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<p align="center"><b>REMARKS</b></p> <p>2. Blessing of Candles (Some traditions).            7.21.28. Simple Abstinence from meat or equivalent penance            17. Today is also the civil observance of Presidents' Day.            24-28. Cheesefare Week. Wednesday and Friday are aliturgical days (without Divine-Liturgy).</p>						<p align="center"><b>JANUARY</b></p> <p align="center">S M T W T F S</p> <p align="center">1 2 3 4</p> <p align="center">5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p align="center">12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p align="center">19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p align="center">26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p align="center"><b>1</b></p> <p align="center">(P)</p> <p align="center">Tryphon Martyr 1 Thess 5:14-23 Lk 17:3-10</p>
<p align="center"><b>2</b></p> <p align="center">Tone 4 ★</p> <p align="center"><b>SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS</b>  <b>ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON AND ANNA</b>            1 Tim 4:9-15 &amp; Heb 7:7-17            Lk 19:1-10 &amp; Lk 2:22-40</p>	<p align="center"><b>3</b></p> <p align="center">33rd Week after Pentecost</p> <p align="center"><b>Synaxis of the Holy Prophets Simeon &amp; Anna</b>            Heb 9:11-14            Lk 2:25-38</p>	<p align="center"><b>4</b></p> <p align="center">Isidore Venerable            1 Peter 3:10-22            Mk 12:18-27</p>	<p align="center"><b>5</b></p> <p align="center">Agatha Martyr            1 Peter 4:1-11            Mk 12:28-37</p>	<p align="center"><b>6</b></p> <p align="center">Bucolus Bishop            1 Peter 4:12-5:5            Mk 12:38-44</p>	<p align="center"><b>7</b></p> <p align="center">★</p> <p align="center">            Parthenius Bishop            2 Peter 1:1-10            Mk 13:1-8</p>	<p align="center"><b>8</b></p> <p align="center">Theodore Great-Martyr            2 Tim 2:11-19            Lk 18:2-8</p>	
<p align="center"><b>9</b></p> <p align="center">Tone 5 (F)</p> <p align="center"><b>SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE</b>            2 Tim 3:10-15            Lk 18:10-14</p>	<p align="center"><b>10</b></p> <p align="center">34th Week after Pentecost</p> <p align="center">Charalampus Martyr            2 Peter 1:20-2:9            Mk 13:9-13</p>	<p align="center"><b>11</b></p> <p align="center">Blase Bishop-Martyr            2 Peter 2:9-22            Mk 13:14-23</p>	<p align="center"><b>12</b></p> <p align="center">Meletius Archbishop            2 Peter 3:1-18            Mk 13:24-31</p>	<p align="center"><b>13</b></p> <p align="center">Martinian Venerable            1 Jn 1:8-2:6            Mk 13:31-14:2</p>	<p align="center"><b>14</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Death of Cyril Apostle to the Slavs</b>            Heb 7:26:8-2            Jn 10:9-16</p>	<p align="center"><b>15</b></p> <p align="center">Onesimus Apostle            2 Tim 3:1-9            Lk 20:46-21:4</p>	
<p align="center"><b>16</b></p> <p align="center">Tone 6</p> <p align="center"><b>SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON</b>            1 Cor 6:12-20            Lk 15:11-32</p>	<p align="center"><b>17</b></p> <p align="center">Meatfare Week ★</p> <p align="center">Theodore the Recruit Great-Martyr            1 Jn 2:18-3:10            Mk 11:1-11</p>	<p align="center"><b>18</b></p> <p align="center">Leo the Great Pope            1 Jn 3:10-20            Mk 14:10-42</p>	<p align="center"><b>19</b></p> <p align="center">Archippus Apostle            1 Jn 3:21-4:6            Mk 14:43-15:1</p>	<p align="center"><b>20</b></p> <p align="center">Leo of Catania Bishop            1 Jn 4:20-5:21            Mk 15:1-15</p>	<p align="center"><b>21</b></p> <p align="center">★</p> <p align="center">            Timothy Venerable            2 Jn 1-13            Mk 15:22 .25 &amp; 33-41</p>	<p align="center"><b>22</b></p> <p align="center"><b>1st All Souls Saturday</b>            1 Cor 10:23-28            Lk 21:8-9.25-27.33-36</p>	
<p align="center"><b>23</b></p> <p align="center">Tone 7</p> <p align="center"><b>SUNDAY OF MEAT FARE</b>            1 Cor 8:8-9:2            Mt 25:31-46</p>	<p align="center"><b>24</b></p> <p align="center">Cheesefare Week ★</p> <p align="center"><b>First &amp; Second Findings of the Head of John the Baptist</b>            2 Cor 4:6-15            Mt 11:2-15</p>	<p align="center"><b>25</b></p> <p align="center">Tarasius Patriarch            Jude 1-10            Lk 22:39-42 &amp; 45-23:1</p>	<p align="center"><b>26</b></p> <p align="center">Porphy of Gaza Bishop            Joel 2:12-26            Joel 4:12-21</p>	<p align="center"><b>27</b></p> <p align="center">Procopius Venerable-Confessor            Jude 11-25            Lk 23:1-34 &amp; 44-56</p>	<p align="center"><b>28</b></p> <p align="center">★</p> <p align="center">            Basil Venerable-Confessor            Zech 8:7-17            Zech 8:19-23</p>	<p align="center"><b>MARCH</b></p> <p align="center">S M T W T F S</p> <p align="center">1</p> <p align="center">2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p align="center">9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p align="center">16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p align="center">23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p> <p align="center">30 31</p>	

# FEBRUARY

Following are the Names, Dates, and some prominent Facts from the lives of the Saints especially honored by the Byzantine Catholic Church.

- 1** **St. Tryphon**, Martyr, put to death A.D. 250 by Akylinus, during the reign of the persecutor Emperor Decius.
- 2** **Encounter of our Lord with Simeon and Anna**. This is one of the most ancient of all the feasts, for we find it established at Jerusalem in the 4th century.
- 3** **St. Simeon**, the Venerable-Senex and "God-Bearer", lived to see and hold the Infant Jesus, the consolation of Israel, in his arms. — **St. Anna**, Prophetess, prophesied concerning Christ. She remained in widowhood consecrated to the service for 54 years, not leaving the Temple, she persevered night and day in prayer and fasting. At the age of 84 she beheld the Infant Jesus at the Presentation. (Confer Aug. 28.)
- 4** Our Venerable Father, **Isidore** of Pelusium, founded a monastery at Pelusium, and was held in great esteem as a theologian and guide of souls. Died about A.D. 450. — **St. Jador**, Martyr, was put to death by Numerius, during the reign of the Emperor Decius.
- 5** **St. Agatha**, Martyr, suffered death in prison A.D. 250 under the leadership of Quintianus, during the reign of Emperor Decius.
- 6** Our Venerable father, **Bucolus**, Bishop of Smyrna. He lived in the days of St. John the Evangelist, by whom he was appointed Bishop before Polycarp, Martyr.
- 7** Our Venerable father, **Parthenius**, Bishop of Lampsachia, died A.D. 318, during the reign of Emperor Constantine the Great. — Our venerable father, **Luke**, who was in Helladia of Syria.
- 8** **St. Theodore**, the great Martyr, was a general in the army of the Emperor Licinius. He suffered death at Heraclea in Thrace A.D. 318. (confer June 8). — **St. Zacharias**, the Prophet, was one of the tribe of Levi 520 B.C.
- 9** **St. Nicephorus**, Martyr, a Syrian Christian, took the place of Sapricius who apostatised before a heathen judge, and was put to death A.D. 260, during the reign of Emperor Valerian.
- 10** **St. Charalampus**, Martyr, endured death by the sword A.D. 203 at Magnesia in Asia Minor, in the hegemony of Lucianus, in the reign of Emperor Septimius Severus.
- 11** **St. Blase**, Bishop-Martyr, suffered martyrdom A.D. 316 at Sebaste, by beheading, during the hegemony of Licinius, in

**12** Our holy father, **Meletius**, Archbishop of Great Antioch was elected to the Patriarchal See in A.D. 360 but within a month he was sent into exile by the Emperor Constantius. Reinstated in 378 he held a council of 150 Bishops and took prominent part in the Council of Constantinople A.D. 380, in the reign of Theodosius the Great. — **St. Marina**, Virgin, in male attire, lived in the monastery to the year A.D. 440.

**13** Our venerable father, **Martinian**, Hegumen, died in the year A.D. 415 in the reign of Theodosius the Younger. — **St. Zoe** and **St. Photina**, Venerable Women.

**14** The death of our venerable father, **Cyril, Bishop of Catania**, the brother of St. Methodius, Apostle of the Slavs and Bulgarians. The old Slavic alphabet ("Cyrillic") is ascribed to him, who, with his brother, translated many Church books from the Greek into the Slavonic language. He died A.D. 869 in Rome. (Confer May 11 and July 5.) Our venerable father, **Auxentius**, Hegumen, was a soldier in the bodyguard of the Emperor Theodosius the Younger. He defended the Catholic Faith at the time of the Council of Chalcedon A.D. 451. He died soon after.

**15** **St. Onesimus**, Apostle, was a slave of Filemon, later a disciple of the Apostle Paul. He became Bishop of Ephesus after St. Timothy and died a martyr at Rome. — **Paphnutius**, Venerable-Hermit in Egypt and his daughter, **Euphrosyne**.

**16** **SS. Pamphilus, Valentine, Paul, Seleucus, Porphyryus, Julian, Theodulus**, and the five Martyrs of Egypt. **Elias, Jeremias, Isaias, Samuel** and **Daniel**, suffered martyrdom during the reign of Diocletian. — Our venerable father, **Flavianus**, Archbishop of Constantinople, died of ill treatment A.D. 450 and already the Fathers of Chalcedon proclaimed his Sanctity A.D. 451.

**17** **St. Theodore of Tyre**, the Great Martyr, was burned to death A.D. 306, during the reign of Emperor Maximian Hercules. — Memory of **St. Mariamna**, sister of Philip, the Apostle.

**18** Our holy father, **Leo the Great**, Pope of Rome, opposed the Nestorians and taught, like St. Cyril of Alexandria, the unity of person in Christ. He saved Rome from the invasion of Attila and died A.D. 461 during the reign of Emperor Leo the Great.

**19** **St. Archippus**, Apostle, a co-worker with St. Paul, first Bishop of the Colossians. Tradition says he was stoned to death during the reign of Emperor Nero. — **SS. Maxim, Theodot, Isychus** and **Asklepiodotus**, Martyrs.

**20** Our venerable father, **Leo**, Bishop of Catania, in Sicily. By his miracles he acquired the name "wonder-worker." He lived near Mt. Etna, the fire of which consumed Ilidorus, the

Constantine. — **St. Sadok**, Priest-Martyr and with him 128 fellow Christians put to death by King Sapor of Persia A.D. 345 — **St. Agatho**, Venerable, Pope of Rome, died A.D. 682.

**21** Our venerable father, **Timothy**, Hermit. — Our holy father, **Eustacius**, Archbishop of Antioch, assisted at the Ecumenical Council of Nicea. He contended against the Arians by word and pen. He died about A.D. 337, during the reign of Emperor Constantine the Great.

**22** **Finding of the venerable Relics of SS. Martyrs at Eugenia**. — Venerable **Peter**, Monk and **Athanasius**, suffered martyrdom at the hands of Iconoclasts A.D. 735, during the reign of Leo III, the Isaurian, Emperor.

**23** **St. Polycarp**, Bishop-Martyr, Bishop of Smyrna, was burned alive A.D. 166, during the reign of Emperor Marcus Aurelius.

**24** **St. Tarasius**, Archbishop of Constantinople, opposed the Iconoclasts, denounced the vices of the Byzantine Princes and their profligate courts. Known as the "Father of the poor," he died A.D. 806 during the reign of Nicephorus, Emperor.


**25** **First and Second Finding of the Venerable Head of St. John, the Precursor**. The First Finding was by two monks in the home of Herod, King. They brought the Head to the city Emnesia. The Second Finding was much later, during the reign of Emperor Marcianus A.D. 431.

**26** Our holy father, **Porphyry**, Bishop of Gaza, sold his goods and distributed the proceeds to the poor. He died A.D. 420 during the reign of Emperor Theodosius the Younger. — **St. Sebastian**, renowned Roman Martyr. He was an officer in the Imperial Army and a favorite of Emperor Diocletian. Becoming a Christian, no mercy was shown him. He was made a target for the archers, and thus died A.D. 288. — **St. Photina**, of Samaria, Martyr. Tradition identifies her as the Samaritan woman with whom Jesus spoke at the well. (confer John 4.)

**27** Our venerable father, **Procopius**, venerable confessor and monk of Decapolis, died about A.D. 740 during the reign of Emperor Leo III, the Isaurian.

**28** Our venerable father, **Basil**, confessor and co-faster with St. Procopius. Famous for their resistance at Constantinople to the Decree of Leo III, the Isaurian, ordering the destruction of holy pictures. They died about 740. — **Marina, Cyra** and **Domnicia**, Venerable-Women

**29** Our venerable father, **John Cassian**, entered into his rest A.D. 431, during the reign of Emperor Theodosius the

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<b>2</b> Tone 8  <b>SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE</b> Rom 13:11-14:4 Mt 6:14-21	<b>3</b> 1st Week of the Great Fast  <b>FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST</b> Eutropius & Others - Martyrs Gen 1:1-13; Prov 1:1-20	<b>4</b>  Gerasimus Venerable Gen 1:14-23 Prov 1:20-33	<b>5</b> *  Conon Martyr Gen 1:24-2:3 Prov 2:1-21	<b>6</b>  42 Martyrs of Ammorium Gen 2:4-19 Prov 3:1-18	<b>7</b> *  Basil and Others, Bishop - Martyrs of Cherson Gen 2:20-3:20 Prov 3:19-34	<b>8</b>  <b>Commemoration of the Miracle of the Great-Martyr Theodore</b> Heb 1:1-12 Mk 2:23-3:5	
<b>9</b> Tone 1 * <b>1ST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST</b> Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2 Jn 1:43-51	<b>10</b> 2nd Week of the Great Fast  Codratus and Others - Martyrs Gen 3:21-4:7 Prov 3:34-4:22	<b>11</b>  Sophronius Patriarch of Jerusalem Gen 4:8-15 Prov 5:1-15	<b>12</b> *  Theophane Venerable-Confessor Gen 4:16-26 Prov 5:15-6:3	<b>13</b>  Translation of the Relics of Nicephorus - Patriarch Gen 5:1-24 Prov 6:3-20	<b>14</b> *  Benedict Venerable Gen 5:32-6:8 Prov 6:20-7:1	<b>15</b>  <b>2nd All Souls Saturday</b> Heb 3:12-16 Mk 1:35-44	
<b>16</b> Tone 2 * <b>2ND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST</b> Heb 1:10-2:3 Mk 2:1-12	<b>17</b> 3rd Week of the Great Fast  Alexis, Man of God - Venerable Gen 6:9-22 Prov 8:1-21	<b>18</b>  Cyril of Jerusalem Archbishop Gen 7:1-15 Prov 8:32-9:11	<b>19</b> *  Chrysanthus & Daria Martyrs Gen 7:6-9 Proverbs 9:12-18	<b>20</b>  Venerable Fathers of the St. Sabbas Monastery Gen 7:11-8:4 Prov 10:1-22	<b>21</b> *  James of Catania Bishop-Confessor Gen 8:4-21 Prov 10:31-11:12	<b>22</b>  <b>3rd All Souls Saturday</b> Heb 10:32-38 Mk 2:14-17	
<b>23</b> Tone 3 * <b>3RD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST - VENERATION OF THE CROSS</b> Heb 4:14-5:6; Mk 8:34-9:1	<b>24</b> 4th Week of the Great Fast (P)  Zachary - Venerable Gen 8:21-9:7; Prov 11:19-12:6	<b>25</b> Solemn *  <b>ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS</b> Heb 2:11-18 Lk 1:24-38	<b>26</b> (F) *  <b>MID-LENT Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel</b> Gen 9:18-10:1 Prov 12:23-13:9	<b>27</b>  Matrona Venerable Gen 10:32-11:9 Prov 13:19-14:6	<b>28</b> *  Hilary and Stephen Venerable Gen 12:1-7 Prov 14:15-26	<b>29</b>  <b>4th All Souls Saturday</b> Heb 6:9-12 Mk 7:31-37	
<b>30</b> Tone 4 * <b>4TH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST JOHN CLIMACUS VENERABLE</b> Heb 6:13-20; Mk 9:17-31	<b>31</b> 5th Week of the Great Fast  Hypatius - Bishop Gen 13:12-18 Prov 14:27-15:4						

# MARCH

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**1** **St. Eudoxia**, Venerable-Martyr. At first she led a profligate life but was baptized by Theodosius, Bishop. Arrested, she was beheaded for her Christianity about A.D. 107 during the leadership of Diogenes, in the reign of Trajan, Emperor.

**2** **St. Thodotus**, Priest-Martyr Bishop of Cyrene, on the Island of Cyprus, was imprisoned, tortured for the Faith under Diocletian, Emperor. He survived and died peacefully A.D. 325.

