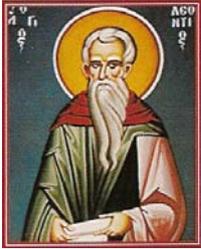


## June 18

### F. *Holy Martyr Leontius and Hypatius and Theodulus with him*



They suffered during the reign of Emperor Vespasian in Phoenician Tripoli. St. Leontius, born a Greek, serving as captain in the Roman army, clever by nature and familiar with scholarly wisdom, was chaste, merciful to the poor and hospitable to travelers. "The word having divine salt is distributed", and being "severe with the enemies of Christ", he "was tranquil flowing with faith". During the persecution, tribunes Hypatius and his friend Theodulus, sent to Tripoli to arrest St. Leontius, were converted to Christ by him. All these Holy Sufferers were severely tortured for the faith by Governor Adrian, who soon arrived in Tripoli, after which Sts. Hypatius and Theodulus were beheaded by the sword and St. Leontius died during the torture process. Only Martyr Leontius is mentioned in the service for this day.

### *Kontakion, tone 3*

**You shamed the torturers as having evil wiles,  
And you exposed the service of the Pagans as godless,  
You shone the reason of God into all mankind through your teaching of piety,  
O Divinely-wise Martyr;  
Therefore we lovingly honor your memory,  
O All-wise Leontius.**

**Epistle:** Acts 12:1-11; sel. 29. **Gospel:** Jn. 15:17-27; 16:1-2; sel. 52.

### *Commemorating the Bogoliubsky [Love of God] Icon of the All-holy Theotokos*

This image was written in 1157 by the command of Prince Andrew [Andrei] Georgievich Bogoliubsky. On the way during his move from Vyshgorod to Suzdal Province about 11 versts [7.26 miles] from the city of Vladimir, the Theotokos appeared to him in a dream-like vision holding a scroll in her right hand and commanded him to place Her image taken by him from Vyshgorod (see May 21) in Vladimir and to build a temple and monastery on the place of the vision. The prince immediately laid out the temple and ordered talented icon-painters to depict the Mother of God in full stature as she appeared to him in the vision. The All-holy Theotokos is depicted as in the excellent Greek letter in full stature, with a scroll in her right hand. Her left hand is turned in prayer to the Savior. Prince Andrew himself is depicted in a prayerful stance on his knees before the Theotokos. The icon was named after Prince Andrew Bogoliubsky and placed in the monastery. Since 1771 in honor of this icon a new festival is established in memory of the

deliverance of the city of Vladimir and its vicinity from pestilential plagues. Annually on May 21 the holy icon is brought to Vladimir but returned from there to the monastery on July 16.

*Leontius the Clairvoyant*

Born in the Greek city of Argos, he practiced asceticism as a monk for 60 years on Mount Athos in the Monastery of St. Dionysius, never going beyond the monastery boundaries. For his asceticism he became worthy of the gifts of clairvoyance and prophesy. And after death his relics exuded fragrant myrrh. He died on March 16, 1605 at the age of 86 years.

*S. V. Bulgakov, **Handbook for Church Servers**, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900), pp. 0210b-0211.  
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