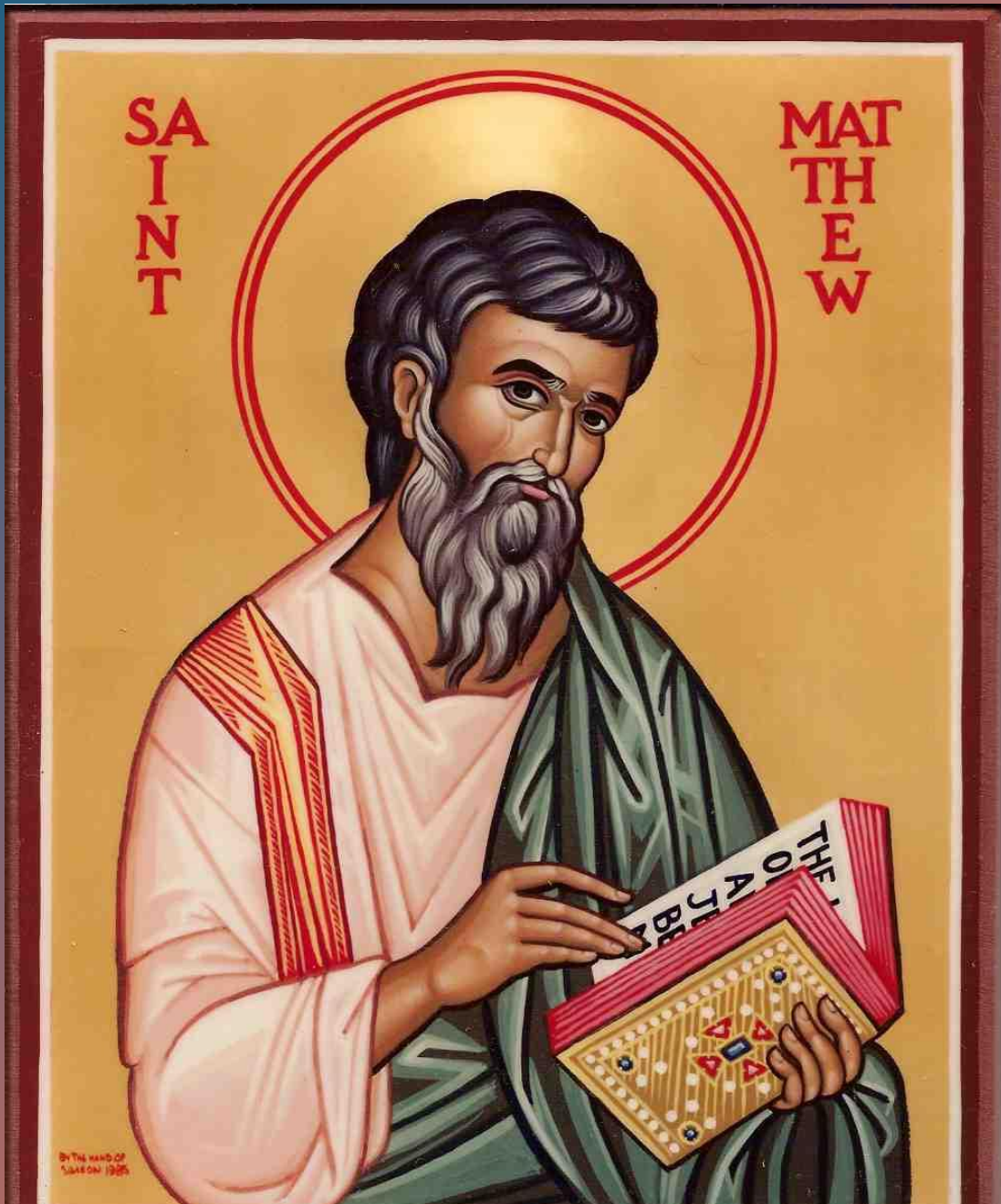
Phillip

- **Origin:** Bethsaida, Galilee
- **Profession:** Possibly a fisherman
- **Role/Importance:**
 - Called by Jesus directly (John 1:43)
 - Introduced Nathanael to Jesus
 - Asked Jesus to show the Father (John 14:8–9)
- **Years:** Unknown – c. 80 CE
- **Death:**
 - **Crucified upside down** or stoned in Hierapolis (modern Turkey)