**3** **St. Eutropius** and his bodyguards, **SS. Cleonicus and Basiliscus**, Martyrs. They suffered martyrdom A.D. 296 in the reign of Diocletian the Emperor.

**4** Our venerable father, **Gerasimus**, a Hermit, founded a monastery on the bank of the River Jordan. In his youth a follower of the heretic Eutyches, he did severe penance the rest of his life. Died A.D. 475 — **SS. Paul** and his sister **Juliana**, Martyrs, sent to their reward A.D. 275 in the reign of Aurelian, Emperor.

**5** **St. Conon**, Martyr, a poor Christian gardener of Nazareth in Galilee, who in Pamphylia (Asia Minor), or on the Island of Cyprus, was martyred A.D. 250 by Governor Pomplius. With nails driven through his ankles, he was forced to run before a chariot till he fell dying to be crushed under its wheels.

**6** **Forty-Two Martyrs at Ammorium: Theodore, Constantine, Callistus, Theophil and others with them**, died at the hands of the Saracens about A.D. 840, in the reign of Theophilus, the Iconoclast.

**7** **SS. Priest-Martyrs at Cherson: Basil, Ephrem, Capito, Eugene, Everius**, Missionary Bishops to the Crimea and South of Russia, and **four others with them**. Suffered A.D. 296. — Venerable **Paul**, the **Simple**, in Egypt, a Solitary of wonderful patience and meekness. He passed away about A.D. 339 in the reign of Constantine II, Emperor.

**8** Our venerable father and confessor, **Theophylact**, Bishop of Nicomedia, was a disciple of Tarasius, Bishop, defended the veneration of Icons and Statues of Saints. Died in 30 year exile A.D. 845 in the reign of Emperor Michael III.

**9** **SS. Forty Martyrs at Sebaste in Armenia**, were exposed naked on a frozen pond until death by the power of Licinius A.D. 320.

**10** **SS. Codratus** and companions: **Cyprian, Anectus and Criscent**, died A.D. 257 after years in prison under Valerian, Emperor.

**11** Our holy father, **Sophronius**, Patriarch of Jerusalem, died A.D. 638 in the reign of Heraclius the Emperor. He revised the prominent Church Book called the "Minea," and also composed the prayer for the solemn blessing of the water on the Feast of the Epiphany.

**12** Our venerable father and confessor, **Theophane** of Syngria, was banished by the Emperor Leo the Armenian for his stand against the Iconoclasts at the Second Council of Nicea A.D. 787. Died in exile A.D. 818, bound and starved to death. — Our holy father, **Gregory the Great**, Dialogus, Pope of Rome, who probably composed the Liturgy of the Presanctified for the Eastern Churches. He died A.D. 604 in the reign of Emperor Phocas.

**13** **Translation of Relics of our father, Nicephorus**, Patriarch of Constantinople. He defended the practice of the veneration of Icons in the persecution of Leo the Armenian. He died in the fiftieth year of his exile A.D. 771 in the reign of Constantine V Copronymus, Emperor. (Confer June 2.)

**14** Our venerable father, **Benedict**, Abbot. He founded in Italy in the sixth century the Benedictine Order based on the rules of St. Basil the Great, hence merited the title of "Patriarch of the Western Monks." Died A.D. 543. — **St. Alexander** of Pidna, Priest-Martyr, suffered and died in Thrace A.D. 272 in the reign of Aurelian, Emperor.

**15** **St. Agapius**, Martyr, and with him six others, **Timolaus, two Alexanders, Komel, two Dionisii**. These were put to death A.D. 290 in the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

**16** **SS. Sabinus and Pappas**, Martyrs, Egyptians, were thrown into the River Nile A.D. 296 in the persecution under Diocletian. — **St. Julian**, Martyr, died A.D. 298 in the reign of Maximian, Emperor. — **St. Alexander**, Priest-Martyr, Pope of Rome, passed away about A.D. 119 under Hadrian, Emperor.

**17** Our venerable father, **Alexis**, man of God, was the only son of a Roman Senator; died A.D. 404. Pope Innocent I and the Emperor Honorius are said to have been present at his burial.

**18** Our holy father, **Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem**. His "Catechetical Instruction," given to the Catechumens, on the elements of the Faith are among the most precious documents of Catholic teaching. He was named by Pope Leo XII among the Doctors of the Church. He died A.D. 386 in the reign of Theodosius, Emperor. — **SS. Alexandra, Claudia, Evphrasia** and other Martyrs who suffered death in Missena A.D. 237, during the reign of Maximian, Emperor.

**19** **SS. Chrysanthus and Daria**, Martyrs, came from the East to Rome, where they suffered death by being buried alive A.D. 283. — Our venerable father, **Thomas**, Patriarch of Constantinople, died in peace during the reign of Phocas, Emperor A.D. 608.

**20** Our venerable fathers, martyred in the Monastery of **St. Sabbas**.

**21** Our venerable father and confessor, **James of Catania**, Bishop, died in the persecution of the Iconoclasts A.D. 765.

**22** **St. Basil**, Priest-martyr, Presbyter of the Church in Ancyra, was thrown to the wild beasts in the arena at Caesarea in Palestine A.D. 363 under Julian the Apostate. — Venerable, **Isaak**, Monk.

**23** **St. Nicon**, Venerable-martyr and two hundred disciples fled the persecution in Palestine to a refuge in Sicily where they were put to death A.D. 250 under Decius, Emperor.

**24** Our venerable father, **Zachary**, and **James**, Confessor. — Our holy father, **Artemius**, Bishop of Thessalonica, a Seuleucian by birth, he was elevated to the Bishopric by St. Paul the Apostle. — **St. Artemon**, Martyr-presbyter of Laodicea, was burned to death A.D. 305 under Diocletian, Emperor.

**25** **Annunciation of the Theotokos** made by the Archangel Gabriel. (This Feast of B. V. Mary is celebrated from the 5th century.)

**26** **Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel**. His chief ministry to mankind was his appearing to the Theotokos to tell her that she was chosen Mother of the Messiah. St. Gabriel was the Angel sent to Zachary also, to announce the conception of St. John the Baptist. (Confer July 13.)

**27** Our holy mother, **Matrona of Seluna, Martyr**, was imprisoned and cruelly tortured with fire to death.

**28** Our venerable father, **Hilary**, Monk, and **St. Stephen**, wonderworker, died during the reign of Leo the Armenian. — **St. Jonas** and his brother, **St. Barachisius** of Bethasa, Martyrs, and others, suffered cruel tortures under King Sapor of Persia and died A.D. 327 in the reign of Constantine, Emperor.

**29** Our venerable father, **Mark**, Bishop of Arethusa, and **Cyril**, a Palestinian **Deacon**, and other Martyrs, suffered death from tortures under Julian the Apostate A.D. 362 for destruction of idol temples.

**30** Our venerable father, **John Climacus**, Hegumen-Abbot, born in Palestine. At the age of 16 he declined a brilliant worldly future and retired to a Monastery on Mt. Sinai, where at the age of 75, chosen Hegumen-Abbot, he wrote the famous "Ladder of Perfection." He died A.D. 605. — Venerable, **John the Silent**, Bishop of Colonia, in Armenia. Resigned his Bishopric and retired into the Monastery of St. Sabbas, where, concealing the fact that he was a Bishop, he did menial work. Called for ordination by St. Sabbas, his true state was revealed in confidence. Aged 104, he died A.D. 558.

**31** Venerable father, **Hypatius**, Bishop of Gangra, in Paphlagonia (Asia Minor), he attended the Ecumenical Council of Nicea A.D. 325, and defended the Faith. Returning from Nicea, heretics attacked and stoned him to death, during the reign of Constantine, the Great, Emperor.

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<b>6</b> * 5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST MARY OF EGYPT VENERABLE Heb 9:11-14 Mk 10:32-45	<b>7</b> * 6th Week of the Great Fast George of Mitylene - Bishop Gen 27:1-41 Prov 19:16-25	<b>8</b> Herodian & Others Apostles Gen 31:3-16 Prov 21:3-21	<b>9</b> *  Eupsychius Martyr Gen 43:25-45:16 Prov 21:23-22:4	<b>10</b> Terence and Others Martyrs Gen 46:1-7 Prov 23:15-24:5	<b>11</b> *  Antipas Bishop-Martyr Gen 49:33-50:26 Prov 31:8-31:23	<b>12</b> Saturday of Lazarus Heb 12:28-13:8 Jn 11:1-45
<b>13</b> * Festal Tone  PALM SUNDAY Phil 4:4-9 Jn 12:1-18	<b>14</b> * Holy Week  HOLY MONDAY Ex 1:1-20; Job 1:1-12; Mt 24:3-35	<b>15</b>  HOLY TUESDAY Ex 2:5-10; Job 1:13-22; Mt 24:36-26:2	<b>16</b> *  HOLY WEDNESDAY Ex 2:11-22; Job 2:1-10; Mt 26:6-16	<b>17</b> *  HOLY THURSDAY Is 50:4-11; 1 Cor 11:23-32 Mt 26:2-20; Jn 13:3-17; Mt 26:31-39; Lk 22:43-45; Mt 26:40-27:2	<b>18</b> *  GOOD FRIDAY Is 52:13-54:1; 1 Cor 1:18-22; Mt 27:1-38; Lk 23:39-44; Mt 27:39-54; Jn 19:31-37; Mt 27:55-61	<b>19</b> *  HOLY SATURDAY Rom 6:3-11 Mt 28:1-20
<b>20</b> * Festal Tone  RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD - PASCHA Acts 1:1-8 Jn 1:1-17	<b>21</b> * SOLEMN Bright Week  BRIGHT MONDAY Acts 1:12-17 & 21-26 Jn 1:18-28	<b>22</b> * SIMPLE  BRIGHT TUESDAY Acts 2:14-21 Lk 24:12-35	<b>23</b> * SIMPLE  BRIGHT WEDNESDAY; GEORGE GREAT-MARTYR Acts 2:22-36 & 12:1-11 Jn 1:35-51 & 15:17-16:2	<b>24</b> *  BRIGHT THURSDAY Acts 2:38-43 Jn 3:1-15	<b>25</b> *  BRIGHT FRIDAY Mark Apostle - Evangelist Acts 3:1-8 Jn 2:12-22	<b>26</b>  BRIGHT SATURDAY Acts 3:11-16 Jn 3:22-33
<b>27</b> * Festal Tone  THOMAS SUNDAY Acts 5:12-20 Jn 20:19-31	<b>28</b> * Thomas Week  Jason & Sosipater - Apostles Acts 3:19-26 Jn 2:1-11	<b>29</b> *  The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzice Acts 4:1-10 Jn 3:16-21	<b>30</b> *  James the Greater Apostle Acts 12:1-11 Lk 5:1-11	<b>REMARKS</b> 2,4,9,11,16,19. Simple abstinence from meat 3. Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete. The Presanctified Liturgy may be celebrated 6. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil is celebrated. Today is also the Commemoration of the Death of St. Methodius, Teacher of the Slavs. If celebrated as a polyeleos, it replaces the Commemoration of St. Mary of Egypt. Epistle: Heb 8:3-6; Gospel: Matt 5:14-19. 13. Palm Sunday. Blessing of Willows and Palms 14-19. Holy Week. The Presanctified Divine Liturgy is celebrated on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. A Gospel is read at the Presanctified Divine Liturgies. 17. Holy Thursday. Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil is celebrated in the evening 18. Strict Fast and Abstinence required. No meat and dairy products. Good Friday is alliturgical. 19. Holy Saturday. Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil is celebrated in the evening. 21-26. Bright Week, free from fast and abstinence. 25. Bright Friday. The Commemoration of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark. Epistle, 1 Pet 5:6-14; Gospel, Mark 6:7-13		

# APRIL

Following are the Names, Dates, and some prominent Facts from the lives of the Saints especially honored by the Byzantine Catholic Church.

**1** Our venerable mother, **Mary of Egypt**, lived in infancy at Alexandria for 17 years, was converted at the threshold of the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem. She retired into the desert of the River Jordan, did penance for 47 years. She died about A.D. 421.

**2** Our venerable father, **Titus**, wonderworker. — **SS. Amphianus and Edesius**, Martyrs, half-brothers. Amphianus, a youth arrested for his Christianity, reproached his idolatrous judge, was partially burned at the stake and thrown into the sea at Caesarea, to die, A.D. 305, in the reign of Maximian, Emperor.

**3** Our venerable father, **Nicetas**, Confessor and Hegumen-Abbot of Medikia of a monastery at the foot of Mt. Olympus in Bithynia, suffered for the sacred images. He died in peace near Constantinople A.D. 824. — **St. Theodosia**, Virgin-Martyr of Tyre, was tortured and cast into the sea at Caesarea in Palestine A.D. 308.

**4** Our venerable fathers, **Joseph and George**, Iconoclasts. Joseph, a writer of Hymns, was zealous against the reign of Emperor Theophilus, A.D. 829-842. George, a hermit of Mt. Olympus in Asia Minor, for his zealous opposition to the Iconoclasts, suffered death, or as others record, was maimed by the order of Emperor Leo the Isaurian about A.D. 730. — St. Platon, Hegumen-Abbot Studite of a monastery in Asia Minor and later at Constantinople. He reprimanded sin even in the case of the ruling Emperor, Leo the Armenian, was imprisoned, banished and died in his monastery A.D. 813.

**5** **SS. Theodulus and Agathopodus**, commonly styled "The Cretan Martyrs, victims of the Decian persecution, were beheaded at Gortyna A.D. 250.

**6** Death of **Methodius** — "Apostle of the Slavs." Our holy father, **Eutyches**, Archbishop of Constantinople, lived about A.D. 546, during the reign of the Emperor Justinian.

**7** Our venerable father, **George**, Bishop of Melete. Venerable father, **Serapion**, an Egyptian Monk, and later Bishop of Thumis, took part in the Council of Sardica A.D. 347 and strenuously opposed the Arians. Associated with SS. Athanasius and Anthony, St. Jerome mentions him.

**8** **SS. Herodion, Agavus, Ruphus, Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas and others**, Bishop-Martyrs, apostles; mentioned by St. Paul Apostle (Rom. 16, 11-14). — Venerable, **Celestine**, Pope of Rome, remarkable for his zeal, deposed a Bishop in Africa, repressed abuses, sent SS. Padius and Patrick as missionaries to the Scots and Irish. He condemned the Nestorian heresy. Through his Legates he presided over the 3rd Ecumenical Council of Ephesus A.D. 431, died A.D. 432.

**9** **St. Eupschius**, Martyr, a young patrician of Caesarea in Cappadocia, accused of destroying the Temple of Fortune, was cruelly tortured and beheaded A.D. 362, under Emperor Julian the Apostate.

**10** **SS. Terence, Africanus, Maximus, Pompilius and a band of 36 Martyrs**, were put to death for their Faith A.D. 250 in the Decian Emperor persecution in Africa.

**11** **St. Antipas**, Bishop-Martyr of Pergamus in Asia Minor and styled in the Apocalypse by St. John the Apostle as a "Faithful Witness (2, 13). Tradition says he was roasted to death on a brazen ox during the reign of Emperor Domitian A.D. 81-96. This martyr has from God a grace to cure the pains of the teeth. — Our venerable father, **Pharmuthius**.

**12** Our venerable father and confessor, **Basil**, Bishop of Pharia, died A.D. 736.

**13** **St. Artemon**, Priest-Martyr, and others, of Laodicea, probably in Phrygia, was burned to death A.D. 305, in the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

**14** Our holy father and confessor, **Martin**, Pope of Rome, combated the Monothelites. Several attempts were made against his life, and he was deported to the isle of Naxos in the Aegean. After a year of untold privation he was taken to Constantinople, suffered extreme ignominy and died in exile in the Crimea A.D. 655. — **SS. Anthony, John and Eustathius**, the more recent Martyrs, died in the City of Vilna in Lietuva A.D. 1342.

**15** **SS. Arstarchus, Pudus and Trophimus**, Apostles, endured death A.D. 68, in the days of Nero, Emperor. — **St. Sabbas Gothinus**, Martyr, a Christian soldier, confessed Christ, was tortured and cast into the river to drown A.D. 372, in the reign of Valention and Valens, Emperors. — **SS. Basilissa and Anastasia**, Martyrs, noble Roman ladies, among the first converts to Christianity, said to have given honorable burial to the bodies of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles. For this they perished in the massacre of Christians incited and executed by Nero A.D. 68.

**16** **SS. Agape, Irene and Chionia**, Martyrs, three sisters burned at the stake at Thessalonica, under Diocletian, Emperor A.D. 304 for possessing and concealing Sacred Books of Christians.

**17** Our venerable father, **Simeon of Persia**, was martyred in Mesopotamia by beheading under the Persian monarch Sapor II, in the reign of Constantinus and Constans, Emperors. — Venerable **Acacius**, Bishop of Melite, flourished A.D. 381 in the reign of the Emperor Theodosius the Great. — **St. Agapitus**, Pope of Rome, died at Constantinople A.D. 536, in the reign of Justinian, Emperor. His body was taken to Rome and interred in the Basilica of St. Peter.

