

Saint Irene of Lyon - from Apology to Christology

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Abstract

We can distinguish an essential contribution of Saint Irenaeus of Lyon in the process of transition from apology to dogma. He is capable to accomplish an “theological revision of the baptismal confession”. The Holy Father accomplish also the argumentation of a very important confession work. He was the disciple of Saint Polycarp from Smirne and also of Saint Justin the Martyr. In his doctrine we can observe some important theological points: the problematic of the Incarnation, the fight against the Gnosticism, a teaching about the revelation and the Holy Scripture and also a very important Christology and anthropology. His most important work was “Against heresies”, meaning also “The fight and rollover of the gnosis with lying name”. In our research we have tried to underline the principals apologetic coordinates of Saint Irenaeus thinking, starting from his Treaty “Against heresies”.