



Memorial

- 17 July

Profile

• Cardinal-priest. 103rd pope. He saw the Saracens attack Rome, Italy in 846; upon his ascension, to prevent its recurrence he fortified the city and its suburbs, building a wall around the Vatican, fortifying the part of Rome still called the Leonine City. Rebuilt Saint Peter's Basilica. Rebuked Saint Ignatius of Constantinople for deposing bishops without his knowledge. Crowned Louis II joint Holy Roman Emperor with Lothair I in 850. Crowned Alfred as king of England in 853.

Born

- Rome, Italy

Papal Ascension

- 847

Died

- 855 at Rome, Italy of natural causes

Canonized

- Pre-Congregation