**18** Our venerable father, **John**, a disciple of St. Gregory Decapolites, died in the reign of Theophilus the Iconoclast A.D. 829-842. — Venerable **Cosmas**, Bishop of Chalcedonia who died A.D. 816 during the reign of Leo the Armenian, Emperor. — Our holy father, **John**, Archbishop of Antioch who went to his rest A.D. 436.

**19** Our venerable father, **John**, the ancient Hermit. — **St. Paphnutius**, Martyr.

**20** Our venerable father, **Theodore**, surnamed "Trichinas" from the rough habit of sackcloth which he wore, was a holy hermit near Constantinople who died not later than A.D. 320.

**21** **St. Januarius**, Bishop-Martyr, and **SS. Proculus, Sosius and Faustus**, Deacons; **St. Desiderius**, Lector, **SS. Eutyches and Akutionis**. These were martyred in the reign of Maximian and Gallertius, Emperors, by the persecutor Timothy A.D. 305. — **St. Theodore** from Pergia, suffered death A.D. 142, under the Emperor Antonius Pius.

**22** Our venerable father, **Theodore**, "Sykiot," died A.D. 541 in the reign of Justinian, Emperor. (Confer June 15.) — **SS. Nathanael, Luke and Clement**, Apostles. — Venerable, **Vitalius**, leaving his cell, went to Alexandria, and, enduring many indignities from the men, brought many infamous women to do penance. He died A.D. 615 in the reign of Heraclius, Emperor.

**23** **Feast of St. George, the glorious Great-Martyr and wonderworker**. He refused to sacrifice to the gods, was tortured and beheaded at Nicomedia in Asia Minor. — **St. Alexandra**, martyr, wife of Emperor Diocletian. Both George and Alexandra were martyred in the reign of Diocletian, about A.D. 296.

**24** **St. Sabbas**, Martyr and a Christian officer in the army of the Emperor Aurelian, suffered death for the faith in Rome A.D. 272.

**25** **St. Mark**, Apostle and Evangelist, a disciple and companion of St. Peter, Apostle, wrote the Second Gospel under St. Peter's direction. He founded the great church of Alexandria and there died in prison A.D. 68 in the days of Nero, Emperor.

**26** **St. Basil**, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Amasea in Pontus (Asia Minor), was cast into the sea by the order of the Emperor Licinius A.D. 319. — Venerable virgin, **Graphyra**, a Christian handmaid of Constantia, wife of the Emperor Licinius, fled to escape the unlawful attentions of her master, was pursued, captured and sentenced to death A.D. 324.

**27** **St. Simeon**, Priest-Martyr, son of Cleopas and kinsman of our Lord, was Bishop of Jerusalem, governed that church for over forty years, lived over one hundred years and was crucified in the reign of Emperor Trajan A.D. 112. Venerable father, **Stephen**, Bishop of Vladimir.

**28** **SS. Jason and Sospater**, Apostles, were disciples of St. Paul in the reign of Nero A.D. 69. — **SS. Maximus, Dadas, and Quinctillianus**, Martyrs, beheaded about A.D. 303. — Venerable father, **Cyril**, Bishop of Turov.

**29** **SS. Nine Martyrs at Cyzice**. — Venerable, **Memnon**, wonderworker.

**30** **St. James the Greater**, Apostle, Brother of St. John the Theologian, was beheaded by King Herod Agrippa in Jerusalem A.D. 43.

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**REMARKS**

2.9.16.23.30. Simple abstinence from meat or equivalent penance.  
 11. Feast of our Holy Fathers Cyril and Methodius, Teachers of the Slavs. Epistle, Hebrews 13:17-21; Gospel, John 10:9-16  
 11. Commemoration of our Blessed Father and Confessor Basil (Hopko). His memory may be observed on July 23, the day of his passing.  
 21. Final Day of the Feast of Mid-Pentecost. The readings for this day may replace those of Saints Constantine and Helen, Epistle, Acts 13:13-24; Gospel, John 6:5-14  
 25. Feast of the Third Finding of the Head of the Holy Forerunner John the Baptist. Epistle, 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Gospel, Matthew 11:2-15  
 26. Memorial Day. The civil remembrance of those who died in service to the country, observed in some states on the 30th.  
 28. Final Day of the Feast of Pascha.

**1** Thomas Week  
  
 Jeremiah Prophet  
 Acts 4:23-31  
 Jn 5:24-30

**2** \*  
  
  
 Athanasius the Great Patriarch  
 Acts 5:1-11  
 Jn 5:30-6:2

**3**  
  
 Passing of Theodosius of the Cave - Venerable  
 Hebrews 13:7-16  
 Lk 6:17-23


**4** Festal Tone  
  
**SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT-BEARERS**  
 Acts 6:1-7  
 Mk 15:43-16:8

**5** 3rd Paschal Week  
  
 Irene Great-Martyr  
 Acts 6:8-7:5 & 47-60  
 Jn 4:46-54

**6**  
  
 Job Venerable  
 Acts 8:5-17  
 Jn 6:27-33

**7**  
  
 Appearance of the Sign of the Cross  
 Acts 8:18-25  
 Jn 6:35-39

**8**  
  
**John - Apostle and Evangelist**  
 1 John 1:1-7  
 Jn 19:25-27 & 21:24-25

**9** \*  
  
  
 Isaiah Prophet  
 Acts 8:40-9:19  
 Jn 6:48-54

**10**  
  
**Simon the Zealot Apostle**  
 1 Cor 4:9-16  
 Mt 13:54-58


**11** Festal Tone  
 Mother's Day \*  
  
**SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN**  
 Acts 9:32-42  
 Jn 5:1-15

**12** 4th Paschal Week  
  
 Epiphanius and Germanus - Bishops  
 Acts 10:1-16  
 Jn 6:56-69

**13**  
  
 Glyceria Martyr  
 Acts 10:21-33  
 Jn 7:1-13

**14**  
  
**MID-PENTECOST**  
 Acts 14:6-18  
 Jn 7:14-30

**15**  
  
 Pachomius the Great Venerable  
 Acts 10:34-43  
 Jn 8:12-20

**16** \*  
  
  
 Theodore Venerable  
 Acts 10:44-11:10  
 Jn 8:21-30

**17**  
  
 Andronicus and Others - Apostles  
 Acts 12:1-11  
 Jn 8:21-42


**18** Festal Tone  
  
**SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**  
 Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30  
 Jn 4:5-42

**19** 5th Paschal Week  
  
 Patrick Bishop-Martyr  
 Acts 12:12-17  
 Jn 8:42-51

**20**  
  
 Thaleus Martyr  
 Acts 12:25-13:12  
 Jn 8:51-59

**21** (F) \*  
  
**Constantine and Helen - Equals to the Apostles**  
 Acts 26:1-5 & 12-20  
 Jn 10:1-9

**22**  
  
 Basiliscus Martyr  
 Acts 14:20-27  
 Jn 9:39-10:9

**23** \*  
  
  
 Michael of Synnada Bishop - Confessor  
 Acts 15:5-34  
 Jn 10:17-28

**24**  
  
 Simeon Venerable  
 Acts 15:35-41  
 Jn 10:27-38


**25** Festal Tone \*  
  
**SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND**  
 Acts 16:16-34  
 Jn 9:1-38

**26** Memorial Day  
 6th Paschal Week \*  
  
 Carpus-Apostle  
 Acts 17:1-15  
 Jn 11:47-56

**27**  
  
 Therapont Bishop-Martyr  
 Acts 17:19-28  
 Jn 12:19-36

**28** (F) \*  
  
 Nicetas Bishop  
 Acts 18:22-28  
 Jn 12:36-47

**29** OBLIGATION  
  
**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD - Obligation**  
 Acts 1:1-12  
 Lk 24:36-53

**30** \*  
  
  
 Isaac Venerable  
 Acts 19:1-8  
 Jn 14:1-11

**31**  
  
 Hermas, Apostle  
 Hermas, Martyr  
 Acts 20:7-12  
 Jn 14:10-21

# MAY

Following are the Names, Dates, and some prominent Facts from the lives of the Saints especially honored by the Byzantine Catholic Church.

**1 St. Jeremiah.** the Second of the Greater Prophets, was of the Tribe of Levi. Tradition states that at age 55 he was stoned to death at Taphnes, Egypt 590 B.C. by the Jews who shared his captivity. Venice, Italy holds some of his relics.

**2 Our holy father, Athanasius the Great,** Patriarch of Alexandria. (For the other Feast of this Saint see the 18th day of January.)

**3 Death of our venerable father, Theodosius of the Cave,** Hegumen-Abbot, died A.D. 1078, in the reign of Michael VII Ducas, Emperor. (Confer August 14.) — **SS. Timothy and Maurus,** Martyrs.

**4 St. Pelagia,** Martyr, Emperor Diocletian, chose her to be the wife of one of his sons. Learning that she was a Christian, this son committed suicide; she was then sentenced and died during torture A.D. 288. — **Venerable-Mother, Pelagia,** formerly a public sinner, chanced to hear a sermon by St. Nonnus, Bishop of Edessa. Stricken by remorse she did severe penance in a cave on Mt. Olivet. She died about A.D. 457.

**5 St. Irene,** Glorious Martyr, daughter of the Emperor Licinius and his wife Licinia, suffered courageously for Christ, and by many miracles thousands were converted to Christianity. She died A.D. 315, in the reign of Emperor Constantine the Great. Venerable father, **Nicephorus,** Hegumen.

**6 St. and Venerable, Job, the "Patient."** He was "simple and upright, fearing God and avoiding evil." (Job 1:1). He likely lived about 1500 B.C.

**7 Commemoration of the appearance of the Sign of the Cross,** formed by the stars in the heavens over Jerusalem, extending from Calvary to Mt. Olivet A.D. 346. — **St. Acacius,** Martyr, testified for the Faith A.D. 299, in the reign of Emperor Maximian.

**8 St. John, the Apostle and Evangelist,** the beloved of Jesus. He labored much in preaching the Gospel and was alone of the Twelve Apostles who did not forsake the Saviour in the hour of His Passion. He wrote a Gospel supplementary to the three other Gospels, three Epistles and the mysterious Book of the Apocalypse. Having lived 102 years, he died in the reign of the Emperor Trajan. (Confer September 26.) — Our venerable father, **Arsenius the Great,** tutor to the two sons of Emperor Theodosius, declined all worldly honor, retired into the desert in Lower Egypt. He died at the age of 95 A.D. 450.

**9 Translation of the Venerable Relics of our holy father, Nicholas, Wonderworker,** from Myra to Bari (Italy) A.D. 1096, in the reign of Alexis Comnenus, Emperor. (Confer December 6.) — **St. Isaiah,** Prophet. He was the First of the Greater Prophets, a descendant of the royalty. Son of the prophet Amos and lived 700 B.C. Tradition tells us he was sawn in two by the order of King Manasses of Judea. — **St. Christopher,** Martyr, a convert to Christianity, was put to death for the Faith in the reign of Emperor Decius A.D. 250.

**10 St. Simon the Zealot,** Apostle, one of the Twelve surnamed the Chanaean. Tradition has it that he was groom at the marriage of Cana of Galilee where Jesus changed water into wine.

**11 The Holy and equal to the Apostles, Doctors of the Slavs, our holy fathers, Cyril and Methodius.** These were two brothers, born in Thessalonica in the first half of the ninth century. The holy priest-martyr, **Mocius, Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil Hopko,** Defender of the faith, suffered under the repressive regime of the Communist government.

**12 Our holy father, Epiphanius,** Bishop in Cyprus, and **Germanus,** Patriarch of Constantinople, Epiphanius was Bishop in Salamis, an intimate friend of St. Hilarion and St. Jerome, and counselor to Pope St. Damasus. He was "a pillar of Faith" against the Arians, and died at an advanced age in A.D. 403. Germanus was banished and died in exile A.D. 733, in the reign of Leo III, the Isaurian.

**13 St. Glyceria,** Martyr, suffered for the Faith in Trajanopolis in Greece, by being thrown to the wild beasts in the Amphitheatre after cruel torments about A.D. 141. — **St. Alexander,** Martyr on the Island Cyprus, martyred for the Faith A.D. 298.

**14 St. Isidore,** Martyr on the island of Chios, was put to death A.D. 250 under the reign of Decius Emperor.

**15 Our venerable father, Pachomius the Great,** Egyptian by birth, soldier by profession, convert to Christianity, received tonsure from the hermit Palaemon, founded monasteries, grouped Religious Houses subject to one Rule under the jurisdiction of a Head Hegumen-Abbot. He died A.D. 438. **Isaiah,** Bishop — wonderworker of Rostov.

**16 Our venerable father, Theodore,** disciple of St. Pachomius, Hegumen-Abbot of Taberna, died A.D. 367, in the reign of Valentinian, Emperor. — **SS. Vitus, Modestus and Crescentia,** Martyrs. Vitus, a child with his nurse Crescentia and her husband Modestus, by whom he was instructed in the Christian Faith, was driven from home by his inhuman parents. They suffered martyrdom together about A.D. 302 under Diocletian, Emperor.

**17 St. Andronicus, Apostle,** and others with him. — **St. Junia.**

**18 St. Theodotus of Ancyra** in Galatia (Asia Minor), grain dealer by trade, seeking to recover the bodies of holy women martyrs from quicksand, was himself made to share the same fate in the reign of Diocletian, A.D. 304. — **SS. Petrus, Dennis, Andreas, Paul, Christina, Heracleus, Paulinus and Venedimus, Martyrs.** — **SS. Seven Virgins: Alexandra, Thekusa, Claudia, Falina, Evphrasia, Matrona and Julia.**

**19 St. Patrick,** Bishop-Martyr of Prusa in Bithynia (Asia Minor) and his companions. After many tortures for Christ, he was put to the sword with **Menander and Acatius** A.D. 363, in the reign of Julian the Apostate, Emperor.

**20 St. Thalaleus,** Martyr and others. At the sight of his constancy in Faith, Asterius and Alexander, his executioners, and other bystanders declared themselves Christians and all shared his fate A.D. 272, in the reign of the Emperor Aurelian.

**21 SS. Constantine the Great,** King and Equal to the Apostles and **Helen,** his mother. Constantine reigned in ancient Rome and Byzantium (Constantinople) and became the first Christian Emperor, champion of the Faith and builder of many Christian edifices. He died A.D. 337. St. Helen, mother of this Great Emperor, discovered the true Cross of Jesus in Jerusalem.

**22 St. Basiliscus,** Martyr, kinsman of Theodore of Tyrone, was a Christian soldier, crucified at Comona in Pontus (Asia Minor) A.D. 308 with two comrades in the persecution under Maximian Galerius, Emperor.

**23 Our venerable father and confessor, Michael,** Bishop of Synnada at Phrygia, was a disciple of St. Tarasius, Patriarch of Constantinople. Because of his fearless opposition to the Iconoclast, Emperor Leo the Armenian, he was banished into Galatia and died about A.D. 820. — Venerable mother, **Euphrosenia,** of Polotsk.

**24 The Third Finding of the Venerable Head of St. John,** the Glorious Prophet, Baptist and Precursor of our Lord, A.D. 867. At that time St. Ignatius was Patriarch of Constantinople in the reign of Emperor Michael III.

**25 Our venerable father, Simeon of the Wonderful Mountain,** Stylite, spent 45 years on a pillar, lived to the age 85, died A.D. 574. Venerable **Nicetas the Stylite,** Wonderworker.

**26 St. Carpus,** Apostle, one of the 70 Apostles and considered by some Greek authors as Bishop of Berea, by others as Bishop of Berylus and by some as Bishop of Crete.

**27 St. Therapont,** Priest-Martyr, died for the Faith A.D. 259, in the reign of Valerian, Emperor.

**28 Our venerable father, Nicetas,** Bishop of Chalcedon, A.D. 836. — **St. Helladius,** Priest-Martyr. — **St. Eutyches,** Martyr in Miletus.

**29 St. Theodosia,** venerable-Virgin-Martyr of Tyre, who, on seeing some martyrs led to their execution, asked them to pray for her. She was seized, tried, tortured and cast into the sea A.D. 308, in the reign of Constantius and Galerius, Emperors.

**30 Our venerable father, Isaac,** Monk in Dalmatia A.D. 374 in the reign of Emperor Valentinian.

**31 St. Hermas,** Apostle, Bishop of Philippi, a disciple of St. Paul, mentioned in the Epistle to the Romans (16:14). — **St. Hermeas,** Martyr, A.D. 141, in the reign of the Emperor Antoninus Pius.



