

## June 20

### *D. Holy Hieromartyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara*

The circumstances of his life are poorly known. One says he was the bishop of Patara, another says he was bishop of Olympus. Probably, he managed both churches. From his early years Methodius was distinguished for his love for God and church and was first of all a presbyter but later he also reached the episcopate as a person of keen mind and holy life. In his writings he sharply accused the works "of the temptations of Origen" concerning the preexistence of souls and evil spirits, for which he underwent much misfortune and affliction. For spreading Christianity he was beheaded in East Chalcis in 312.

#### *Troparion, tone 1*

**Your blood, O Wise One, quietly cries out from the earth,  
Like Abel to God, O Divinely-wise Hierarch Methodius,  
You clearly preached the incarnation of God:  
Therefore also putting the flattery of Origen to shame,  
And you were translated to the heavenly bridal chamber:  
Pray to Christ God that He may save our souls.**

#### *Kontakion, tone 4*

**As a server of the sacred mysteries of the Holy Trinity,  
And as a preacher of the divine commandments beyond comprehension,  
You were the confirmation of the Orthodox, O Methodius,  
You denounced heretical ideas,  
You poured out your blood as a Hieromartyr for the sake of the true faith:  
And standing before Christ with the angels,  
Pray to save us.**

### *Martyrs Presbyter Aristocles, Deacon Demetrian and Reader Athanasius*

During the persecution of Christians during the reign of Maximian, after an inspiration from above, St. Aristocles appeared in the city of Salamis for martyrdom. Sts. Demetrian and Athanasius met him on the way and arrived there together with him. The pagans arrested all of them in the city after they confessed being Christians, and they were sentenced to beheading by the sword.

### *Martyrs Innas, Pinnas and Rimmas*

Today is the translation of the relics of these holy martyrs to the seaside place, Alikis. See Jan. 20.

### *St. Leucius, Bishop of Brundisiopolis (Brindisi, Italy)*

From youth he practiced asceticism with his father in a certain monastery. At age 25, according to an inspiration of God, he became a priest and a Hegumen. Then becoming the bishop in the city of Brundisiopolis, he was glorified for many marvelous wonders and converted many pagans to Christ. He died peacefully in the 5th century.

### *Translation of the relics and clothes of the Holy Apostles Luke, Andrew and Thomas, Prophet Elisha and Martyr Lazarus to the Temple of Apostles*

Their clothes were found during the reign of Roman Lecapenus in the women's Augusta Monastery and were rather solemnly transferred by Patriarch Polyeuctus (956-970).

### *Callistus, Patriarch of Constantinople*

An Athonite monk who practiced asceticism under the direction of St. Gregory of Sinai, he was elevated to the Constantinopolitan patriarchal see in 1350. After a 4 term he again left for Mount Athos. In 1355 he again occupied the see until his death in 1362 in the city of Pherae, Serbia. He established in the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great to chant "All of creation rejoices in you" instead of "It is truly meet to bless you". His successor Patriarch Philotheus cancelled this establishment and there was a disagreement: one chanted "All of creation rejoices in you" and another chanted "It is truly meet". When Callistus returned to his see a second time in Constantinople his establishment was then again renewed (See Oct. 1).

### *Holy Right-believing Prince Gleb Andreevich*

The son of Great Prince Andrew Bogoliubsky (see Jun. 30), from his young years he was distinguished for unbounded piety, love of reading sacred books and with conversations with pious people and who exhausted his body with strict fasting but strengthened his soul with vigil and prayers. He died in 1175 in the prime of life and was buried in the Vladimir Dormition Cathedral in 1702. His relics were found incorrupt and openly repose in the cathedral.

### *St. Nahum*

A disciple of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, teachers of the Slavs, he preached the Orthodox faith in Devol (near Lake Ohrid [Okhrid]). He died peacefully. His holy relics, reposing in the monastery of his name, on the South-eastern side of Lake Ohrid [Okhrid], became glorified for healing and were honored not only by Christians but also by local Mohammedans.

*Modena or Kosino of Icon of the Mother of God*

This icon is found in the village of Kosino, Moscow District. It was brought here by Count Sheremetiev in 1717 from the Italian city of Modena.

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