



The Deacon Nicanor



Etymology on the name Nicanor - (Conqueror)

A Greek name, Nicanor was one of the seven deacons, being the 4th on the list of deacons, chosen by the people and appointed by the apostles to superintend the daily distribution to the Christian poor of Jerusalem (Acts 6:5).

Nicanor, the Son of Patroclus, was a General who was engaged in the Jewish wars under Antiochus Epiphanes and Demetrius I.

Circa - B.C. 1600 Nicanor, is mentioned in the (Acts 6:5) where he is named as, the fourth, of the seven, who were to look after the needs of the Greek - speaking widows, in the church in Jerusalem.

Theological and Historical Significance

Nicanor's role as one of the first deacons highlights the early church's commitment to addressing practical needs within the community while maintaining a focus on spiritual leadership. His inclusion in the list of deacons underscores the diversity and unity of the early Christian community, as the church sought to bridge cultural and linguistic divides.

The Choosing of the Seven Acts 6:1-7 (NIV)



6 In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

2 So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables.

3 Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them

4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.

5 This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism.

6 They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

7 So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.



Friends, Please remember, You can't buy your way into heaven OR out of hell.

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