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<b>1</b> Festal Tone <b>SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL</b> Acts 20:16-18 & 28-36 Jn 17:1-13	<b>2</b> 7th Paschal Week Nicephor Confessor Acts 21:8-14 Jn 14:27-15:7	<b>3</b> Lucillian and Others Martyrs Acts 21:26-32 Jn 16:2-13	<b>4</b> Metrophane Patriarch Acts 23:1-11 Jn 16:15-23	<b>5</b> Dorotheus Bishop-Martyr Acts 25:13-19 Jn 16:23-33	<b>6</b> *  Bessarion and Hilary Venerables Acts 27:1-44 Jn 17:18-26	<b>7</b> <b>5th All Souls Saturday</b> Acts 28:1-31 Jn 21:15-25	
<b>8</b> Festal Tone <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> Acts 2:1-11 Jn 7:37-52 & 8:12	<b>9</b> SIMPLE Pentecost Week * <b>PENTECOST MONDAY</b> Eph 5:8b-19 Mt 18:10-20	<b>10</b> Timothy Bishop-Martyr Rom 1:1-7 & 13-17 Mt 4:25-5:12	<b>11</b> <b>Bartholomew and Barnabas - Apostles</b> Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30 Lk 10:16-21	<b>12</b> Onuphry and Peter Venerables Rom 1:28-2:9 Mt 5:27-32	<b>13</b> Aquilina Martyr Rom 2:14-29 Mt 5:33-41	<b>14</b> Elisha Prophet Rom 1:7-12 Mt 5:42-48	
<b>15</b> Tone 8 Father's Day <b>SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS</b> Heb 11:32-12:2a Mt 10:32-33, 37-38 & 19:27-30	<b>16</b> 2nd Week after Pentecost * Tychon the Wonderworker Bishop Rom 2:28-3:18 Mt 6:31-34 & 7:9-11	<b>17</b> Manuel, Sabel, Ishmael - Martyrs Rom 4:4-12 Mt 7:15-21	<b>18</b> Leontius Martyr Rom 4:13-25 Mt 7:21-23	<b>19</b> <b>Jude Apostle</b> Jude 1-10 Jn 14:21-24	<b>20</b> *  Methodius Bishop-Martyr Rom 5:17-6:2 Mt 9:14-17	<b>21</b> Julian Martyr Rom 3:19-26 Mt 7:1-8	
<b>22</b> Tone 1 <b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> Rom 2:10-16 Mt 4:18-23	<b>23</b> 3rd Week after Pentecost Agrippina Martyr Rom 7:1-13 Mt 9:36-10:8	<b>24</b> SOLEMN <b>BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> Rom 13:11-14:4 Lk 1:5-25.57-68 & 76-80	<b>25</b> (F) * Febronina Venerable Martyr Rom 8:2-13 Mt 10:16-22	<b>26</b> David of Thessalonica Venerable Rom 8:22-27 Mt 10:23-31	<b>27</b> *  Sampson, Venerable Bl. Nicholas Charnetsky and Others, Martyrs Rom 9:6-19 Mt 10:32-36 & 11:1	<b>28</b> * Translation of the Relics of Cyrus and John - Unmercenaries Rom 3:28-4:3 Mt 7:24-8:4	
<b>29</b> Tone 2 <b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PETER AND PAUL PRIME APOSTLES</b> Rom 5:1-10 & 2 Cor 11:21-12:9; Mt 6:22-34 & Mt 16:13-19	<b>30</b> <b>Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles</b> 1 Cor 4:9-16 Mk 3:13-19	<b>REMARKS</b> 6.20.27. Simple abstinence from meat or equivalent penance. 9-14. Pentecost Week, free from Fast and Abstinence 16. Beginning of the Apostles Fast. 6/16 to 6/28. 16.20. Aliturgical days (without Divine Liturgy) may be observed. 25. Final Day of the Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. 28. End of the Apostles' Fast				<b>MAY</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<b>JULY</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

# JUNE

Following are the Names, Dates, and some prominent Facts from the lives of the Saints especially honored by the Byzantine Catholic Church.

- 1** **St. Justin.** Martyr, a great philosopher, was born in Sicem in Palestine. He delved deeply into philosophical meditations, became a convert to Christianity with others, wrote Apologies for the Christian Religion and a Dialogue with the Jew Tryphun. He was beheaded in Rome A.D. 167 in the reign of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius. — Another **St. Justin, Martyr and Co-Martyrs.**
- 2** Our holy father, **Nicephor,** Patriarch of Constantinople. (For the other Feast of this Saint see the 13th day of March.) — Our holy father, **Alexander,** Archbishop of Constantinople. He resolutely stood against the Arian heresy, assisted at the Council of Nicea. The awful death of Arius is regarded as a response to the Saint's prayer for deliverance from the evils of this heresy. He died A.D. 340 in the reign of Emperor Constantinus.
- 3** **St. Lucillian,** Martyr and with him: **Claudius, Hypatius, Paul and Dionysius.** Lucillian, an old man, was first tortured and with the four — mere boys — tied to the stake to be burned. Rain, however, extinguished the fire. He was then crucified and the boys beheaded, under Aurelian A.D. 273. — **St. Paula,** Martyr, a Christian maiden of Byzantium who was tortured and beheaded A.D. 273.
- 4** Our holy father, **Metrophanes,** Patriarch of Constantinople, suffered imprisonment in the persecution under Diocletian, Emperor. He died A.D. 325 in the reign of Constantine the Great, Emperor.
- 5** **St. Dorotheus,** Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Tyre, suffered banishment under Julian the Apostate A.D. 362 being 107 years of age.
- 6** Our venerable father, **Bessarion,** wonderworker, because of his virtues and miracles the Greek writers compare him with Moses, Elias and others of the Prophets. He is thought to have died before A.D. 400. — Venerable, **Hilary,** the "Newer," monk in Dalmatia. He suffered exile for his resistance to the Iconoclasts. He died A.D. 864.
- 7** **St. Theodotus,** Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Ancyra. "Wonderworker" was cruelly tortured to death for the Faith.
- 8** **Translation of the Relics of St. Theodore the Great Martyr.** (For the other Feast of this Saint see the 8th day of February.) — Our holy father, **Ephrem,** Patriarch of Antioch.
- 9** Our holy father, **Cyril, Archbishop of Alexandria.** (For the other Feast of this Saint see the 18th day of January.) — **SS. Thecla, Martha, and Mary,** Martyrs, suffered in Persia A.D. 315 in the reign of the Emperor Constantine.
- 10** **St. Timothy,** Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Prusia in Bithynia (Asia Minor), suffered death in the persecution under Julian the Apostate A.D. 362. — **Alexander and Antonina,** Martyrs.

- 11** **SS. Bartholomew and Barnabas,** Apostles. Bartholomew is thought by many to be Nathanael, the "Israelite without guile" of St. John's Gospel. He suffered death in Greater Armenia. His relics are enshrined in his church in Rome. (Confer August 25.) Barnabas was one of the SS. Seventy disciples. He labored with St. Paul of Antioch, Seleucia, etc., and is said to have been stoned to death by the Jews on the Isle of Cyprus.
- 12** Our venerable father, **Onuphrius the Great,** Hermit, lived alone for sixty years in the desert of Thebes. He died about A.D. 345 in the reign of Constantius. — Our venerable father, **Peter of Athos.**
- 13** **St. Aquilina,** Martyr, suffered death A.D. 117 under the Emperor Trajan. — **St. Trephillus,** Bishop of Levkusia in Cyprus, suffered at the hands of the Arians especially because of his loyalty to St. Athanasius. He died about A.D. 370.
- 14** **St. Elisha,** Prophet, was of the Tribe of Rubin and son of Saphath B.C. 816. On him fell the mantle of Elijah, and he continued the work of that great Prophet. In the age of St. Jerome his grave in Samaria was shown as containing also the body of St. Abdias, the Prophet. He died in the 8th century B.C. — Our holy father, **Methodius,** Patriarch of Constantinople, native of Sicily, was induced by the Empress Theodora to accept the See of Constantinople as successor to the Patriarch Nicephorus. He was celebrated for his sanctity in the Episcopate of his successor St. Ignatius. He died A.D. 846.
- 15** **St. Amos,** Prophet, was the father of Isaiah, the Prophet. Tradition says he was scourged and his temples pierced with an iron spike in the 8th century B.C. — Venerable, Jerome, born at Stridonium in Dalmatia, was one of the most learned doctors. He studied at Rome, visited centers of learning in Gaul and Greece, retired into the Desert of Syria for study and prayer, was ordained a priest at Rome, became confidant and advisor of Pope St. Damasus, and finally settled in Bethlehem. He died A.D. 420. He compiled the "Vulgate" edition of the Bible which is used even now. — **Translation of the Relics of our father, Theodore "Sykeot"** A.D. 613 in the reign of the Emperor Heraclius. (For the other Feast of this Saint see the 22nd day of April.)
- 16** **St. Tychon,** wonderworker, Bishop of Amathunsa, was conspicuous for his detestation of idolatry and his care of the poor. He died about A.D. 450.
- 17** **SS. Manuel, Sabel and Ishmael,** Persian Martyrs, Christians, sent by their King, Baitan, to negotiate peace with the Emperor Julian, the Apostate. Tradition has it that Julian had them arrested, condemned, beheaded, and their bodies burned A.D. 362. — **SS. Isaurus, Basil, Innocent, Jeremias and others,** having concealed themselves in a cave at Appolonia in Macedonia in the 3rd century persecution, on being discovered were tortured and beheaded.

- 18** **St. Leontius,** Martyr, suffered torture and death for Christ in Tripoli in Phoenicia about A.D. 76 in the reign of Vespasian, Emperor.
- 19** **St. Jude,** Apostle, brother of St. James, the Less, and thus related to our Lord Jesus, was one of the Twelve, called also Thaddaeus, preached in Mesopotamia and with St. Simon in Persia. Both suffered martyrdom together in Persia. — **St. Zosimus,** Martyr, was beheaded for the Faith at Spoleto in Italy under Trajan, Emperor about A.D. 110.
- 20** **St. Methodius,** Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Patara, in the reign of Aurelian A.D. 275.
- 21** **St. Julian** of Tarsus, Martyr, a soldier of the Emperor was cruelly tortured to death for his Christianity.
- 22** **St. Eusebius,** Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Samos, contended against the Arians, banished to Thrace but recalled after four years. Died A.D. 379 or 380. An Arian woman threw a heavy tile from a roof upon his head, thus killing him. — **SS. Galacteon and Juliana,** Martyrs.
- 23** **St. Agrippina,** Martyr, endured cruel tortures and death for the faith in the reign of the Emperor Valerian A.D. 256.
- 24** **Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist,** the Glorious Prophet, Precursor and the Baptist. — Devotion to the holy precursor of our Lord was very popular in ancient times and throughout the Middle Ages in the Latin Rite Church as well.
- 25** **St. Febronia,** Venerable-Martyr, a young nun in her twentieth year was a victim of the persecution under Diocletian Emperor, A.D. 304 at Sybapolis in Syria.
- 26** Our venerable father, **David,** Hermit, was a native of Mesopotamia, settled in a solitary place near Thessalonica where he served God for seventy years. He lived in about the fifth century.
- 27** Our venerable father, **Sampson,** "Father of the Poor," lived in the time of the Emperor Justinian. He insisted that along with the magnificent Cathedral of Holy Wisdom there should be built a great hospital worthy of its position and of the Imperial prestige.
- 28** **Translation of the Relics of SS. Cyrus and John,** wonderworkers and unmercenary physicians. (Other Feast day is on the 31st of January.)
- 29** **Feast of SS. Peter and Paul, prime Apostles.** They suffered at Rome under the Emperor Nero probably A.D. 67.
- 30** **Synaxis of the holy and most praiseworthy Twelve Apostles.**

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<p><b>6</b> Tone 3</p> <p>4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Rom 6:18-23 Mt 8:5-13</p>	<p><b>7</b> 5th Week after Pentecost</p> <p>Thomas and Acacius Venerables Rom 12:4-5 &amp; 15-21 Mt 12:9-13</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Procopius Great-Martyr Rom 14:9-18 Mt 12:14-16 &amp; 22-30</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Pancratius Bishop - Martyr Rom 15:7-16 Mt 12:38-45</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Anthony of the Caves - Venerable Gal 5:22-6:2 Lk 6:17-23</p>	<p><b>11</b> *</p>  <p>Euphemia - Martyr Olga - Princess of Kiev Rom 16:1-16 Mt 13:4-9</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Proclus and Hilary Martyrs Rom 8:14-21 Mt 9:9-13</p>
<p><b>13</b> Tone 4</p> <p>SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS Rom 10:1-10; Mt 8:28-9:1 or: Heb 13:7-16; Jn 17:1-13</p>	<p><b>14</b> 6th Week after Pentecost</p> <p>Aquila Apostle Rom 16:17-24 Mt 13:10-23</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Vladimir the Great - Equal to the Apostles Gal 1:11-19 Jn 10:1-9</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Athenogenes Bishop - Martyr 1 Cor 2:9-3:8 Mt 13:31-36</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Marina - Great Martyr Bl. Paul Goidich Martyr 1 Cor 3:18-23 Mt 13:36-43</p>	<p><b>18</b> *</p>  <p>Hyacinth and Emilian - Martyrs 1 Cor 4:5-8 Mt 13:44-54</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Macrina Venerable Rom 9:1-5 Mt 9:18-26</p>
<p><b>20</b> Tone 5</p> <p>6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - ELIJAH - GREAT PROPHET Rom 12:6-14 &amp; James 5:10-20; Mt 9:1-8 &amp; Lk 4:22-30</p>	<p><b>21</b> 7th Week after Pentecost</p> <p>Simeon and John Venerables 1 Cor 5:9-6:11 Mt 13:54-58</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Mary Magdalene Equal to the Apostles 1 Cor 6:20-7:12 Mt 14:1-13</p>	<p><b>23</b> *</p> <p>Trophimus and Others - Martyrs Bl. Basil Hopko 1 Cor 7:12-24 Mt 14:35-15:11</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Boris and Gleb Martyrs Rom 8:28-39 Jn 15:17-16:2</p>	<p><b>25</b> *</p>  <p>Dormition of Anna Gal 4:22-31 Lk 8:16-21</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Hermolaus and Others - Priest-Martyrs Rom 12:1-3 Mt 10:37-11:1</p>
<p><b>27</b> Tone 6</p> <p>7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Rom 15:1-7 Mt 9:27-35</p>	<p><b>28</b> 8th Week after Pentecost</p> <p>Prochorus and Others Apostles 1 Cor 9:13-18 Mt 16:1-6</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Callinicus Martyr 1 Cor 10:5-12 Mt 16:6-12</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Silas and Others Apostles 1 Cor 10:12-22 Mt 16:20-24</p>	<p><b>31</b> (P) *</p> <p>Eudocimus Venerable 1 Cor 10:28-11:7 Mt 16:24-28</p>	<p><b>REMARKS</b></p> <p>4. Independence Day, optional texts, Heb 12:7-11, 14-17 &amp; 25-28; Jn 8:31-42. 4.11.18.25. Simple abstinence from meat or equivalent penance. 11. Benedictines. Our Venerable Father Benedict. 23. The Feast Day of our Blessed Father and Confessor Basil (Hopko) is May 11, but it may be observed today, the day of his passing. 31. Pre-festive Day of the Procession of the Holy Cross</p>	

# JULY

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**1 SS. Cosmas and Damian**, wonderworkers, unmercenary physicians, Martyrs. They were twins. Arabs by birth and lived in Cilicia. They are highly esteemed in the Eastern Church. (Confer Nov. 1.)

**2 Deposition of the Venerable Robe of The Theotokos, in the church of Blachernae** at Constantinople in the reign of the Emperor Leo and his consort Irene. — Our holy father, **Juvenal**, who, after St. Cyril was the third Patriarch of Jerusalem, died A.D. 454 during the reign of Marcian and Pulcheria, Emperors.

**3 St. Hyacinth**, Martyr, a chamberlain of the Emperor Trajan at Caesarea in Cappadocia. Accused of being a Christian, he was cruelly scourged and cast into prison and given no food except meat consecrated to idols. He lingered many days and died of hunger about A.D. 108. — Our holy father, **Anatolius**, Patriarch of Constantinople, who flourished A.D. 453 during the reign of the Emperor Marcian.

**4** Our holy father, **Andrew**, the Jerusalemite, Archbishop of Crete. He died A.D. 686, under the reign of Justinian II, Emperor. — Venerable **Martha**, mother of St. Simeon of the "Wondermount."

**5** Our venerable father, **Athanasius**, Hegumen-Abbot of Mt. Athos, A.D. 1805 — Venerable **Lampadus**, wonderworker of Irenopolis, and our venerable mother **Martha**, mother of the Holy **Simeon** of the "Wonderful Mountain."

**6** Our venerable father, **Sisoës the Great**, Hermit and Anchorite in Egypt. He died about A.D. 429 after 62 years in the wilderness.

**7** Our venerable fathers, **Thomas of Malea** and **Acacius** who is mentioned in "The Ladder of Perfection." — **St. Cyriaca**, Martyr, a wealthy Roman widow who sheltered persecuted Christians. Her charity cost her life. She was scourged to death as a Christian A.D. 249, under persecutor Decius, Emperor.

**8 St. Procopius, Great-Martyr**, a Palestinian Christian, a Lector and Interpreter in the Church of Scythopolis. Arrested in the persecution under Diocletian, he was brought to Caesarea, boldly confessed his Faith before judges, was sentenced and executed A.D. 303.

**9 St. Pancratius**, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Taormina, was a disciple of St. Peter the Apostle, who sent him as a missionary Bishop into Sicily, where he laid down his life for Christ. — **St. Theodore**, Bishop of Edessa. — and **The fasting Ten Thousand Saints**.

**10** Our venerable father, **Anthony of the "Kiev-Cave,"** being the first of all the Monks of "Rus" to lead a monastic life during the sovereignty of Vladimir the Great, Grand Duke of "Rus." He died A.D. 1078 having spent 26 years in the cave, attaining to the advanced age of 90 years. — **Forty-five Martyrs** at Nicopolis in Armenia, **Mauricius, Daniel, Antonius** and others with them who suffered death under Licinius, Emperor, A.D. 317.

