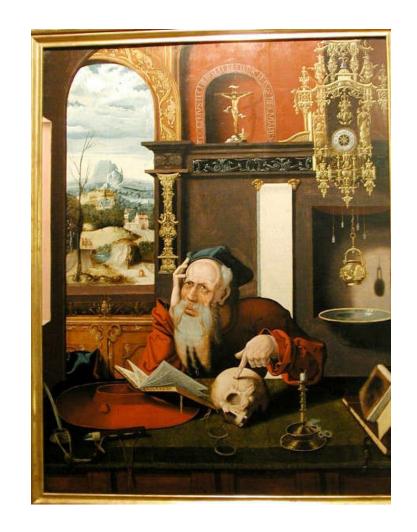


- St. Jerome was born about the year 345 A.D. and died September 30, 420 A.D.
- There is no specific date when St. Jerome was canonized, but his feast day is September 30.
- He is the patron saint of archeologists, Bible scholars, librarians, and students.



- St. Jerome had a pet lion. One story says he removed a thorn from his paw. He trained his lion to be good.
- His family sent him to Rome to study when he was twelve years old. He was a gifted student.
- Jerome also had a bad temper, but he understood his faults. He prayed often for the strength to correct them.
- He lived in a cave in Bethlehem believed to have been the birth place of Christ.
- His feast was the same day as his death!
- He had a long beard.

- He lived in a monastery for a while, then set out for Palestine.
- He was ordained a priest and lived in the desert for some time as a hermit.
- He went on to study in Constantinople where he became an adviser to the Pope.
- St. Jerome was born in Dalmatia which is now known as Yugoslavia.