

Saint Bartholomew of Grottaferrata (c981 - c1055 AD)



**S. BARTOLOMEO DI ROSSANO**  
**CONFONDATORE DI GROTTAFERRATA**

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*forgiveness for a corrupt deposed penitent Catholic Pope*

"Bartholomew was born of Greek descent in Calabria, Italy. At the age of seven, he was sent to a Byzantine monastery for his schooling. At twelve he transferred to Vallelucia, where he met Saint Nilus [The Younger] of Rossano, a man of deep prayer and stern asceticism.

[https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=4866](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=4866)

Bartholomew became Nilus's disciple and helped him to found the monastery of Grottaferrata, where Bartholomew eventually became Abbot.

...in the final years of his Abbacy, Bartholomew faced an unusual situation: offering clemency to a deposed Pope. Pope Benedict IX had been ejected from his office for, among other crimes, selling the Papal Office to his own godfather, and then subsequently reacquiring it by way of bribes.

In search of refuge, Benedict came to Grottaferrata, which had been built on land donated by his grandfather, hoping for a kind reception. Bartholomew did in fact take him in, but he refused to let Benedict exercise his priestly office and prescribed a strict penitential regimen.

In time, Bartholomew's influence bore fruit and Benedict became truly contrite. He died and was buried at Grottaferrata.

<https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=1705>

A hymnwriter and skilled calligrapher, Bartholomew was also responsible for shaping Grottaferrata into a noted center of learning, a reputation it still enjoys today.

Loving Father, through the intercession of Saint Bartholomew of Grottaferrata, help me to keep the door of my heart open, even when I am faced with scandal," \* and teach me to forgive others in their penance as You forgive me in mine at The Cross of our Lord JESUS CHRIST. AMEN.

PSALM 57:1-3 - *To the chief Musician, Altaschith, Michtam of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4e8m1DUmCfI&list=RDs7BB6kArmoI&index=15>

Redeemer JESUS CHRIST, send forth Thy Eternal Goodness!

1 Be merciful unto me, O GOD, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in Thee: yea, in the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

2 I will cry unto GOD Most High; unto GOD that performeth all things for me.

3 He shall send from Heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. GOD shall send forth His Mercy and His Truth.

\* ["Saint Bartholomew of Grottaferrata." The Magnificat, 9/10/2021. Saints Who Teach Us to Forgive, p 133.]