**11 St. Euphemia**, Martyr, the most commendable, her knowledge was like that of the holy Fathers, suffered death A.D.

288. — The death of Blessed Olga, Grand Duchess of Kiev. In baptism (about A.D. 955) she chose the name "**Helen**."

**12 SS. Proclus and Hilary**, Martyrs, were Christians of Ancyra in Galatia (Asia Minor), tortured and put to death by Trajan and Maximus, Emperors A.D. 115. — Our venerable father, **Michael of Malea** flourished in the year A.D. 931. — **St. Mary**, Martyr, was the wife of a magician. Lived in the year A.D. 588 in the reign of Mauricius, Emperor.

**13 Synaxis of St. Gabriel, the Archangel.** (See March 26.) — Our venerable father **Stephen** of Sabbas, who suffered death during the reign of Severus, Emperor, A.D. 201.

**14 St. Aquila**, Apostle, died A.D. 65. — **Onesimus**, venerable.

**15 St. Vladimir the Great**, Equal to the Apostles, Grand-Duke of "Rus" took the name "**Basil**" at his baptism, A.D. 988, thus enlightening the realm of "Rus" in the reign of the Greek Emperor Basil II. He died A.D. 1015 after an edifying and penitential life, and was laid to rest in the church which he built in Kiev by his tithes in honor of the Blessed Mother of God. — **SS. Kirykos**, and his mother, **Julitta**, Martyrs, died A.D. 296 during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian.

**16 SS. Athenogenes**, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Sebaste (Armenia) with ten of his **Flock** who were put to death A.D. 302 during the great persecution under Diocletian and his colleagues, Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils.

**17 The holy great-martyr Marina at Antioch, (270). Our venerable father and confessor Paul Goidich**, bishop of Preshov, who defended the Byzantine Catholic Church A.D. (1960).

**18 SS. Hyacinth and Emilian**, Martyrs, Hyacinth of Amastris in Paphlagonia, died in prison of wounds received from torture. Emilian was a Christian of Dorostrium on the Danube (Sillistria). He was burned to death under Emperor Julian the Apostate A.D. 362.

**19** Our venerable mother, **Macrina**, sister of St. Basil, at an early age, in the reign of Emperor Gratianus, consecrated herself to the service of God. She helped to educate her brothers, was instrumental in founding several Religious Houses and presided as Hegumena-Abbess over one of these. She died in the same year as her brother St. Basil the Great, A.D. 379 and was buried in the grave of her mother, **St. Emellia** in the church of the Forty Martyrs in Caesarea. — Our venerable father, **Dius**, flourished during the reign of Theodosius the Great, Emperor.

**20 Saint Elijah of Thesbite**, Glorious Prophet, about 850 B.C., raised up in the Kingdom of Israel of the stock of Aaron, to reprove the ten fallen Tribes.

**21** Our venerable father, **Simeon**, surnamed Salus (fool) and **John**, his co-faster, Hermits. Simeon lived as a hermit in a desert for nearly thirty years near the Red Sea, but afterwards at Emesus in Syria. — **St. Ezekiel**, the Third of the Four Greater Prophets and writer of a canonical Book of Scriptures. Tradition

says he was put to death while in captivity in Babylon by one of the Jewish Headmen turned pagan, 525 B.C.

**22 St. Mary Magdalene**, myrrh-bearer and Equal to the Apostles. According to Catholic view, she is one and the same with Mary the Sinner, Mary of Bethany, the sister of Lazarus and Martha, the Magdalen at the foot of the Cross and at the Tomb and the first witness to the Resurrection. — **Return of the Relics of St. Phocas**, Priest-Martyr, a Bishop of Sinope. His relics were translated to Vienne in France in the 13th century. (Confer September 22.)

**23 SS. Trophimus, Theophilus and others with them**, suffered martyrdom by beheading about A.D. 302 during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor. — **St. Apollynaris**, Priest-Martyr, appointed first Bishop of Ravenna by St. Peter, died in the reign of Vespasian, Emperor A.D. 79.

**24 SS. Boris and Gleb**, Martyrs, in their baptism had taken the names of **Romanus** and **David**, were Princes, sons of St. Vladimir, the first Christian Grand Duke of "Rus." They died A.D. 1010. — **St. Christina**, Martyr, was tortured and put to death at Lucas Vulsinus in Tuscany, Italy, A.D. 200 during the reign of Septimius Severus, Emperor.

**25 Dormition of St. Anna**, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mother of God. (Confer Dec. 8.)

**26 SS. Hermolaus**, Priest-Martyr and two brothers, **Hermippas** and **Thermocrates**, martyred about 300 A.D. in Nicomedia, the residence of the Emperor Diocletian. — **St. Parasceva**, Venerable-Martyr.

**27 Pantaleon or Panteleimon**, the Great Martyr and Imperial physician, reckoned with St. Luke, Apostle, Patron of medical men. He suffered death by beheading about A.D. 303 during the reign of Maximian, Emperor. — Our venerable mother, **Anthusa**, mother of St. John Chrysostom. — **St. Clement of Ochrid** — wonderworker.

**28 SS. Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas**, Apostles and Deacons, four of the Seven Deacons spoken of in the Acts 6:5: all having suffered death for Christ. — Our holy father, **Innocentius**, Pope of Rome. After many hardships he died A.D. 417.

**29 St. Callinicus**, Martyr at Gangrae about A.D. 290. — **SS. Seraphina**, Virgin-Martyr, **Theodotia and her Children**, of Syrian origin, adopted daughter of St. Sabina whom she had converted to Christianity at Rome, arrested and beheaded A.D. 122.

**30 SS. Silas, Silvanus, Criscentus, Hепенetus and Andronicus**, Apostles. — **St. John**, soldier-Martyr, endured death in Caesarea of Cappadocia during the reign of Constantine and Galerius. — **St. Julitta**, Martyr.

**31 St. Eudocimus**, Venerable, lived in the reign of the Iconoclast Emperor Theophilus.

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<b>3</b> Tone 7 8 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 1 Cor 1:10-18 Mt 14:14-22	<b>4</b> 9th Week after Pentecost * Seven Youths of Ephesus - Martyrs 1 Cor 11:31-12:6 Mt 18:1-11	<b>5</b> (P) Eusignius Martyr 1 Cor 12:12-26 Mt 18:18-22 & 19:1-13-15	<b>6</b> SOLEMN * <b>TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD</b> 2 Pet 1:10-19 Mt 17:1-9	<b>7</b> Domitius Venerable Martyr 1 Cor 14:6-19 Mt 20:17-28	<b>8</b> *  Emilian Bishop - Confessor 1 Cor 14:26-40 Mt 21:12-14 & 17-20	<b>9</b> Matthias Apostle Acts 1:12-17 & 21-26 Lk 9:1-6							
<b>10</b> Tone 8 9 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 1 Cor 4:9-17 Mt 14:22-34	<b>11</b> 10th Week after Pentecost Euplus Martyr 1 Cor 15:12-19 Mt 21:18-22	<b>12</b> * Photius and Anicetus Martyrs 1 Cor 15:29-38 Mt 21:23-27	<b>13</b> (F) Maximus the Confessor - Venerable 1 Cor 16:4-12 Mt 21:28-32	<b>14</b> (P) <b>Translation of the Relics of Theodosius of the Caves - Venerable</b> Heb 13:7-16 Mt 11:27-30	<b>15</b> OBLIGATION *  <b>DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS</b> Phil 2:5-11 Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28	<b>16</b> <b>Translation of the Icon of Our Lord</b> Col 1:12-18 or 2 Cor 3:4-11 Lk 9:51-56 & 10:22-24							
<b>17</b> Tone 1 10 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 1 Cor 4:9-16 Mt 17:14-23	<b>18</b> 11th Week after Pentecost Florus and Laurus Martyrs 2 Cor 2:4-15 Mt 23:13-22	<b>19</b> Andrew and Others Martyrs 2 Cor 2:14-3:3 Mt 23:23-28	<b>20</b> Samuel, Prophet Stephen, King of Hungary 2 Cor 3:4-11 Mt 23:29-39	<b>21</b> Thaddeus Apostle 2 Cor 4:1-6 Mt 24:13-28	<b>22</b> *  Agathonicus and Others - Martyrs 2 Cor 4:13-18 Mt 24:27-33 & 42-51	<b>23</b> (F) Lupus Martyr 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mt 19:3-12							
<b>24</b> Tone 2 11 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 1 Cor 9:2-12; Mt 18:23-35	<b>25</b> 12th Week after Pentecost Return of the Relics of Bartholomew - Apostle 2 Cor 5:10-15 Mk 1:9-15	<b>26</b> Adrian and Natalie Martyrs 2 Cor 5:15-21 Mk 1:16-22	<b>27</b> Poemen Venerable 2 Cor 6:11-16 Mk 1:23-28	<b>28</b> Moses the Ethiopian Venerable 2 Cor 7:1-10 Mk 1:29-35	<b>29</b> SIMPLE *  <b>BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> Acts 13:25-33 Mk 6:14-30	<b>30</b> (F) Alexander, John & Paul - Patriarchs 1 Cor 1:26-29 Mt 20:29-34							
<b>31</b> Tone 3 12 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 1 Cor 15:1-11; Mt 19:16-26													






# AUGUST

Following are the Names, Dates, and some prominent Facts from the lives of the Saints especially honored by the Byzantine Catholic Church.

- 1** **Procession of the Venerable and Life-giving Cross.** Commemoration of the SS. Seven Machabee Brothers, Martyrs, their names being **Abim, Antonin, Gurius, Eliazar, Evseun, Alim, Marcell,** and their Mother, **Solomonias,** and their Master, **Elezar,** martyred 173 B.C. during the reign of Antiochus, son of Seleucius.
- 2** **Translation of the Holy Relics of St. Stephen, the first Martyr and Archdeacon** from Jerusalem to Constantinople during the reign of the Emperor Constantine the Great A.D. 312. (Other Feast of this Saint is on the 27th day of December.) — **St. Stephen,** Priest-Martyr, Pope of Rome, and others with him martyred A.D. 260, during the reign of Valerian and Gallienus, Emperors. Tradition alleges that he was beheaded while seated in his chair before the Altar in the Catacombs.
- 3** Our venerable fathers, **Isaacius, Dalmatius and Faustus.** Isaacius died A.D. 368 in the reign of Valens, Emperor. He had predicted the death of Valens, the Arian, going into battle. This prediction fulfilled, Dalmatius and Faustus died in the reign of Theodosius the Great, Emperor (379-395).
- 4** **SS. Seven Youth of Ephesus,** Martyrs, their names being: **Maximilian, Dionisius, Amblichus, Martin, Antonin, John and Marcell.** (Confer October 22.) — **St. Eudokia,** Venerable-Martyr.
- 5** **St. Eusignius,** Martyr, an old soldier in the army of Constantine Chlorus, Emperor, who at the age of one hundred and ten years, refused to sacrifice to idols on command of Julian the Apostate, Emperor. He was scourged and beheaded as a Christian at Antioch in Syria A.D. 362.
- 6** **The Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.** By this manifestation of His Divine Glory, Jesus Who has just foretold His Passion to the Apostles, strengthened their Faith and prepared them for His sufferings and death.
- 7** **St. Domitius,** Venerable-Martyr, Julian the Apostate, Emperor, irritated it is alleged by the reproaches Domitius ventured to address to him, had him stoned to death A.D. 362. — **St. Pulcheria** was the daughter of the Eastern Emperor Arcadius. On the death of her brother, Emperor Theodosius II, a fallen away Catholic, she became Empress, and ruled wisely and well. She died A.D. 453. The Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon salutes Pulcheria as "Guardian of the Faith, maker of peace, pious, orthodox and a second St. Helen."
- 8** **St. Emilian,** Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus, fearlessly denounced the Iconoclasts. He was brought before the Emperor Leo the Armenian, subjected to many indignities, and died in exile A.D. 820. — **SS. Eleutherius and Leonidas,** Martyrs.
- 9** **St. Matthias,** Apostle. Some writers suppose him to have preached the Gospel in Judea and later in Ethiopia, and to have met his death by crucifixion. Others assert that he was stoned to death by the Jews in Jerusalem.

- 10** **St. Lawrence,** Archdeacon-Martyr, one of the most famous martyrs of Rome. He was a Deacon of the Pope St. Sixtus II. This holy deacon was tortured and in the end was roasted alive on a gridiron A.D. 258, under Emperor Valerian.
- 11** **St. Euplus,** Archdeacon-Martyr, endured death A.D. 304 during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian. He was put on the rack and bidden to worship Apollo, Mars and Aesculapius. He replied that he adored only the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- 12** **SS. Photius and Anicetus,** Martyrs, suffered death A.D. 288 during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.
- 13** Our venerable father, **Maximus,** Confessor, was a Greek of noble birth, at first attached to the Court of the Emperor Heraclius, but later retired to the monastery of Chrysopolis (Scutari). For championing the Faith against the Monothelites, St. Maximus was seized in Rome, and taken as prisoner to Constantinople, and for his steadfastness, his right hand was cut off and his tongue torn out. He died of his wounds in prison A.D. 662.
- 14** **St. Micah,** Prophet, one of the Twelve Minor Prophets, of the stock of Ephrem, and contemporary of the Prophet Isaiah. He continued to prophesy for fifty-four years into the first decades of the eighth century B.C. — **Translation of the Relics of our venerable father, Theodosius,** Hegumen-Abbot of Cave, which took place A.D. 1091, in the presence of the Great Russian Prince, Vsevolod, and his Hegumen, John. This Translation was made from his grave in the Cave to the church of the Mother of God which St. Theodosius had built. (Confer May 3.)
- 15** **Dormition (Assumption) of The Theotokos.** It is considered to be our Lady's greatest Feast. The commemoration of her death and the Assumption of her body and soul into heaven was the occasion of special devotion in very early times. In Ephesus it was observed even in the first century. In A.D. 1950 Pope Pius XII defined and promulgated the Assumption of the Theotokos to be a dogma of the Church.
- 16** **Translation of the miraculously formed Icon of Our Lord, Jesus Christ,** from Edessa to Constantinople, called "Veronica's Veil," A.D. 950 — **St. Diomidus,** Martyr, endured death A.D. 288 during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian.
- 17** **St. Myron,** Martyr, who was seized by the imperial officers of Decius, Emperor, tortured and executed for the Faith A.D. 250 in Cyzicus on the Sea of Marmora. — **SS. Paul and Juliana,** his sister, Martyrs in Palestine. Both patiently endured savage torture before being beheaded with other Martyrs under Julian the Apostate.
- 18** **SS. Florus and Laurus,** Martyrs. They were twin brothers and stone-cutters by trade, who for the Faith were put to death by drowning in a well A.D. 320 under the power of Licinius.

- 19** **St. Andrew,** a Tribune in the Greek army and with is 2,593 soldiers, Martyrs, who were massacred for the Faith on Mt. Taurus in Silicia A.D. 300 in the reign of Maximian, Emperor. — **SS. Timothy, Agapius and Thecla,** Martyrs. Timothy was burned at the stake; Agapius and Thecla were thrown to the wild beasts in the Amphitheatre, in the reign of the Emperor Diocletian, A.D. 306.
- 20** **St. Samuel,** Prophet, in the 11th century B.C. — **St. Stephen the First,** Apostolic King of Hungary, died A.D. 1038. His Right Hand is miraculously kept intact.
- 21** **St. Thaddeus,** Apostle, one of the 70 Apostles, descendant of a Jewish Family in the city of Edessa, and was a disciple of St. John the Baptist-Precursor. He died in peace at Beiruth, in Palestine. — **SS. Bassa** and her children, **Theogonius, Agapius, and Pista (Fidelis),** Martyrs, suffered death under one of Diocletian's colleagues about A.D. 304.
- 22** **St. Agathonicus** and with him: **Zoticus, Theoprepius** (which means "Grace of God"), **Acindynus and Severianus,** Martyrs, suffered death A.D. 304 during the reign of the Emperor Maximian.
- 23** **St. Lupus,** Martyr, died A.D. 278. — **St. Iraeneus, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Lugdun** in Gallia, martyred probably A.D. 210 by Septimius Severus, Emperor. — Our holy father, **Callinicus,** Patriarch of Constantinople.
- 24** **St. Eutyches,** Bishop-Martyr, disciple of John the Theologian, Apostle and Evangelist.
- 25** **Return of the Relics of Bartholomew,** Apostle. (Confer June 11.) — **St. Titus,** Apostle, Titus was the favoured disciple of St. Paul and was his successor as the first Bishop of the Island of Crete. He died full of merits about the close of the first century.
- 26** **SS. Adrian and Natalie,** Martyrs, endured death A.D. 304 during the reign of Maximian, Emperor.
- 27** Our venerable father, **Poeman,** an Egyptian by birth, flourished in the period of the Ecumenical Council at Ephesus A.D. 431 in the reign of Theodosius the Younger, Emperor.
- 28** Our venerable father, **Moses,** an African Negro of Abyssinia, styled the "Ethiopian Hermit." — Our holy father, **Augustine,** Confessor and Bishop of Hippo in Africa. He is one of the greatest doctors of the Western Rite Church. He died A.D. 430. — **St. Anna,** daughter of Phanuel. (See 3rd day of February).
- 29** **The Beheading of St. John, Glorious Prophet, Precursor and Baptist.** He was beheaded by Herod Antipas, at the instigation of Herodias.
- 30** Our holy father, **Alexander, John and Paul the New,** Patriarchs of Constantinople.
- 31** **Deposition of the Venerable Cinctus of the Theotokos,** translated from the See of Zela to Constantinople, A.D. 908.

