

November 3

A. Holy Martyrs Bishop Acepsimas, Presbyter Joseph and Deacon Aithalas,

They suffered for Christ in Persia during the reign of Shapur II in the Fourth Century. St. Acepsimas was Bishop of Naasson where he zealously worked for the spread of the Christian faith. During the persecution, he was seized together with Presbyter Joseph and Deacon Aithalas. He underwent cruel beatings and for three years languished in prison. After this they beheaded him. Sts. Joseph and Aithalas were stoned to death. St. Aithalas is also commemorated on September 1.

Kontakion, tone 2

**You celebrated the mysteries blamelessly, O Wise One,
And became an acceptable sacrifice, O Divinely Blessed One;
For you gloriously drank the cup of Christ, Holy Acepsimas,
Together with your co-sufferers praying unceasingly for all of us.**

Epistle: Eph. 6:10-17; sel. 23_. **Gospel:** Lk. 21:12-19; sel. 106.

Restoration of the Temple of the Holy Great Martyr George



This temple is in Lydda, where his pure body reposes. This temple was built during the reign of Constantine the Great.

Troparion, tone 4

**O victorious and Great Martyr George,
Deliverer of captives, and defender of the poor,
Physician of the infirm, and companion of kings,
Pray to Christ God to save our souls.**

Kontakion, tone 8

**We faithful flee to thy forbidding and quick defense,
O Passion-bearer of Christ, we pray singing to thee,
Deliver us from temptation of enemies, all troubles and wrath,
That we may cry out: Rejoice, O Martyr George.**

Martyrs Atticus, Agapius, Eudoxius, Carterius, Istucarius (Styrax), Pactobius (Tobias), Nictopolion and those with them

They suffered during the reign of Emperor Decius in the city of Sebaste. They were warriors and for their confession of Christ, after enduring diverse torments were burned.

Ven. Aceptsimas

He practiced asceticism as a hermit near Cyrrhus, Syria during the reign of Theodosius the Great. Ven. Aceptsimas spent 60 years in a rather narrow cave, committed to fasting and continual prayer, and not seeing anybody, and died in peace.

St. Snandulia

She was a pious Persian Christian woman who gave much assistance from her wealthy estate to captive Christians held in prisons in Persia during the reign of Shapur II. She died either in 350 or 380.

Ven. Elijah

For 70 years he practiced asceticism as a hermit on a mountain near the city of Antinous, Egypt and died in peace.

St. Achemanidus the confessor

He suffered for Christ in the IV Century during the reign of King Yazdgird I in Persia.

Ven. Anna

The daughter of Prince Vsevolod Yaroslavich and sister of Vladimir Monomachus, from her youth she practiced asceticism as a nun in the St. Andrew Monastery in Kiev. Having become the abbess of the monastery, Ven. Anna cared much for its construction and adornment, and built a school within and enriched it with books and was involved in the training of the virgins. She died in 1112.