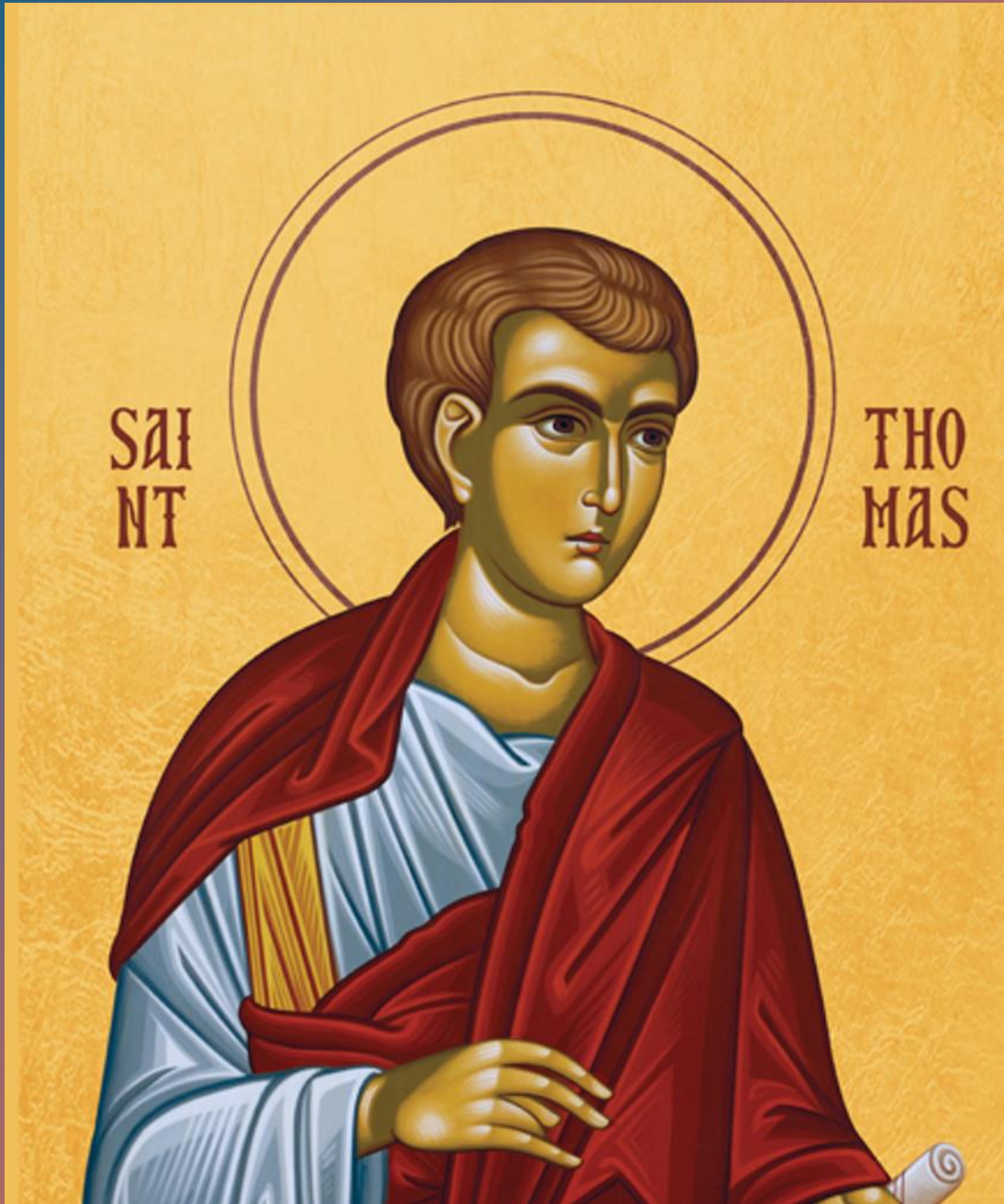
Bartholomew (Possibly Nathanael)

- **Origin:** Cana in Galilee
- **Profession:** Unknown
- **Role/Importance:**
 - Recognized Jesus as the Son of God early (John 1:49)
 - Likely same person as Nathanael
 - Missionary to India, Armenia, and possibly Mesopotamia
- **Years:** Unknown – c. 68 CE
- **Death:**
 - Flayed alive and then beheaded in Armenia



Matthew (Levi)

- **Origin:** Capernaum
- **Profession:** Tax collector
- **Role/Importance:**
 - Author of the Gospel of Matthew
 - Emphasized Jesus as the Jewish Messiah
 - Called while working at the tax booth
- **Years:** Unknown – c. 60–70 CE
- **Death:**
 - **Stabbed to death** in Ethiopia or martyred in Persia (accounts vary)

