

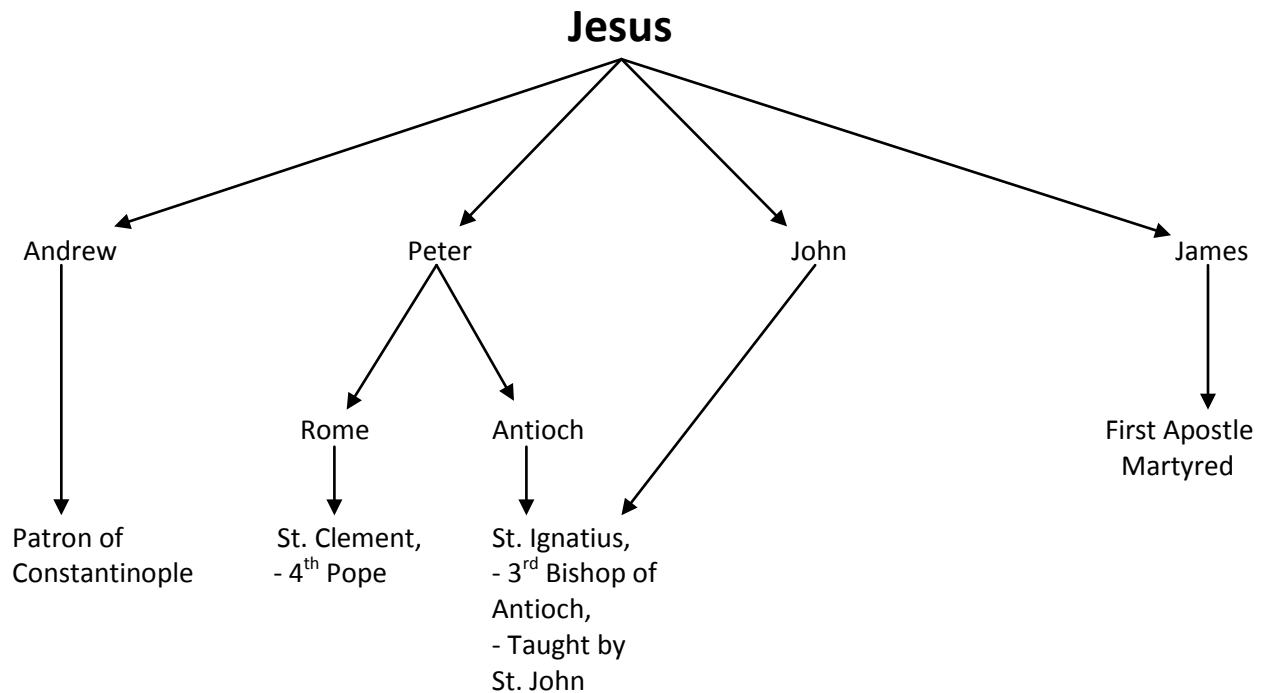
## Saints Cyril and Methodius: Called by God

Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

*Matthew 28:18-20*

... the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit.

*Luke 10:1*



### **Methodius** (baptismal name: Michael)

Born between 815 and 820

Went into Imperial Administration

Became archon or prefect for one of the frontier provinces

Around 840 – retired to monastery at foot of Mount Olympus

# Constantine

Born 827 or 828

Religious name: **Cyril** Also called "Constantine the Philosopher"

Entered priesthood

Became Librarian of the Archive of Hagia Sophia

Became Secretary to the Patriarch of Constantinople

Retired to a monastery on the Black Sea coast

6 months later, convinced to teach Philosophy in Constantinople – earned title "the Philosopher"

Sent by the emperor and patriarch on a mission to the Saracens

Went to join Methodius to be a monk

Cyril and Methodius sent as religious and cultural experts on delegation to Khazars

Find Pope Saint Clement's relics at Kherson in the Crimea and take them with them

Heralds of the Gospel

Separation from homeland

Give up positions of honor and contemplative life

Long pilgrimage

Redemption of a people

Fulfilling the Great Commission

## Rome

## Slavic Lands

## Eastern Christian Lands Area of Constantinople

Pope St. Clement

St. Ignatius of Antioch