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<b>AUGUST</b> <b>S M T W T F S</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<b>1</b> 13th Week after Pentecost  <b>Beginning of the Church Year - Simeon, Venerable</b> 1 Tim 2:1-7 Lk 4:16-22	<b>2</b>  Mammas Martyr 2 Cor 8:16-9:5 Mk 3:13-19	<b>3</b>  Anthimus Bishop - Martyr 2 Cor 9:12-10:7 Mk 3:20-27	<b>4</b>  Babylas Bishop-Martyr 2 Cor 10:7-18 Mk 3:28-35	<b>5</b> *   Zachary, Prophet and Elizabeth 2 Cor 11:5-21 Mk 4:1-9	<b>6</b>  Miracle of the Archangel Michael 1 Cor 2:5-9 Mt 22:15-22
<b>7</b> Tone 4 (P)  <b>SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS</b> Gal 6:11-18; Jn 3:13-17	<b>8</b> SOLEMN  <b>BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS</b> Phil 2:5-11 Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28	<b>9</b> 14th Week after Pentecost  Synaxis of Joachim and Anna 2 Cor 12:20-13:2 Mk 4:24-34	<b>10</b>  Menodora and Others - Martyrs 2 Cor 13:3-13 Mk 4:35-41	<b>11</b>  Theodora Venerable Gal 1:1-10 & 1:20-2:5 Mk 5:1-20	<b>12</b> (F) *   Autonomous Bishop-Martyr Gal 2:6-10 Mk 5:22-25 & 35:6-1	<b>13</b> (P)  <b>Saturday Before the Exaltation of the Cross - Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection</b> 1 Cor 2:6-9 & Heb 3:1-4; Mat 10:37-11:1 & Mat 16:13-18
<b>14</b> *   <b>EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> 1 Cor 1:18-24 Jn 19:6-11, 13-21, 25-27, 30-35	<b>15</b> 15th Week after Pentecost  Nicetas Great-Martyr Gal 2:11-16 Mk 5:24-34	<b>16</b>  Euphemia Great-Martyr Gal 2:21-3:7 Mk 6:1-7	<b>17</b>  Sophia and Others Martyrs Gal 3:15-22 Mk 6:7-13	<b>18</b>  Eumenius Bishop Gal 3:23-4:5 Mk 6:30-45	<b>19</b> *   Trophimus and Others - Martyrs Gal 4:8-21 Mk 6:45-53	<b>20</b>  <b>Saturday After the Exaltation of the Cross</b> Eustace and Others Martyrs 1 Cor 1:26-29; Jn 8:21-30
<b>21</b> Tone 6 (F)  <b>SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS</b> Gal 2:16-20 Mk 8:34-9:1	<b>22</b> * Ep. 16th Week after Pentecost; Gos. 18th Week after Pentecost  Phocas Bishop-Martyr Gal 4:28-5:10 Lk 3:19-22	<b>23</b>  <b>Conception of John the Baptist</b> Gal 4:22-31 Lk 1:5-25	<b>24</b>  Thecla Proto-Martyr Gal 6:2-10 Lk 4:1-15	<b>25</b>  Euphrosyna Venerable Eph 1:1-9 Lk 4:16-22	<b>26</b> *   <b>The Passing of John Apostle - Evangelist</b> 1 Jn 4:12-19 Jn 19:25-27 & 21:24-25	<b>27</b>  Callistratus and Others - Martyrs 1 Cor 10:23-28 Lk 4:31-36
<b>28</b> Tone 7 *  <b>16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> Chariton - Venerable 2 Cor 6:1-10; Lk 5:1-11	<b>29</b> Ep. 17th Week after Pentecost Gos. 19th Week after Pentecost  Cyriacus Venerable Eph 1:22-2:3 Lk 4:37-44	<b>30</b>  Gregory Illuminator Bishop-Martyr Eph 2:19-3:7 Lk 5:12-16	<b>REMARKS</b> 5.12.19.26 Simple abstinence from meat or equivalent penance. 14. Exaltation of the Holy Cross. By tradition, strict abstinence from meat and dairy products. 14-21. All Divine Liturgies and other services celebrated in red vestments.. 22. While the Epistle readings continue without interruption, the Gospel readings from St. Luke of the 18th Week after Pentecost begin on the Monday after the Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross. [Typicon, chapter 10.] In 2025 this results in a two week discrepancy in the reading of the Epistles and Gospels until January 5. 28. Our Venerable Father Chariton, Epistle, 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Gospel, Luke 6:17-23			<b>OCTOBER</b> <b>S M T W T F S</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

# SEPTEMBER







Following are the Names, Dates, and some prominent Facts from the lives of the Saints especially honored by the Byzantine Catholic Church.

- 1** **The Beginning of the "Indiction,"** i.e., of the Church Year. — Our venerable father, **Simeon**, the Elder, the Stylite, and his mother, **Martha**. Simeon, a Monk, adopted a characteristic mode of penance by prayer and fasting on the top of a lofty stone column where he spent thirty-seven years until his death A.D. 459. — **Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God in Missina.** — **SS. Aithelas, 40 Women of Macedonia and Ammon**, Martyrs. Ammon, Deacon, was put to death under Emperor Licinius A.D. 313 at Heraclea in Thrace, together with 40 young women whom he converted to Christianity. — **SS. Callistus, Evodius, and Hermogenes**, Martyrs, were brothers by birth. — Venerable **Joshua**, son of Nun, who was successor of Moses in the 15th Century B.C.
- 2** **St. Mammias**, Martyr, a Roman of noble birth, mute for five years from birth, uttered his first word "Mama" whence he got his name. He suffered martyrdom at Caesarea in Cappadocia under Aurelian Emperor, A.D. 274. — Our holy father, **John of the Fast**, Patriarch of Constantinople about A.D. 551.
- 3** **St. Anthimus**, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Nicomedia where he was martyred A.D. 303 under the Emperor Diocletian. — Our venerable father, **Theoktistus**, Co-Faster with Euthymius the Great, who died A.D. 431.
- 4** **St. Babylas**, Priest-Martyr, Archbishop of Greater Antioch for thirteen years. He died in chains awaiting execution during the Decian persecution A.D. 250. With him are commemorated **Three Youths**, his pupils, privileged with him to lay down their lives for Christ. — **St. Moses**, Prophet and Patriarch who preceded Jesus Christ by fifteen centuries. He was of the Tribe of Levi, for forty years a leader of the Israelites in their Exodus from Egypt and their wandering in the Wilderness. He died at the age of 120 near the borders of the Promised Land. Where he was buried no man knows. — **St. Babylas**, another Priest-Martyr, Teacher, of Nicomedia and with him **84 Youths**. — **SS. Hermione and Eutychia**, Martyrs. Hermione was one of the daughters of Philip the Deacon, mentioned as a Prophetess (Acts 21:9). She is said to have suffered martyrdom for the Faith at Ephesus A.D. 117.
- 5** **St. Zachary**, Prophet, father of Venerable John, the Precursor and Baptist.
- 6** **Commemoration of the miracle by St. Michael the Archangel at Colossa in Chonia.** — **Ss. Eudoxius and with him 1104**, Martyrs. Eudoxius was a Soldier-Martyr in the time of Trajan, Emperor. — Our venerable father, Archippus.
- 7** **St. Sozon**, Martyr, a Christian in Silicia, who broke up a silver idol and gave the proceeds to the poor. He was burned to death at the stake about A.D. 304.
- 8** **Nativity of The Theotokos.** She was of royal lineage, of the House of David. Except the feast of the Dormition, this is one of the most ancient and famous Feasts of Our Lady.

- 9** **SS. And Venerable, Joachim and Anna.** Tradition holds that these Saints were the parents of the Theotokos although nothing is known of them, except that they lived in Galilee, and later in Jerusalem, where their traditional tomb was rediscovered in A.D. 1889. — **St. Severianus**, Martyr, was an Armenian Soldier-Saint, tortured to death under the power of Licinius A.D. 332.
- 10** **SS. Mendora, Metrodora and Nymphodora**, Martyrs, were three sisters, devout Christians of the Province of Bithynia in Asia Minor. Condemned for their Faith, they were beheaded A.D. 306 in the great persecution under Diocletian, Emperor.
- 11** Our venerable mother, **Theodora**, of Alexandria, Penitent. She was an Egyptian woman who lived a long life of austere penance because of a sin committed in her youth. She is said to have donned male attire, entered a monastery, where she endured much from Satan and passed to her reward A.D. 472 in the reign of the Emperor Zenon.
- 12** **St. Autonomos**, Priest-Martyr, is alleged by the Greeks to have been an Italian Bishop, who fled into Bithynia, in Asia Minor, to escape the fury of the Diocletian persecution. He made many converts and died for the Faith about A.D. 300.
- 13** **Commemorating the Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.** — **St. Cornelius**, Priest-Martyr, was the Centurion of the Italian cohort, baptised at Caesarea in Palestine by the Apostle St. Peter about A.D. 41 (Acts 10.) Tradition makes him first Bishop of Caesarea.
- 14** **Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross.** Discovery of the Holy Cross on which Our Lord suffered together with the nails, is credited to Empress Helen, mother of Constantine the Great. The finding was made in Jerusalem A.D. 326. In the Church of Jerusalem, erected by St. Helen over the Sepulchre of Our Lord, the Patriarch St. Macarius, elevated the Cross and all the people beholding it cried out, "Lord, have mercy!"
- 15** **St. Nicetas**, the Great-Martyr, was a Goth and a victim of the fury of King Athanaric, ruler of the nations settled about the Danube. He was a disciple of the celebrated Ulphilas (Theophilus). He was burned to death about A.D. 78.
- 16** **St. Euphemia**, the Great Virgin-Martyr. She was burned at the stake for the Faith of Christ, in the city of Chalcedon, in the reign of Galerius, about A.D. 107.
- 17** **SS. Sophia and her Three Daughters, Faith, Hope and Charity.** These three Virgins suffered death for Christ while still children, under the Emperor Hadrian. Three days later their mother, praying at their tomb, passed away.
- 18** Our venerable father, **Eumenius**, Wonderworker, Bishop of Gortyna on the Island of Crete, was conspicuous for his charity. He died in exile in the latter half of the 3rd century.

- 19** **SS. Trophimus, Sabbatius and Dorymedont**, Martyrs. They were tortured and beheaded as Christians, most probably at Antioch, about A.D. 277.
- 20** **SS. Eustace (Placidus), the Great Soldier-Martyr, and his wife, Theopista**, and their sons, **Agapius and Theopistus**, Martyrs, put to death as Christians under the Emperor Hadrian A.D. 118.
- 21** **St. Codratus**, registered in the old Martyrologies as a disciple of the Apostles and successor of St. Publius as Bishop of Athens, where he died by sword some time before A.D. 130.
- 22** **St. Phocas**, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Sinope on the Black Sea. He was put to death under the Emperor Trajan A.D. 102 (Confer July 22.) — **St. Jonah**, Prophet, one of the Twelve Lesser Prophets and an inspired writer of a Canonical Book of Holy Scriptures. He died 761 B.C. — Venerable **Jonah**, father of St. Theophanes, composer of the Canons, and of Theodore, having flourished A.D. 817.
- 23** **Conception of St. John the Baptist, the glorious Prophet and Precursor of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.**
- 24** **St. Thecla**, First Virgin-Martyr. One of the most celebrated of the Saints of the Early Church. St. Epiphanius and others relate that she was converted at Iconium in Lycaonia by St. Paul (Acts 14) A.D. 51. She died before the close of the 1st century.
- 25** Our venerable mother, **Euphrosyna**, was an Egyptian maiden of pious Christian parents at Alexandria. To avoid marriage and preserve her virginity, she assumed male attire and entered a monastery of Monks to frustrate a search for her. She retired into a cell and for 38 years was looked upon as a holy man. Even her own father sought spiritual advice from her and appreciated her counsels. He assisted at her last moments. Only then did she disclose her identity. After her death about A.D. 470 her father took possession of her cell where he passed the rest of his days in penance and prayer.
- 26** **The Passing of St. John the Theologian, Apostle and Evangelist.** (Confer May 8th.)
- 27** **St. Callistratus**, Soldier-Martyr and a **fifty African soldiers** were put to death at Constantinople under the Emperor Diocletian A.D. 295 for the Christian Faith. It is related that they were sewn up in sacks and cast into the sea.
- 28** Our venerable father, **Chariton**, Confessor-Martyr, appears to have been burned to death A.D. 362.
- 29** Our venerable father, **Cyriacus**, Hermit, a Greek by birth, embraced monastic life in Palestine. He lived for 198 years, and died A.D. 550.
- 30** **St. Gregory**, Bishop-Martyr, the Illuminator of Greater Armenia. He is considered an Apostle of his country. It seems certain that he was consecrated first Patriarch of the Armenians, that he converted Tiridates, King of the country and suffered much from the heathens. He died about A.D. 332.



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<b>5</b> Tone 8  <b>17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 2 Cor 6:16-7:1 Lk 6:31-36	<b>6</b> Ep. 18th Week after Pentecost Gos. 20th Week after Pentecost  <b>Thomas Apostle</b> 1 Cor 4:9-16 Jn 20:19-31	<b>7</b>  Sergius and Bacchus - Martyrs Eph 5:20-26 Lk 6:37-45	<b>8</b>  Pelagia Venerable Eph 5:25-33 Lk 6:46-7:1	<b>9</b>  <b>James Alpheus Apostle</b> 1 Cor 4:9-16 Lk 10:16-21	<b>10</b> *   Eulampius & Eulampia - Martyrs Eph 6:18-24 Lk 7:31-35	<b>11</b>  Phillip Deacon - Apostle 1 Cor 15:39-45 Lk 5:27-32
<b>12</b> Tone 1  <b>SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL</b> 2 Cor 9:6-11; Lk 7:11-16 or; Heb 13:7-16; Jn 17:1-13	<b>13</b> Ep. 19th Week after Pentecost Gos. 21st Week after Pentecost  Carpus and Others - Martyrs Phil 1:1-7 Lk 7:36-50	<b>14</b>  Paraskeva Venerable Phil 1:8-14 Lk 8:1-3	<b>15</b> *  Euthymius Venerable Phil 1:12-20 Lk 8:22-25	<b>16</b>  Longinus Martyr Phil 1:20-27 Lk 9:7-11	<b>17</b> *   Hosea Prophet Phil 1:27-2:4 Lk 9:12-18	<b>18</b>  <b>Luke Apostle - Evangelist</b> Col 4:5-9, 14 & 18 Lk 10:16-21
<b>19</b> Tone 2  <b>19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 2 Cor 11:31-12:9 Lk 8:5-15	<b>20</b> Ep. 20th Week after Pentecost Gos. 22nd Week after Pentecost  Artemis Great Martyr Phil 2:12-16 Lk 9:18-22	<b>21</b>  Hilary the Great Venerable Phil 2:16-23 Lk 9:23-27	<b>22</b>  Abercius Bishop Phil 2:24-30 Lk 9:44-50	<b>23</b>  <b>James - Apostle Brother of the Lord</b> Gal 1:11-19 Mt 13:54-58	<b>24</b> *   Arethas and Others Martyrs Phil 3:8-19 Lk 10:1-15	<b>25</b>  Marcian and Martyrs - Martyrs 2 Cor 1:8-11 Lk 7:1-10
<b>26</b> Tone 3 *  <b>20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> Demetrius - Great Martyr Gal 1:11-19 Lk 16:19-31	<b>27</b> Ep. 21st Week after Pentecost Gos. 23rd Week after Pentecost  Nestor Martyr Phil 4:10-23 Lk 10:22-25	<b>28</b>  Paraskeva Martyr Col 1:1-2 & 7-11 Lk 11:1-10	<b>29</b>  Anastasia Venerable Martyr Col 1:18-23 Lk 11:9-13	<b>30</b>  Zenobius and Zenobia - Martyrs Col 1:24-29 Lk 11:14-23	<b>31</b> *   <b>Bl. Theodore Romza Martyr</b> Col 2:1-7 Lk 11:23-26	<b>NOVEMBER</b> <b>S M T W T F S</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

# OCTOBER

Following are the Names, Dates, and some prominent Facts from the lives of the Saints especially honored by the Byzantine Catholic Church.

**1** **Protection of the Theotokos.** This special Feast Day of the Byzantine Church is celebrated every year since A.D. 911 when the Theotokos miraculously appeared in the Church of Blachernae in Constantinople. — **St. Ananias,** Apostle, one of the 70, who baptized St. Paul, the Apostle. — Our venerable father, **Roman,** the sweet-singer, author of many Kondaks, about A.D. 496.

