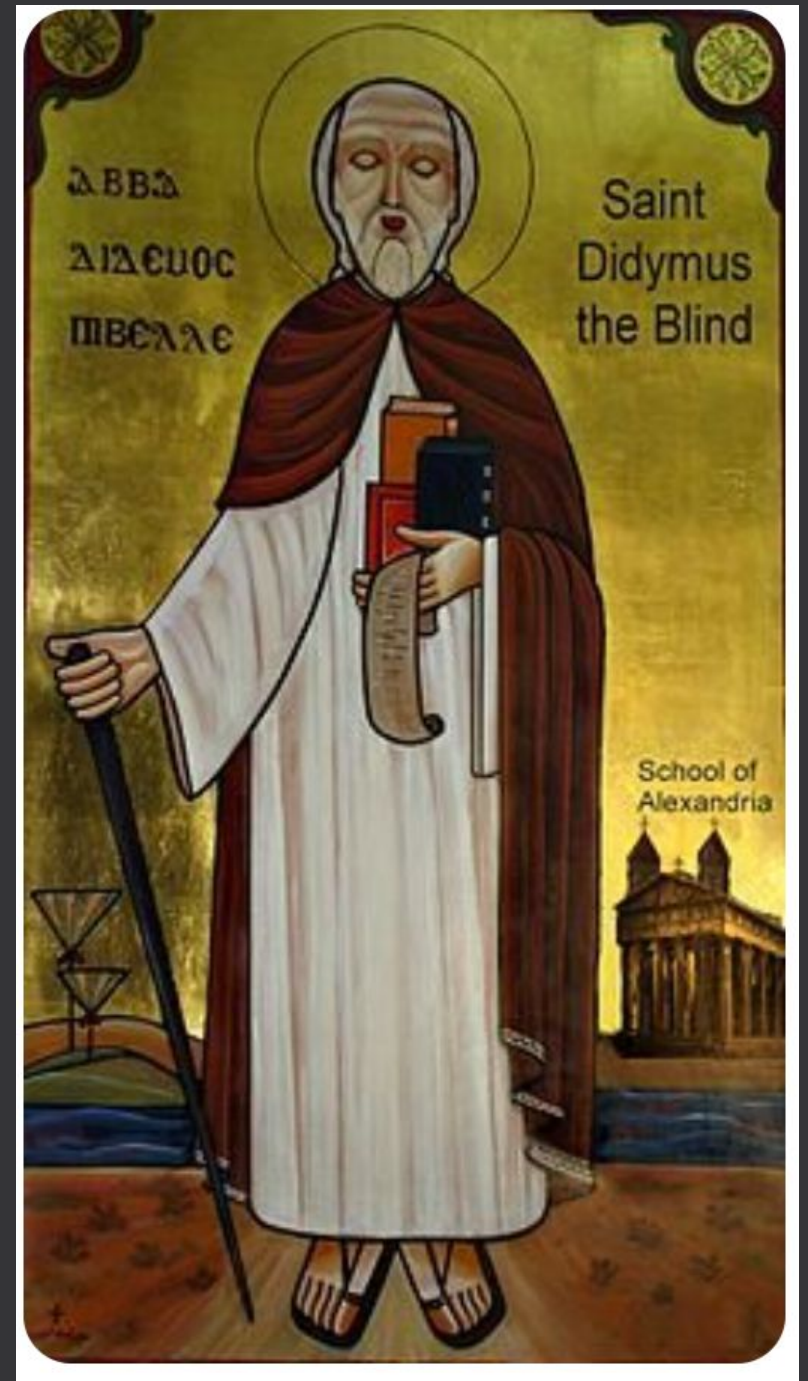


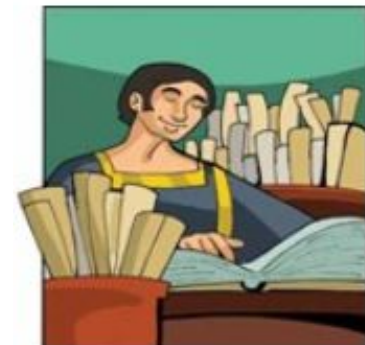
School of Alexandria St. Didymus

“You shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)



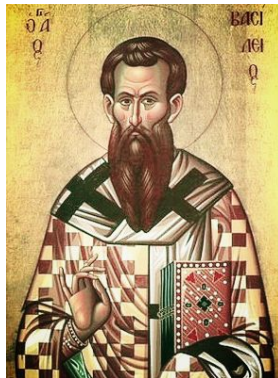
St. Didymus - Biography

- Saint Didymus was born in the fourth century in Alexandria, Egypt.
- He became blind when he was four years old.
- He was not able to do many things like playing, reading, writing or even walking.
- He prayed not for a bodily sight but for a spiritual insight.
- Although he lost his vision he did not lose his trust in God. He had faith that God would never leave him. He loved God so much.
- He decided to learn how to read and write.
- St. Didymus engraved the letters on pieces of wood and with his fingers he was able to read. (Braille System)
- God gave him a very good memory. He was able to memorize a large portion of the Holy bible.
- He also learned music, grammar, and other science in a short amount of time.



