

THE BIBLE and the CHURCH FATHERS

Lesson 11: Fathers and Martyrs

Profiles of the Early Church: St. Basil the Great

Themes Covered

- Life in the Early Church
- The martyrs and the Eucharist
- Martyrdom as a Eucharistic sacrifice

Scripture in this lesson

- Acts 2 38-42
- Revelation 6:9

Review Questions

1. What is Martyrdom?
2. What verse of Acts clues us in to the four reasons the martyrs were willing to die for the Faith? What were the reasons?

Table Discussion Questions

1. Is there anything in this lesson that you have just heard for the first time?
2. Did any of the stories of the martyrs inspire you to live the Faith more passionately?
3. Who are some other saints who have inspired you on your journey to grow closer to Christ and his Bride the Church?

Memory Verse for this lesson: Acts 2:41-42

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day. They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.

Prep for Lesson 12

- Luke 9:21-26
- Wisdom 3