**2** **St. Cyprian,** Priest-Martyr, a cultured Carthaginian, was converted and consecrated Bishop of Carthage. He wrote much and was a cordial friend of the Martyr Pope, St. Cornelius. He won his crown of Martyrdom by beheading, A.D. 258 under the Emperor Valerian. — **St. Justina,** Virgin-Martyr, beheaded at Nicomedia under Emperor Diocletian, A.D. 300. — **St. Andreas,** who became "a fool for Christ's sake."

**3** **St. Denis,** the Areopagite, Priest-Martyr, first Bishop of Athens, converted by St. Paul, the Apostle, and with him **Rusticus and Eleutherius,** Athenian converts (Acts 17:34).

**4** **St. Hierotheus,** Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Athens, disciple of St. Paul. Tradition has it that he was translated on a cloud to Jerusalem to be present at the Dormition of the Theotokos. — Venerable **St. Francis of Assisi.**

**5** **St. Charitina,** Martyr, suffered Martyrdom A.D. at Amasa on the Black Sea, under Emperor Diocletian.

**6** **St. Thomas,** the glorious Apostle, otherwise called Didymus (twin). He is stated to have preached the Gospel in Parthia, in Media and in India, where he is said to have suffered martyrdom.

**7** **SS. Sergius and Bacchus,** Martyrs, were officers in the Imperial Army and were put to death A.D. 296 during the reign of Maximian, Emperor.

**8** Our venerable mother, **Pelagia,** Public sinner, but later penitent in a cave on Mt. Olivet near Jerusalem. Pelagia died A.D. 457.

**9** **St. James the Lesser,** son of Alphaeus, Apostle and Brother of **St. Matthew,** the Apostle and Evangelist. — Our venerable father, **Andronicus** and his wife, **Athanasia,** from Antioch of Syria. On the death of their children they agreed to separate and thenceforth led lives of prayer and penance in the solitude of Upper-Egypt.

**10** **SS. Eulampius** and his sister, **Eulampia,** Martyrs at Nicomedia A.D. 302 under the reign of Maximian Hercules. They were young children, who for their Faith were cast into a cauldron of boiling oil but miraculously came out unharmed, and thereupon were beheaded. Two hundred soldiers witnessing this became converts and were put to death as Christians.

**11** **St. Phillip,** one of Seven Deacons, converted the Samaritans, baptized the eunuch of Candace, Queen of Ethiopia (Acts 8), and was the host of St. Paul at Caesarea (Acts 21:8). His four daughters are honored as Saints with him. He became Bishop of Tralles in Lydia, and there suffered martyrdom. — Our venerable father, **Theophan,** Confessor, Bishop of Nicea

and composer of Canons, opposed the Iconoclasts at the 2nd Council of Nicea (A.D. 787). Banished by Emperor Leo the Armenian, he died in exile A.D. 818.

**12** **SS. Probus, Tarachus and Andronicus,** Martyrs, suffered martyrdom during the reign of Diocletian A.D. 292. — Our venerable father, **Cosmas,** Bishop of Majuma, composer of Canons.

**13** **SS. Carpus,** Bishop of the Church in Thyatira, and **Papyrus,** his Deacon, and with them **Agathonica,** sister of Papyrus, and **Agathodoros,** their servant, suffered A.D. 250 in the persecution under Nero.

**14** Our venerable mother, **Paraskevia,** child of peasant parents, of the city of Callitratia. Her relics were translated to Trapezont, a city in Bulgaria, A.D. 1201. — **SS. Nazarius, Gervase, Protase and Celsus,** Martyrs. St. Nazarius' father was a heathen, his mother, Perpetua, a Christian, probably a disciple of St. Peter. At Milan with his companion, Celsus, he was beheaded under Emperor Nero about A.D. 60. Gervase and Protase were brothers, sons of the **St. Vitalis,** Martyr. Their relics repose at Milan in the Ambrosian Basilica.

**15** Our venerable father, **Euthymius,** the New. — **St. Lucian,** Venerable-Martyr, Presbyter of greater Antioch, was put to death for the Faith at Nicomedia in Asia Minor by order of Emperors Maximian and Galerius, buried at Helenopolis in Bithynia.

**16** **St. Longinus,** the Centurion, is credited by tradition to have been the one who pierced the side of Our Lord hanging on the Cross (John 19:34). Converted to Christianity, he was put to death in Cappadocia. His body is venerated in the Church of St. Augustine in Rome.

**17** **St. Hosea,** Prophet, a descendant of Isachar, lived in the 8th century B.C. — **St. Andrew of Crete,** Venerable-Martyr opposed the Iconoclasts and reproached the Emperor Constantine for his impiety. The enraged monarch ordered him to be seized and tortured, from which he died A.D. 761.

**18** **St. Luke,** Apostle and Evangelist, was a physician of Antioch in Syria, converted to Christianity, became the fellow-worker of St. Paul. He is the inspired writer of the Third Gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles, as revealed to the Prophet Ezekiel in the vision on a calf, six centuries B.C.

**19** **St. Joel,** Prophet, was of the Tribe of Ruben in the 8th century B.C. — **St. Varus,** Martyr, a Roman soldier, who while guarding some condemned monks in prison for their Faith, on seeing one of them expire in his dungeon, took his place and shared the torture and cruel death of the others A.D. 307. — **St. Sadoth,** Priest-Martyr, a Bishop in Persia, who, with 128 of his fellow Christians, was put to death A.D. 345 by King Sapor near Ctesiphon.

**20** **St. Artemis,** Great Martyr, a veteran officer in high command was charged with breaking down the statue of an idol. After cruel torture he was beheaded A.D. 363 under the Apostle, Emperor Julian.

**21** Our venerable father, **Hilary the Great,** Hegumen-Abbot. Found a long life of severe fasting and prayer, and having founded many monasteries in Palestine, died at age of 80 in Cyprus A.D. 371.

**22** **St. Abercius,** Equal to the Apostles, Bishop of Hieropolis, wonderworker, died about A.D. 167. — **SS. Seven Youths of Ephesus.** (Confer August 4.)

**23** **St. James,** Apostle, brother of the Lord, the first Bishop of Jerusalem. He composed the First Liturgy which was later abbreviated somewhat by St. Basil the Great and still more by St. John Chrysostom. At 96 years of age he suffered martyrdom at the hands of the Jews, who cast him down from the pinnacle of the Temple A.D. 61. — Our holy father, **Ignatius,** Confessor, was the son of the Byzantine Emperor Michael. Successively he was monk, Hegumen-Abbot, Presbyter and became Patriarch of Constantinople A.D. 842. After 9 years of exile he died at age 80 A.D. 878.

**24** **SS. Arethas** and other Martyrs with him, endured death A.D. 523.

**25** **SS. Marcian and Martyrius,** Martyrs, Marcian, a Lector and Martyrius, a Sub-deacon, in Constantinople were put to death A.D. 351.

**26** **St. and Glorious Demetrius, the Great,** Myrrh-exuding, Martyr, martyred A.D. 299. Many miracles have taken place at his shrine at Thessalonica.

**27** **St. Nestor,** Martyr, endured death A.D. 304. — **S.S. Captiolina,** a Cappadocian lady, with her handmaid, **Erotheides,** Martyrs, suffered death A.D. 304 under Emperor Diocletian.

**28** **St. Paraskevia,** Martyr, surnamed "Friday," who endured death at Iconium A.D. 290. — **SS. Terentius and Neonila** and their children: **Photius, Anicetas, Theodulus, Hierarchus and Eunicius.** — Our venerable father, **Stephen of Sabbas,** composer of Canons about A.D. 785.

**29** **St. Anastasia,** Venerable-Martyr from Rome is said to have been a nun of the community presided over by St. Sophia. She was brought before Probus during the persecution of Valerian, Emperor, and undergoing the most frightful tortures and outrages was beheaded A.D. 253. — **SS. Abram,** Hermit of Edessa and **Mary,** his niece, died about A.D. 360.

**30** **SS. Zenobius and Zenobia,** his sister, Martyrs, suffered death A.D. 304. — Venerable, **Peter,** Bishop of Syracuse, disciple of St. Peter, Apostle. — **SS. Asterius, Claudius, Neon, Theonilla,** Martyrs, A.D. 285 at Aegea in Sicilia under the reign of Diocletian, Emperor. — **SS. Terentius, Mark, Justus and Artem,** Apostles, four of the Seventy Apostles.

**31** **SS. Stachis, Ampliatius, Urban and Narcissus,** Apostles, mentioned by St. Paul the Apostle in his Epistle to the Romans (16:8-9 & 11) — **St. Epimachus,** Martyr, of Alexandria in Egypt, was burned there at the stake, A.D. 250 in the Decian persecution. — Our venerable mother, **Maura.**

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<b>2</b>  <b>21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY            AFTER PENTECOST</b> Gal 2:16-20 Lk 8:26-39	<b>3</b>  <b>Ep. 22nd Week            after Pentecost</b> <b>Gos. 24th Week            after Pentecost</b>  Aicepsimas and Others - Martyrs Col 2:13-20 Lk 11:29-33	<b>4</b>  Joannicius Venerable Col 2:20-3:3 Lk 11:34-41	<b>5</b>  Galaction and Episteme - Martyrs Col 3:17-4:1 Lk 11:42-46	<b>6</b>  Paul the Confessor Archbishop Col 4:2-9 Lk 11:47-12:1	<b>7</b> *   <b>33 Martyrs of Melitene</b> Col 4:10-18 Lk 12:2-12	<b>8</b> SOLEMN  <b>ARCHANGEL            MICHAEL AND ALL            ANGELS</b> Heb 2:2-10 Lk 10:16-21
<b>9</b>  <b>22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER            PENTECOST</b> Gal 6:11-18 Lk 8:41-56	<b>10</b>  <b>Ep. 23rd Week            after Pentecost</b> <b>Gos. 25th Week            after Pentecost</b>  Erastus and Others - Apostles 1 Thess 1:1-5 Lk 12:13-15 & 22-31	<b>11</b>  Menas, Victor and Vincent - Martyrs 1 Thess 1:6-10 Lk 12:42-48	<b>12</b>  <b>Josaphat            Archbishop</b> Heb 4:14-5:10 Jn 10:9-16	<b>13</b>  <b>John Chrysostom            Archbishop</b> Heb 7:26-8:2 Jn 10:9-16	<b>14</b> *   <b>Philip            Apostle</b> 1 Cor 4:9-16 Jn 1:43-51	<b>15</b> *  Gurias, Samonas and Habib - Martyrs 2 Cor 8:1-5 Lk 9:37-43
<b>16</b>  <b>23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER            PENTECOST</b> <b>Matthew - Apostle</b> Eph 2:4-10 Lk 10:25-37	<b>17</b>  <b>Ep. 24th Week            after Pentecost</b> <b>Gos. 26th Week            after Pentecost</b>  Gregory Wonderworker Bishop 1 Thess 2:20-3:8 Lk 14:1 & 12-15	<b>18</b>  Plato and Roman Martyrs 1 Thess 3:9-13 Lk 14:25-35	<b>19</b> *  Obadiah Prophet 1 Thess 4:1-12 Lk 15:1-10	<b>20</b> (P)  Gregory the Decapolite - Venerable 1 Thess 5:1-8 Lk 16:1-9	<b>21</b> SOLEMN *   <b>ENTRANCE OF THE            THEOTOKOS</b> Heb 9:1-7 Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28	<b>22</b>  Philemon and Others - Apostles 2 Cor 11:1-6 Lk 9:57-62
<b>23</b>  <b>24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY            AFTER PENTECOST</b> Eph 2:14-22; Lk 12:16-21	<b>24</b>  <b>Ep. 25th Week            after Pentecost</b> <b>Gos. 27th Week            after Pentecost</b>  Catherine Great Martyr 2 Thess 1:1-10 Lk 17:20-25	<b>25</b> (F)  Clement and Peter Pope and Bishop 2 Thess 1:10-2:2 Lk 17:26-37	<b>26</b>  Alypius the Stylite - Venerable 2 Thess 2:1-12 Lk 18:15-17 & 26-30	<b>27</b> *  James the Persian Martyr Thanksgiving Day 2 Thess 2:13-3:5 Lk 18:31-34	<b>28</b> *   <b>Stephen            Venerable Martyr</b> 2 Thess 3:6-18 Lk 19:12-28	<b>29</b>  Paramon and Philemon - Martyrs Gal 1:3-10 Lk 10:19-21
<b>30</b>  <b>25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY            AFTER PENTECOST</b> <b>Andrew - Apostle</b> Eph 4:1-6; Lk 13:10-17						

# NOVEMBER

Following are the Names, Dates, and some prominent Facts from the lives of the Saints especially honored by the Byzantine Catholic Church.

**1** The holy unmercenary wonderworkers **Cosmas and Damian** (303). The holy priest-martyr **Theodore Romza**, Bishop of **Mukachevo**, brave defender of the Byzantine Catholic Church, killed by the Soviets A.D. (1947).

**2** **SS. Akindynos, Pegasius, Aphdonius, Elpidephorus and Anempodistus**, Martyrs, suffered martyrdom for the Faith in Persia under King Sapor II about A.D. 345.

**3** **SS. Acepsimas**, Bishop of Hanita in Assyria. **Joseph**, Presbyter, and **Aithalus**, Deacon, were imprisoned, tortured and put to death by King Sapor II of Persia. — **Renovation of the Church of St. George the Great-Martyr, in Lydia**, where his Relics are reposed.

**4** Our venerable father, **Joannicius the Great**, a native of Bithynia in Asia Minor. He was in turn a soldier, a solitary hermit near Mt. Olympus, possessed the gift of prophecy and worked miracles. He opposed the Iconoclasts, died at age 94 in A.D. 846. — **SS. Nicander**, Bishop of Myra, and **Hermas**, Presbyter, were put to death at Myra in Lycia in Asia Minor. Date uncertain.

**5** **SS. Galaction and Episteme**, a Christian husband and wife who were converted and baptized during a persecution, after which each retired into a monastery. They confessed the Faith at Emessa in the reign of Decius, Emperor. — **SS. Patrobas, Hermias, Linus, Gaius and Philologus**, from among the 70 Apostles.

**6** Our holy father, **Paul**, Archbishop of Constantinople, Confessor, strenuously upheld Catholicism against the Arians, but fell victim to the bigotry of the Emperor Constantius. In banishment he was left without food and was strangled by the Arians with his own Omophorion A.D. 350.

**7** **SS. Hieros and Others with him**, Armenian Christians, 33 in number, suffered at Melitene under the Emperor Diocletian in the first years of the 4th Century A.D. — Our holy father, **Lazarus**, wonderworker, fasting in the hills of Galilee.

**8** **Synaxis of St. Michael the Archangel and all Angels**. (Feast from the time of Constantine the Great, Emperor)

**9** **SS. Onesiphorus and Porphyrius**, Martyrs. Porphyrius was of the household of Onesiphorus spoken of by St. Paul in his 2nd Epistle to Timothy (2:16-18). They preached the Gospel towards the close of the 1st century. Tradition says they were tied to wild horses and torn to pieces. — Our venerable mother, **Matrona**, died in peace A.D. 466, having lived 100 years. — Venerable, **Theoktista**, of Lesbos Island.

**10** **SS. Erastus, Olympos, Rodeon, Sosipater, Tertius and Quartus**, Apostles. Erastus was converted by St. Paul and one of his helpers (Acts 19:22). Sosipater was a kinsman and disciple of St. Paul (Rom. 16:21). Quartus was a disciple of the Apostles, mentioned by St. Paul (Rom. 16:23).

**11** **SS. Menas, Victor and Vincent**, Martyrs, suffered martyrdom A.D. 296. — **St. Stephenida**, Martyr, endured death A.D. 213. — Our venerable father, **Theodore Studite**, Confessor, Hegumen-Abbot. He resisted the Iconoclast Emperor at Constantinople, was banished four times, and ended his days in exile, aged 80, A.D. 826.

**12** **St. Josaphat**, Priest-Martyr, Archbishop of Polotsk, was the first of the Orientals to be canonized at Rome A.D. 1867. Born at Vladimir, Poland A.D. 1384, at twenty he entered the Order of St. Basil, became a priest and was consecrated Archbishop in Lithuania. By his zeal he effected many conversions. In spite of warning, he visited the parish at Witepsk where the Schismatics cruelly put him to death for the Faith A.D. 1623. — Our holy father, **John the "Almoner"**, a native of Cyprus Island, distributed all his possessions among the poor, yet he left seventy churches in Alexandria in place of the seven he found there, during the reign of Emperor Heraclius. He died in Cyprus A.D. 619. — Our venerable father, **Nilus**, lived with the Solitaries of Mt. Sinai; died at Constantinople sometime after A.D. 430.

**13** Our holy father, **St. John the Chrysostom**, Archbishop of Constantinople, most famous of both the Greek and the Latin Church and one of the four great Doctors of the Orient, called "**Golden-Tongued**" because of his eloquence. The Catholic Church honors him as the "Heavenly Patron of Ecclesiastical Orators." He revised St. Basil's Divine Liturgy. He suffered deposition and exile for his firm stand against the dissolute life at the Court of the Emperor Arcadius and Honorius. He died at Comana in Cappadocia, at the age of 62, A.D. 407 (Confer January 27 and 30.)

