

July 29

G. Holy Martyr Callinicus



Born in Cilicia, he was brought up in Christian piety by his parents. As a true adherent of the Christian faith, having reached maturity, St. Callinicus went preaching through the cities and villages, converted pagans to Christ, when they were not yet given to terrible tortures in Ancyra [Ankara], Galatia. The torturer forced Callinicus into boots with sharp nails inside to go to the city of Gangra, Paphlagonia and there St. Callinicus was thrown into a heated furnace, in which he died. The time of the suffering of the holy martyr is not known.

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**O Callinicus, you now worthily inherited the beautiful heights,
For you very much burned with love for Christ in the fire,
Where you courageously held firm,
And now standing before Him never cease praying for us all.**

Martyr Seraphima

Holy Maiden Seraphima was born in Antioch, but lived in Rome. During the reign of Emperor Hadrian, St. Seraphima was sentenced to defilement and torture for her Christian faith: they singed her with fire, beat her with canes and finally beheaded her with the sword.

Martyr Theodota, together with her three children, suffered for Christ in Bithynia during the reign of Diocletian. For confession of the Christian faith, the holy martyrs were thrown into a fiery furnace where they died. For more about St. Theodota see December 22.

Constantine, Patriarch of Constantinople was installed as bishop in 674 and died in 676.

Memory of the right-believing Emperor Theodosius the New, who died in 450.

Repose of Ven. Roman of Kirzhach, disciple of Ven. Sergius, first Rector of the Monastery of the Meeting founded by Ven. Sergius on the Kirzhach River, Holy Protection District, Vladimir Province. After God-pleasing asceticism in his monastery, Ven. Roman died in peace in 1342. In 1764 the Monastery of the Meeting was abolished. His relics repose in a hidden place in the former monastery but now parish church.

Repose of Ven. Constantine of Kosino, disciple of Ven. Barlaam of Khutyn. Together with his associate Cosmas he founded a monastery on a neck of land, formed by the Polistj and Snezhnoie Rivers, about 3 versts [2 miles] from the city of Staraja Russa. After long-term and God-pleasing asceticism Ven. Constantine died in peace in 1240. His relics repose in a hidden place in the Kosinsky monastery abolished and converted to a parish in 1764.

Martyr Eustace [Eustathius] of Mtskheta. Born in the Persian village Arbuketi, he was the son of a pagan priest magi. When he was 30 years old, he arrived in Mtskheta (in Iberia [Georgia]) and here received holy baptism. When the Persians learned about this they tortured St. Eustace and then beheaded him by the sword in Tiflis [Tbilisi] in 589. His relics repose in the Cathedral of the Twelve Apostles in Mtskheta. They were glorified for healing.

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