

## ST. PETER.



St. PETER was born at Bethsaida, in Galilee, where he was brought up a fisherman: he was the oldest of the Apostles, and the first that was called to that dignity. Christ appeared to him the first after his resurrection, and was the first chosen to preach to the Gentiles.

St. Peter wrote his Second Epistle from Rome, a little before his death, being crucified there by order of the tyrant Nero; he was led up to the top of a mount, and was crucified with his head downwards, thinking it too high an honor to die in the same posture his Lord and Master suffered. St. Peter and St Paul both received the honor of martyrdom on the same day.

The wife of St. Peter, being an zealous woman in the cause of Christ and his gospel, suffered martyrdom long before her husband, who was present on the occasion, and encouraged her to bear it with fortitude, and to lift up her heart to Christ.