**14** **St. Phillip**, one of the Twelve, was born in Bethsaida, in the town of **SS. Andrew and Peter** Apostles, preached in Phrygia (Asia Minor) and was crucified in Hieropolis by Hellens A.D. 80 head down like St. Peter Apostle. His three daughters were blessed with the gift of prophecy. He introduced Nathanael "a true Israelite in whom there is no guile," to Jesus.

**15** **SS. Gurias, Samonas and Habib**, Martyrs, at Edessa in Syria, were beheaded A.D. 299 under Emperor Diocletian.

**16** **St. Matthew**, Apostle and Evangelist. His early Apostolic work was concerned with the Jews for whom he wrote his First Gospel in their own Aramaic tongue. He was martyred in Africa by fire.

**17** Our holy father, **Gregory, "Taumaturgus"**, i.e., wonder-worker. Bishop in Neocaesarea; died A.D. 270 in the reign of Emperor Aurelian. Tradition states that he was instructed concerning the Holy Trinity by the Theotokos and St. John the Evangelist.

**18** **SS. Plato and Roman**, Martyrs: the former suffered death A.D. 296, the latter A.D. 304.

**19** **St. Obadiah**, Prophet, is of the Twelve Minor Prophets, having lived in the ninth century B.C. — **St. Barlam**, Martyr, was a pious peasant who was imprisoned and tortured for the Faith at Antioch A.D. 304, in the persecution under Diocletian and Galerius, Emperors.

**20** Our venerable father, **Gregory of Decapolis**, suffered much in the Iconoclastic persecution under the Emperor Leo the Armenian. — Our holy father, **Proclus**, Archbishop of Constantinople, was a disciple of St. John Chrysostom. He died A.D. 446 in the reign of Theodosius the Younger, Emperor.

**21** **Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple**. (This Feast was introduced in Constantinople about the year A.D. 700.)

**22** **SS. Philemon and Others with him**, Apostles, were disciples of St. Paul the Apostle, suffered martyrdom A.D. 68 under the Emperor Nero. — **St. Cecilia**, one of the most famous Virgin-Martyrs; she converted her betrothed and his brother to Christianity. She was seized and suffocated with the steam of a heat bath in her own mansion. She died probably in the reign of Emperor Septimius Severus.

**23** Our holy fathers, **Amphilochius**, Bishop of Iconium, and **Gregory**, Bishop of Agrigentum. The former died about A.D. 400, the latter about A.D. 600.

**24** **St. Catherine**, Great Virgin-Martyr, after confessing the Christian Faith, was scourged for a long time with scorpions and suffered martyrdom by beheading A.D. 250 under the tyrant Maximin Daza, Emperor. — **St. Mercurius**, Great Martyr, martyred A.D. 250 during the reign of Decius, Emperor.

**25** Our holy father, **Clement**, Pope of Rome (third after St. Peter the Apostle), was cast into the Black Sea with an anchor around his neck probably A.D. 100 under Trajan, Emperor. — Our holy father, **Peter**, Bishop of Alexandria, put to death by the order of Emperor Maximin Daza, A.D. 311.





**26** Our venerable father, **Alypius**, Stylite, who remained on his lofty perch 53 years and attained the age of 118, A.D. 608. — Dedication of the Church of St. George in Kiev.

**27** **St. James the Persian, Great-Martyr**, suffered a fearful martyrdom A.D. 421, under the Persian ruler Varanes V. He was progressively cut to pieces, first fingers, then toes, hands, feet, arms, legs were successively cut from his living body, while he praised God in Psalmody. — Our venerable father, **Palladius**.

**28** **St. Stephen**, "the Younger", Venerable Martyr suffered martyrdom with Three Hundred and Forty-Three other Christians, victims of the fury of the Iconoclast Emperor Constantine Copronymus A.D. 766 — **St. Irenarchus, and Seven Women**, Martyrs, who suffered death with him A.D. 292.

**29** **SS. Paramon and Philemon**, martyrs: the former martyred during the reign of Emperor Decius, A.D. 250; the latter under Aurelian, Emperor. — Our venerable father, **Bessarion**. — Venerable, **Acacius**, spoken of in "The Ladder of Perfection."

**30** **St. Andrew**, the "First-called" Apostle, brother of St. Peter the Prince of the Apostles. He was a disciple of St. John the Baptist. Tradition has it that he was crucified on a cross shaped in the form of an X at Patras in Achaia (Greece) AD. 60, under the reign of Nero, Emperor.

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<b>NOVEMBER</b> S M T W T F S 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30  <b>JANUARY</b> S M T W T F S 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<b>1</b> Ep. 26th Week after Pentecost Gos. 28th Week after Pentecost  Nahum Prophet 1 Tim 1:1-7 Lk 19:37-44	<b>2</b> * Habakkuk Prophet 1 Tim 1:8-14 Lk 19:45-48	<b>3</b> * Zephaniah Prophet 1 Tim 1:18-20 & 2:8-15 Lk 20:1-8	<b>4</b> Barbara Great Martyr John Damascene 1 Tim 3:1-13 Lk 20:9-18	<b>5</b> *  Sabbas Venerable Gal 5:22-6:2 Mt 11:27-30	<b>6</b> SOLEMN  NICHOLAS OF MYRA ARCHBISHOP Heb 6:10-17 Lk 6:17-23
<b>7</b> Tone 1 *  <b>26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> Eph 5:9-19 Lk 17:12-19	<b>8</b> SOLEMN  <b>MATERNITY OF THE HOLY ANNA</b> Gal 4:22-31 Lk 8:16-21	<b>9</b> * Ep. 27th Week after Pentecost Gos. 29th Week after Pentecost  Patapius - Venerable 1 Tim 5:11-21 Lk 21:12-19	<b>10</b> Menas and Others - Martyrs 1 Tim 5:22-6:11 Lk 21:5-7 & 10-11 & 20-24	<b>11</b> Daniel the Stylite - Venerable Spiridon Wonderworker - Bishop 1 Tim 6:17-21 Lk 21:28-33	<b>12</b> *  <b>OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</b> Heb 9:1-7 Lk 1:39-56	<b>13</b> Eustratius and Others - Martyrs Eph 6:10-17 Lk 21:12-19
<b>14</b> Tone 2  <b>SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS</b> Col 3:4-11 Lk 14:16-24	<b>15</b> Ep. 28th Week after Pentecost Gos. 30th Week after Pentecost  Eleutherius Bishop - Martyr 2 Tim 2:20-26 Mk 8:11-21	<b>16</b> * Haggai Prophet 2 Tim 3:16-4:4 Mk 8:22-26	<b>17</b> Daniel Great Prophet 2 Tim 4:9-22 Mk 8:30-34	<b>18</b> * Sebastian and Others Martyrs Titus 1:5-2:1 Mk 9:10-16	<b>19</b> *  Boniface Martyr Titus 1:15-2:10 Mk 9:33-41	<b>20</b> (P)  <b>Saturday Before Christmas</b> Ignatius Bishop - Martyr Gal 3:8-12 Lk 13:18-29
<b>21</b> Tone 3  <b>SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS - OF THE ANCESTORS</b> Heb 11:9-10,17-23 & 32-40 Mt 1:1-25	<b>22</b> Ep. 29th Week after Pentecost Gos. 31st Week after Pentecost  Anastasia Great Martyr Heb 3:5-11 & 17-19 Mk 9:42-10:1	<b>23</b> Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete Heb 4:1-13 Mk 10:2-12	<b>24</b> *  <b>Vigil of Christmas Eugenia, Martyr Royal Hours</b> P.M. Heb 1:1-12 Lk 2:1-20	<b>25</b> OBLIGATION  <b>CHRISTMAS - BIRTH OF OUR LORD</b> Gal 4:4-7 Mt 2:1-12	<b>26</b> SOLEMN *  <b>SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS</b> Heb 2:11-18 Mt 2:13-23	<b>27</b> SIMPLE *  <b>STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR Saturday After Christmas</b> Acts 6:8-7:5 & 47-60 Mt 21:33-42
<b>28</b> Tone 4  <b>SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS - DAVID, JOSEPH AND JAMES</b> Gal 1:11-19 Mt 2:13-23	<b>29</b> Ep. 30th Week after Pentecost Gos. 32nd Week after Pentecost  Holy Innocents Martyrs Heb 8:7-13 Mk 10:46-52	<b>30</b> Anysia Martyr Heb 9:8-10 & 15-23 Mk 11:11-23	<b>31</b> (F) Melany Venerable Heb 10:1-18 Mk 11:23-26	<b>REMARKS</b> 1 2 3 9 16 18 19. Allurgical days (without Divine Liturgy) may be observed. 5 12 19. Simple abstinence from meat or equivalent penance. 7. The Sunday Gospel is from the 29th Sunday after Pentecost. This Gospel is transferred from Sunday, December 14, to avoid repetition, because the Gospel of the 28th Sunday is the Gospel of the Holy Forefathers. 9. In other Byzantine traditions, Feast of the Maternity of the Holy Anna, Epistle, Galatians 4:22-31; Gospel, Luke 8:16-21. 12. Outside the Ruthenian Metropolia, Spiridon, Wonderworker-Bishop, Epistle, 2 Tim 1:1-2 & 8-18 Gospel, Lk 21:37-22:8. 24. Vigil of Christmas. By tradition, strict abstinence from meat and dairy products. Royal Hours are celebrated on this morning, and Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great in the evening. 26. Christmas to Theophany, 12/25 to 1/4, free from fast and abstinence. 27. Feast of the Holy Protomartyr Stephen and also the Saturday after Christmas. The readings for St. Stephen are given, the readings for the Saturday: Epistle, 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Matthew 12:15-21		

# DECEMBER

Following are the Names, Dates, and some prominent Facts from the lives of the Saints especially honored by the Byzantine Catholic Church.

**1 St. Nahum**, Prophet. One of the Minor Prophets, lived in the seventh century B.C. He saw the fulfillment of his prophecy of the destruction of Nineveh. — **St. Filaret**, the "Almsgiver" and **St. Ananias**, Martyr.

**2 St. Habakkuk**, one of the Twelve Minor Prophets, of the Tribe of Simeon, lived in the 5th century B.C. His relics were discovered in the reign of the Emperor Theodosius the Great about A.D. 379.

**3 St. Zephaniah**, Prophet, said to be of the Tribe of Simeon foretold the judgments of God upon Jerusalem, and the ultimate conversion of the Jews. He lived in the 7th century B.C. — Our venerable father, **Theodulus**, was Prefect of Constantinople A.D. 320.

**4 St. Barbara**, Great-Martyr, endured death A.D. 290 during the reign of Diocletian and Maximianus, Emperors. — Our venerable father, **St. John Damascene**, Doctor of the Church, born in Syria, educated by St. Comas, succeeded his father as the Caliph's Vizier. He distributed his possessions among the poor, retired to the monastery of St. Sabbas at Jerusalem. Laboring and writing much, he championed the Faith against the Iconoclast Emperor Leo the Isaurian, and was sentenced to have his right hand cut off. It was miraculously restored by the Theotokos. By him was composed the beautiful "Canon of the Resurrection." He lived to be 104 years old, died in the 2nd half of the 8th century A.D. (Between A.D. 750-780.)

**5** Our venerable and divinely inspired father, **St. Sabbas**, Hegumen-Abbot. He rendered great service to the Eastern Church against the Eutychian heretics. He died at the age of 94 A.D. 532 in the reign of the Emperor Justinian the Great.

**6** Our holy father, **Nicholas**, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, the "wonderworker." He is the Patron of the Byzantine Catholic; Faithful. He used his large inheritance to assist the poor. He is a very popular Saint among the various nations; also here in the U.S.A. He died in the middle of the 4th century A.D. (Confer May 9.)

**7** Our holy father, **Ambrose**, Archbishop of Milan, is one of the four great Doctors of the Western Church. He as a great exegete and orator, by whom St. Augustine was converted and baptized. He died A.D. 387.

**8 Maternity of St. Anna**. The Eastern Church has been celebrating this feast since the 6th century to commemorate the Conception of the Theotokos by St. Anna. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception (i.e., the preservation from the stain of the original sin) was declared A.D. 1854.

**9** Our venerable father, **Patapius**, was of Thebes, Egypt, lived as a Hermit in the suburbs of Constantinople.

**10 SS. Mennas, Hermogenes and Eucraphus**, Martyrs, were tortured and beheaded during the reign of Maximian and Diocletian, Emperors, A.D. 304, for spreading Christianity in Egypt.

**11** Our venerable father, **Daniel**, Stylite, imitating St. Simeon in the mode of austere life, he spent 30 years on his pillar, miraculously healing many sick people. He died A.D. 492 at the age of 80.

**12** Our Lady of **Guadalupe**. Our venerable father, **Spiridon**, wonderworker, Bishop of Tremvria. In the persecution under Galerius, Emperor, Spiridon, with many other Christians, was condemned to lose an eye and to slave in the mines. He lived as late as A.D. 347.

**13** SS. **Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius and Orestes**, Martyrs, suffered martyrdom A.D. 302 at Sebaste in Armenia, under the reign of Diocletian, Emperor. — **St. Lucy**, Virgin-Martyr, endured shameful tortures and indignities. Finally a sword was thrust through her throat A.D. 304 at Syracuse under the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

**14** SS. **Thrysus, Leucius, Philemon, Appollonius, Arianus and Callinicus**, Martyrs, suffered under the reign of Emperor Diocletian about A.D. 303.

**15** **St. Eleutherius**, Bishop-Martyr, endured death A.D. 120 in the reign of the Emperor Hadrian. — Our venerable father, **Paul of Latra**, was a holy hermit in Greece, about A.D. 880 in the reign of Basil Macedo, Emperor. **Father Stephen**, Confessor, Abbot of Sodrozh.

**16** **St. Haggai**, Prophet, the tenth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, is believed to have been born during the exile in Babylon, and that he lived to see the second temple 516 B.C.

**17** **St. Daniel**, and **The Three Youths, SS. Hannaniah, Azariah and Mishael**, are the Fourth of the Four Great Prophets. He died a centenarian in Persia in the 5th century B.C. The Three Youths were cast into the fiery furnace by the order of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon but miraculously came out unscathed. (Dan. 3.)

**18** SS. **Sebastian and Companions** were put to death A.D. 292 during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

**19** **St. Boniface**, Martyr, put to death A.D. 290 in the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

**20** **St. Ignatius**, "God-Bearer," Priest-Martyr Bishop at Antioch. (For his other Feast see January 29.)

**21** **St. Juliana**, Virgin-Martyr from Nicomedia, was beheaded A.D. 306 in the reign of Maximian, Emperor.

**22** **St. Anastasia**, Great-Martyr, was a famous Roman matron of noble birth, a spiritual pupil of **St. Chrysoygonus**. She

was imprisoned, tortured, and burned alive for the Faith A.D. 304 in the reign of the Emperor Diocletian.

**23** SS. **Ten Martyrs at Crete**, suffered martyrdom under the Emperor Diocletian.

**24** SS. **Eugenia**, Venerable Martyr, and her two slaves, **Protus** and **Hyacinth**, by whom she was converted to Christianity. She was put to death in prison at Rome on Christmas Day A.D. 257 in the reign of Valerian, Emperor.

**25** **The Nativity of Our Lord, God and Saviour, Jesus Christ**, or "Christmas Day." The Eastern Church accepted this great Feast Day from the Western Church in the 4th century.

**26** **Synaxis of the Theotokos and St. Joseph, her Spouse**. The flight of the holy Family into Egypt is commemorated this day. St. Joseph was the Foster-Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Beyond what we learn of him from Holy Scripture, the facts of his life are unknown to us. — **St. Euthymius**, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Sardis in Lydia. After repeated banishments for his opposition to the Iconoclasts he was scourged to death A.D. 840 under the Emperor Theophilus.

**27** **St. Stephen**, Protomartyr, Apostle and Archdeacon, was the first of the Seven Deacons, and also the first of the Christian Martyrs. He was stoned to death A.D. 33 by the Jews (Acts 7.58). (For the other Feast Day see August 2.) — Our venerable father and confessor, **Theodore**, brother of St. Theophanes, and composer of the Canons. For his opposition to the Iconoclasts Theodore was imprisoned, where he died A.D. 842.

**28** SS. **20,000 Martyrs in Nicomedia**, who were burned to death in church on Christmas Day A.D. 286 during the reign of Diocletian and Maximian, Emperors. — **St. Domna**, Martyr.

**29** **The Holy Innocents**, 14,000 in number, in Bethlehem and within the borders of Judea, put to death for Jesus Christ by the order of King Herod. — Our venerable father, **Marcellus**, Hegumen-Abbot of the monastic order of the Acoemetes, so named because they recited their Divine Office day and night without interruption. He died about A.D. 485.

**30** **St. Anysia**, a Christian woman, was arrested at Thessalonica when she entered the city to attend the meeting of the Faithful and was put to death A.D. 304 in the reign of the Emperor Maximian Galerius. — Venerable **Zoticus**, a holy priest of Rome who went to Constantinople where he established hospitals and havens of refuge for poor A.D. 344.

**31** Venerable, **Melany**, a Roman Lady, who with her husband sold their possessions, distributed the proceeds to the poor and went into monasteries. She died A.D. 439.