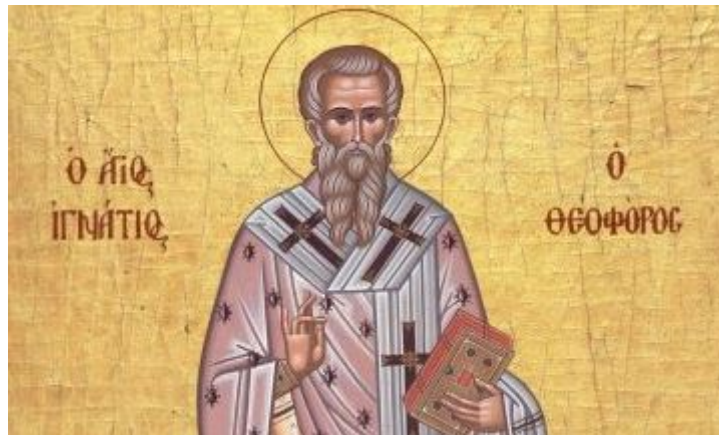


## Church today commemorates memory of St. Ignatius the God-Bearer



**The Church today venerates the memory of Ignatius the God-Bearer, or Theophorus, the second Bishop of Antioch.**

A disciple of St. John the Theologian, and a successor of the Apostles, **St. Ignatius wrote many epistles to the faithful, strengthening them in their confession and preserving for us the teachings of the holy Apostles.** Brought to Rome under the Emperor Trajan, he was surrendered to lions to be executed, and so finished the course of martyrdom in roughly the year 107.