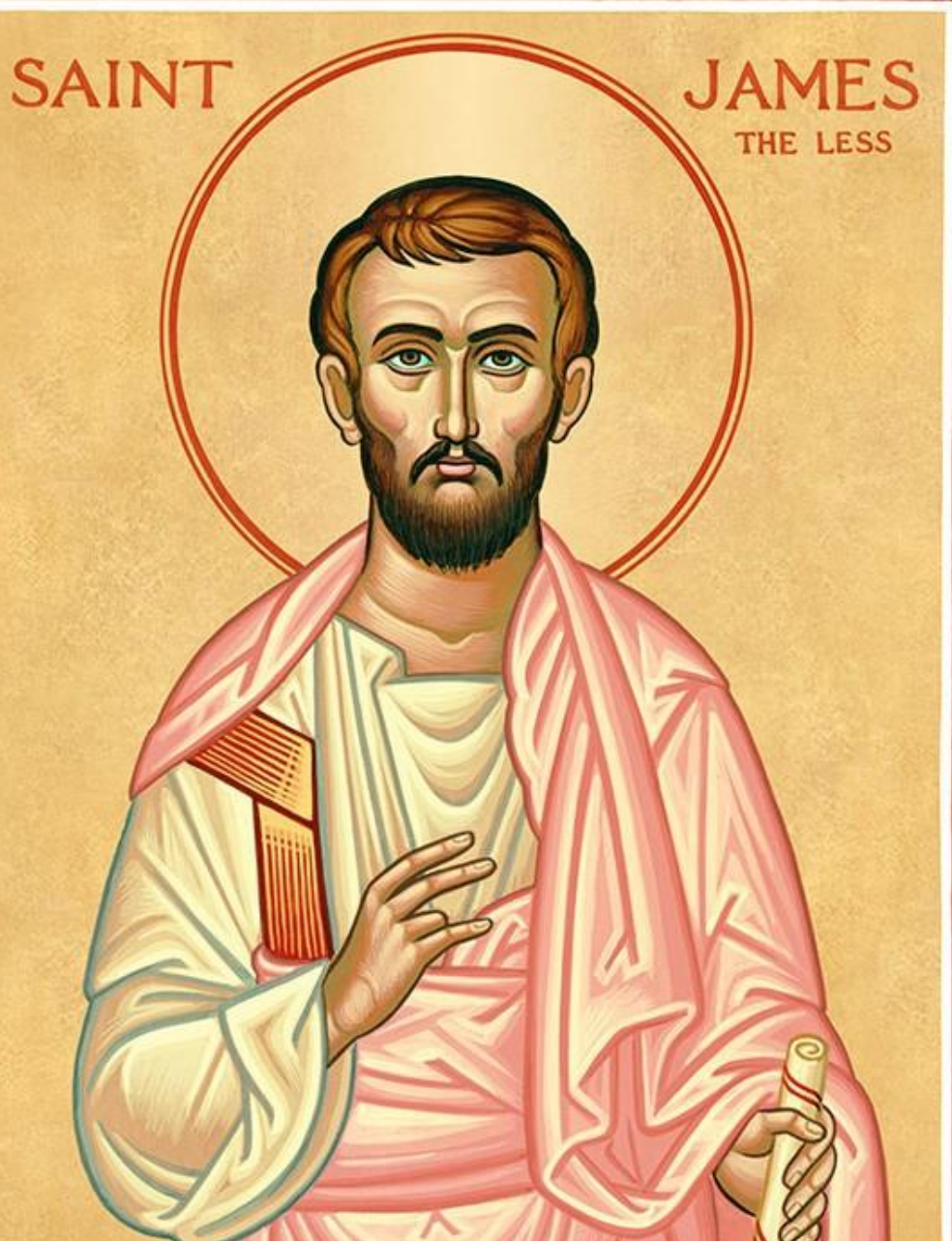


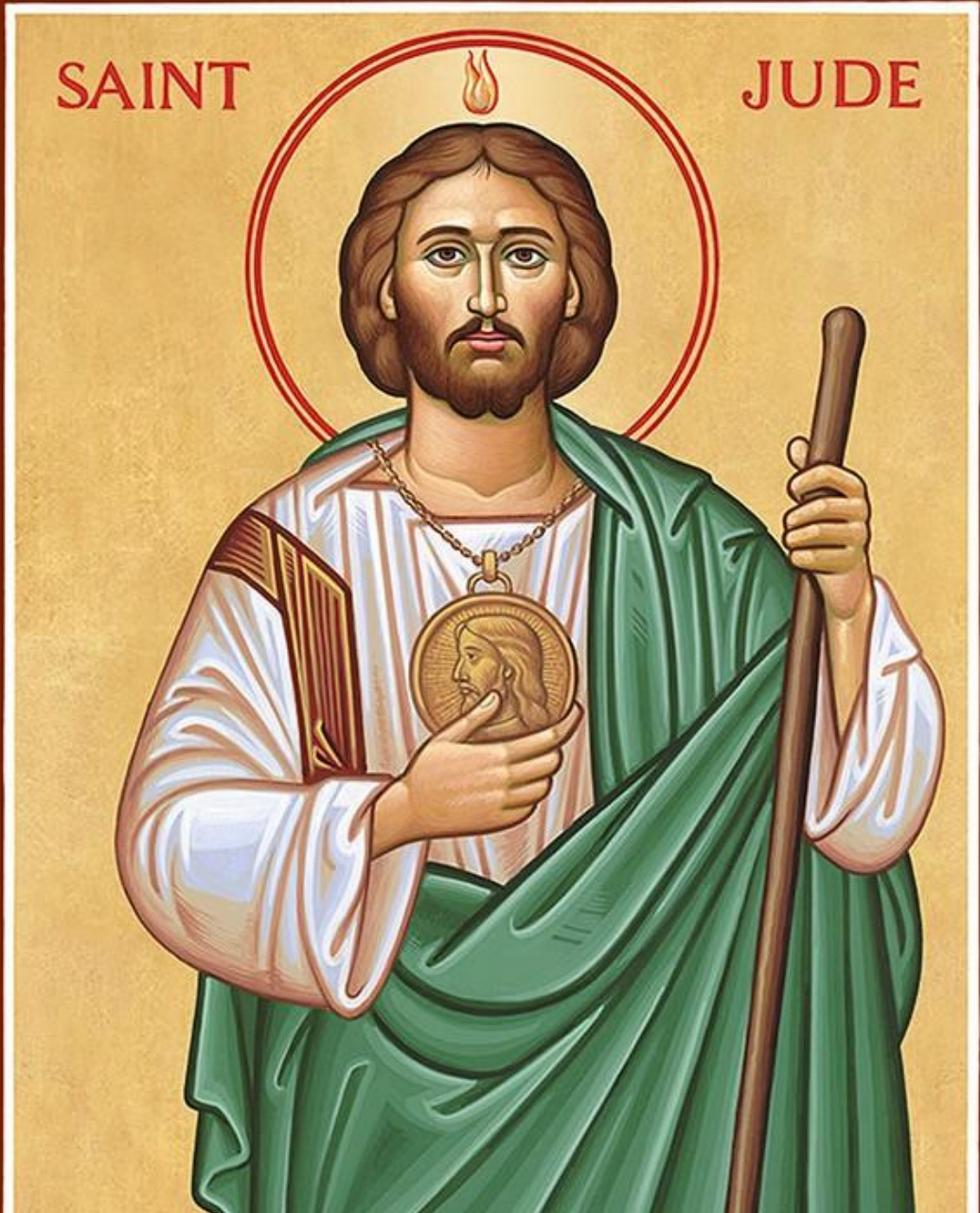
Thomas (Didymus)

- **Origin:** Possibly Galilee
- **Profession:** Unknown
- **Role/Importance:**
 - Known as “Doubting Thomas”
 - Declared, “My Lord and my God” after seeing the risen Christ
 - Strong missionary tradition in India (St. Thomas Christians)
- **Years:** Unknown – c. 72 CE
- **Death:**
 - **Speared to death** in Mylapore, India

James the Less (Son of Alphaeus)

