

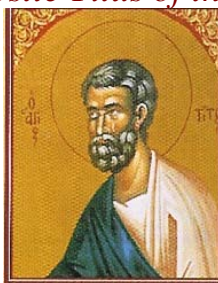
August 25

_. † *Returning the relics of the Holy Apostle Bartholomew* from Daras (or Anastasiopolis) to the island of Lipara in the VI century. See June 11.

Kontakion, tone 4

**You appeared as a great sun to the church,
With the brilliance of teaching and awesome wonders
Enlightening those who sings hymns to you, //
O Bartholomew, Apostle of the Lord.**

Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy



He was born in Crete (now Candia), into a pagan royal family. He sought truth among the Greek philosophers and poets, he lived virtuously and avoided all depraved and dishonorable things and remained a virgin all his life. When he was 20 years old a voice in a dream advised him twice to read Hebrew books. Titus studied this language and began to read Prophet Isaiah and other books of the prophets. From here he understood the insignificance and learned the truth of God. During this time hearing about the doctrine and miracles of Christ reached the Cretans. To check the validity of these hearings, the uncle of Titus sent his nephew to Jerusalem. Here Titus has seen the Lord, believed in Him and became His disciple. Subsequently the Apostle Paul has grown fond of Titus, visited various countries with him, zealously preaching with his coworker Titus the word of God to the pagans, and, when he visited Crete, installed him as bishop here (see Gal. 2:1-3; Acts 18:22; 2 Cor. 7:13, 8:16; _____. 1:5, 3:12; 2 _____. 4:19). "Fulfilled with very living waters", Apostle Titus plentifully sated the hearts of pagans with "streams of divine learning", enlightening his flock with the light of wisdom and driving away the darkness of polytheism. Apostle Paul did not leave without educating his protégé. He wrote him the epistle concerning the election of pastors and about the obligations of pastoral service. On the Island of Crete the Apostle Titus through vigilant work and wonders converted many to Christ. After this especially many pagans believed in Christ, and as the holy bishop, passing by those building a pagan temple, prayed, and the temple suddenly fell. Subsequently on this site a Christian temple was built. The Apostle Titus died in peace at the age of 94 years. His relics (the honorable head) are kept on the Island of Crete in the temple named for him.

Kontakion, tone 2

**O Apostle, you were revealed as the companion of Paul,
And with him you foretold us the word of divine grace,
O Titus, Preacher of mysteries and Ever-memorable:
We, therefore, cry out to you: //
Never cease to intercede for us all.**

Epistle Tit. 1:1-4, 2:15, 3:1-3, 12-13, 15; sel. 300. **Gospel** Mt. 5:14-19; sel. 11.

*Ss. Barses and Eulogius, Bishops of Edessa, and Protogenes, Bishop of Carrhae,
Confessors*

These hierarchs suffered for their opposition to the Arian heresy during the reign of Emperor Valens. St. Barses, by the order of the Emperor, was exiled in 373, and died in prison in 378. Ss. Eulogius and Protogenes endured the same exile, while still being presbyters. After their return from exile during the reign of Theodosius the Great they were installed as bishops. Together with them about 80 clergymen suffered for Orthodoxy.

St. Menas, Patriarch of Constantinople

He was a presbyter and the supervisor over the hospice of St. Sampson before becoming patriarch. After the death of Patriarch Anthimus, he was installed as his successor in the year 536. After enduring a lot of grief from the Pope of Rome Vigilius, St. Menas died in peace in 552.

St. John the Cappadocian, Patriarch of Constantinople

He occupied the patriarchal throne from 518 to 520. Photius calls him "the dwelling of virtue".

Epiphanius, Patriarch of Constantinople

He occupied the patriarchal throne from 520 to 535, and died in that year.

*S. V. Bulgakov, Handbook for Church Servers, 2nd ed. 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900) pp 296-7
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