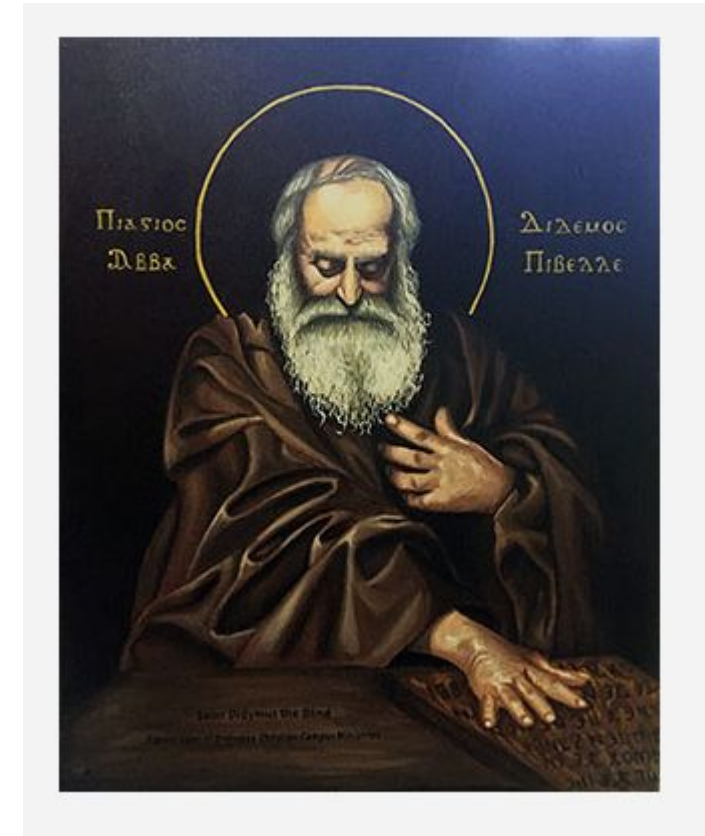
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- He became an eastern church **theologian**, which means he studied God and our religion.
- He grew up to be a revered **bishop** and **historian**.
- He studied under Origen. (*Question: Who was Origen's teacher?*)
- He quickly gained his own following of many famous scholars - among whom were St. Jerome, Palladius, and St. Antony of the Desert.
- St. Athanasius the Great chose him to be the **Dean of the School of Alexandria**, and as a teacher there he attracted students from all across the Roman Empire.
- He departed in peace in the year 398D.



St. Didymus - Contributions

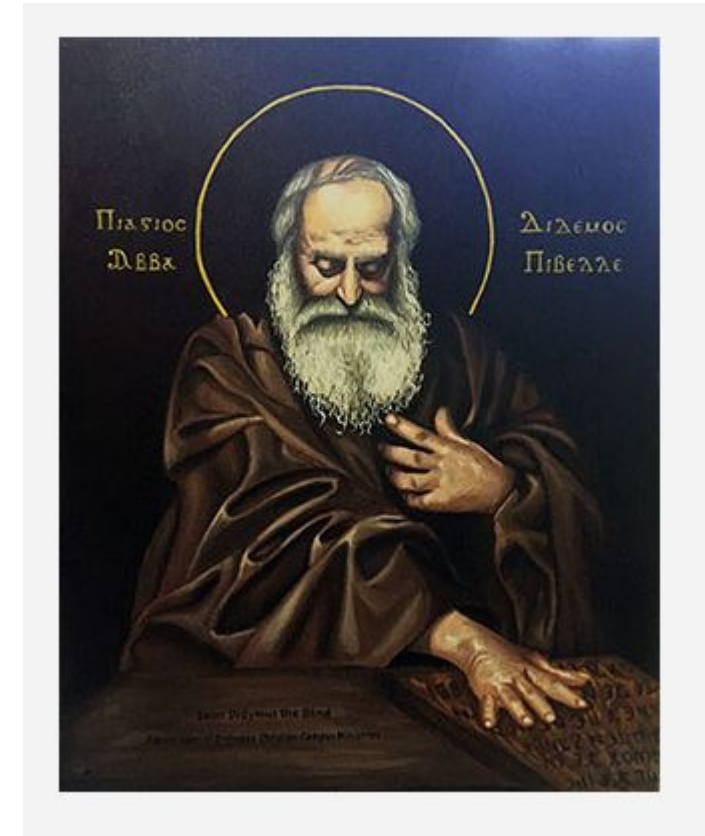
- Under his leadership, the school of Alexandria was open for blind students to study through a system in which reading letters were engraved into the surface of the wood.
- He wrote many works: Commentaries on all the Psalms, the New Testament and the Old Testament.
- The blind scholar contributed greatly to fighting the Arian heresy (which stated that Christ was created, not born, and that God the Father was greater than God the Son) by explaining the nature of the Holy Trinity in detail.



Thanks St. Didymus for all your hard work!

St. Didymus – What to Learn?

- Love and trust in God.
- Pray to God to put light in our hearts to see things that we can't see with our eyes.
- When we are faced with obstacles, let us remind ourselves that all obstacles are temporary in the face of God. And we should all seek to learn about our religion - we were blessed with eyes and ears and brains so let us learn, love, and experience God.



St. Didymus – Questions?

- When/Where was Didymus born?
- When did he become blind?
- Which theologian influenced Didymus the most?
- What is one of Didymus' contributions?