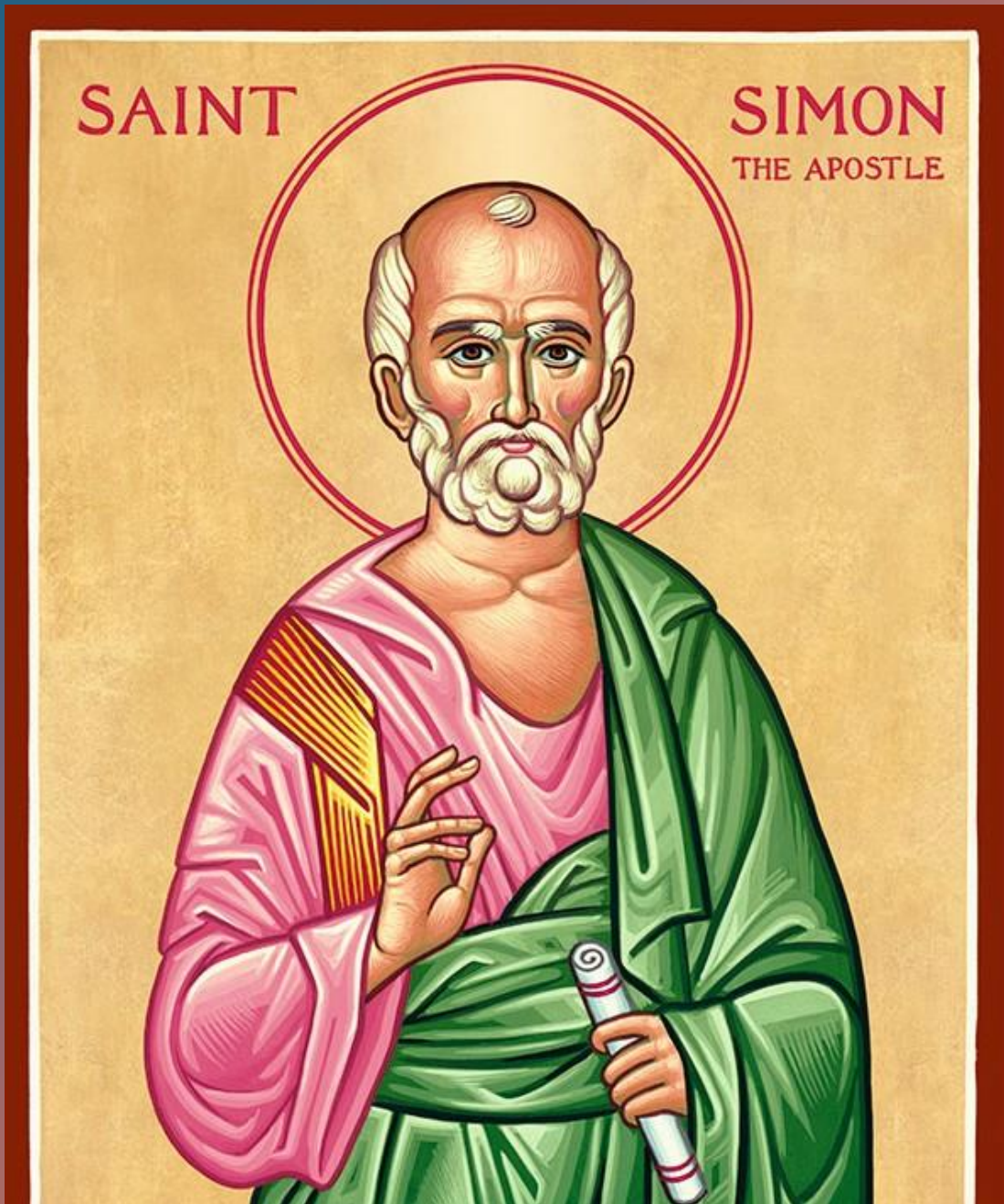
- **Origin:** Possibly Galilee
- **Profession:** Unknown
- **Role/Importance:**
 - Sometimes identified with James, the brother of Jesus
 - Very little detail in the New Testament
 - Possibly leader of the Jerusalem church
- **Years:** Unknown – c. 62 CE
- **Death:**
 - **Stoned or beaten to death** in Jerusalem





