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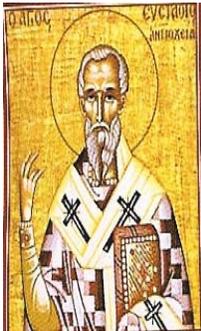
Our Ven. Father Timothy of Symbola

From his youth he practiced asceticism in the Symbola Hermitage on Mount Olympus in Asia Minor. According to the church hymns, he "was meek, merciful and humble, and adorned in truth", "undefiled, eschewing all unrighteousness, a pillar of monasticism", "father for orphans, and intercessor for widows, clothing for the naked, and food for the hungry". For this high ascetic life he was granted by the Lord the grace of healing the sick and casting out demons. He died in extreme old age at the beginning of the 9th century.

Kontakion, tone 4

**Having shone from the East like a bright star,
You shone into the hearts of the faithful the good deeds of your miracles,
O All Blessed Wonderworker Timothy.**

Our Father among the Saints Eustathius, Archbishop of Antioch



He came from the city of Side in Pamphylia. At first he was the bishop of Berea in Syria, from where he was elected to the see of Antioch. The learned and zealous defender of Orthodoxy bravely exposed the teaching of Arius at the First Ecumenical Council, which drew to himself the irreconcilable hatred of the Arians. Slandered by the intrigues of the Arian bishops, he was removed from the patriarchal throne and imprisoned in Thrace where he died in about 360. His relics were transferred to Antioch in 482.

St. George, Bishop of Amastris

St. George came from the city of Cromna, near Amastris on the Black Sea. Upon the completion of his education, he left for the hermitage on Mount Sirik and here, under the direction of one hermit, practiced asceticism in strict fasting and continual prayer. Elected bishop of Amastris, he was a father for the poor. St. George both during his life and after his death became glorified for miracles. He died at the beginning of the 9th century. He wrote the Canons for February 7 and 26, April 13, August 1, October 8, etc.

John Scholasticus, Patriarch of Constantinople

At first he was a lawyer, then a presbyter and finally patriarch (565-577). He drew up the "Nomocanon", presenting in itself the body of church canons and imperial regulations relating to the Church.

Zachariah, Patriarch of Jerusalem, died in 631.

*S. V. Bulgakov, **Handbook for Church Servers**, 2nd ed., 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900) p 0090a
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