



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

Tradition of the Holy Fathers of the Church

The apostolic proclamation of the Gospel was continued by the Fathers of the Church, of whom the first were disciples of the apostles: the holy hieromartyr Clement, Pope of Rome; Saint Ignatius the God-Bearer; and Saint Polycarp of Smyrna. Their teaching and witness of the faith was received from Christ's apostles, and for this reason it is held in special esteem in the Christian community. (#55)