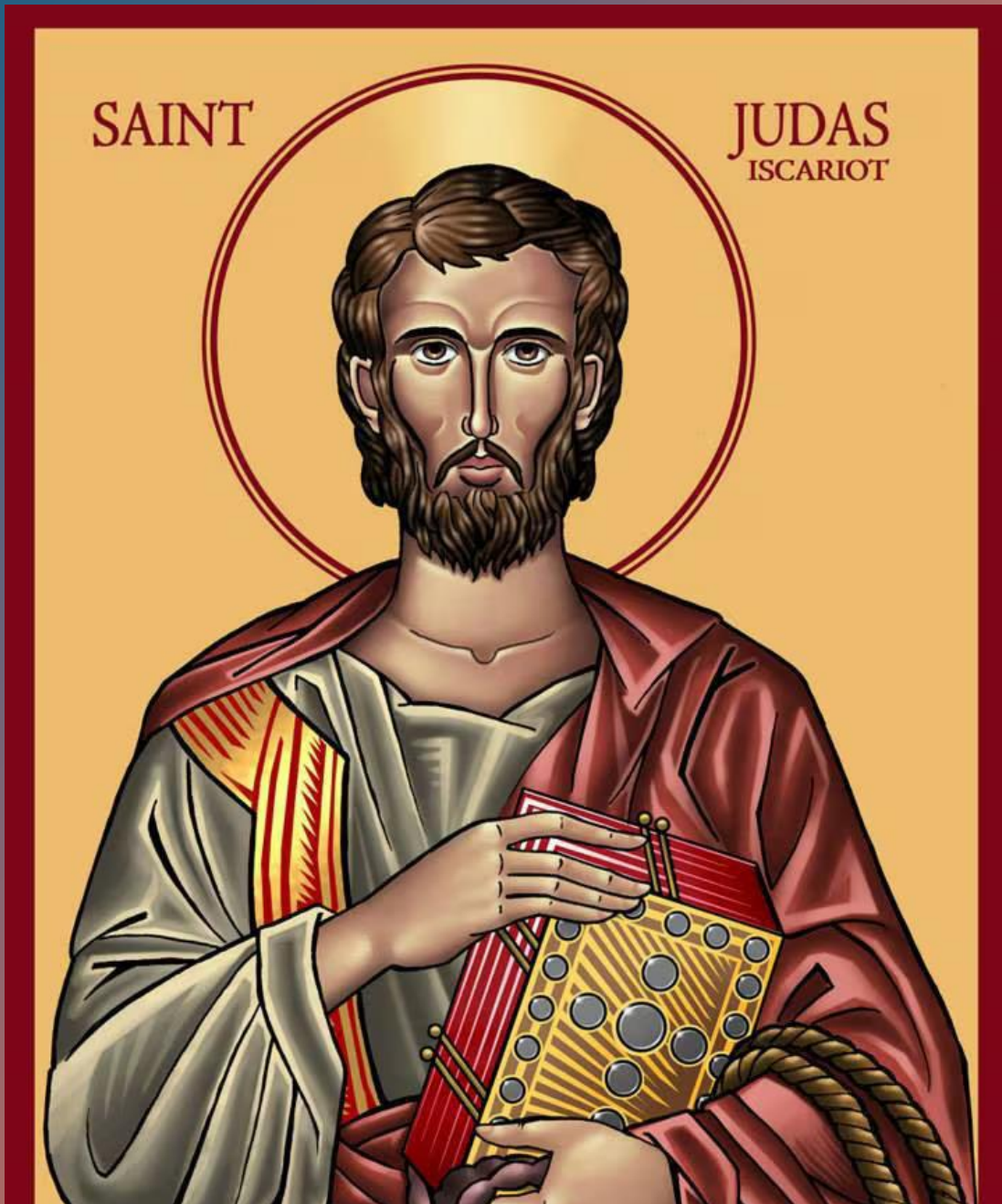
Thaddeus (Jude of James)

- **Other Names:** Judas (not Iscariot), Lebbaeus
- **Origin:** Possibly Galilee
- **Profession:** Unknown
- **Role/Importance:**
 - Asked Jesus at the Last Supper why He would reveal Himself to the disciples and not the world (John 14:22)
 - Possibly author of the Epistle of Jude
- **Years:** Unknown – c. 65–80 CE
- **Death:**
 - **Beaten to death with a club** in Persia or Syria



Simon The Zealot

- **Origin:** Unknown (probably Galilee)
- **Profession:** Possibly a political revolutionary
- **Role/Importance:**
 - Member of the Zealots, a group opposed to Roman rule
 - Not to be confused with Simon Peter
- **Years:** Unknown – c. 65 CE
- **Death:**
 - **Crucified or sawed in half** (traditions vary) in Persia or Africa



Judas Iscariot

- **Origin:** Kerioth (in Judea – only Judean among Galilean apostles)
- **Profession:** Treasurer of the disciples
- **Role/Importance:**
 - Betrayed Jesus to the Sanhedrin for 30 silver coins
 - Fulfilled messianic prophecies (Psalm 41:9, Zech. 11:12–13)
- **Years:** Unknown – c. 30 CE
- **Death:**
 - **Suicide** (hanged himself; Matthew 27:5)
 - Acts 1:18 describes a violent fall afterward
 - Replaced by Matthias (Acts 1:26)