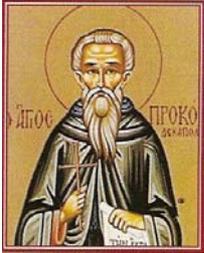


# February 27

## *D. Our Ven. Father and Confessor Procopius of Decapolis*



Having practiced asceticism in monasticism within the limits of Decapolis, Palestine, he was noted for "purity of mind, restraint of passions, and observance of the commands of Christ". He was imprisoned for iconolatry during the reign of Leo the Isaurian, where he stayed until the death of Leo and he spent the remainder of his life in monastic ascetic effort and died in peace.

### *Kontakion, tone 4*

**As a morning star today the Church possesses you,  
Dispels all the darkness of heresy and honors you,  
O Most Glorious Procopius,  
Initiate of the Heavenly Mysteries.**

### *Ven. Titus, Presbyter of the Caves Monastery*

Ven. Titus practiced asceticism in the Kievan Monastery of the Caves in the 12th century. He lived with Deacon Evagrius in great friendship which subsequently turned into strong hatred. When Titus became very ill, he asked forgiveness of Evagrius, but Evagrius did not want to reconcile. The brethren of the Caves forcefully brought Evagrius to the sick one. Titus in tears asked him for forgiveness, but Evagrius remained unmoved and declared that he will forgive Titus neither in this nor in the next century. Having said this, he fell dead, but at the same time Titus received healing. During his remaining life, Titus doubled his ascetic efforts, became especially glorified for humility and became a wonderworker. His relics are in the St. Anthony Caves.

### *Ven. Thalelaeus*

Born in Cilicia, he accepted monasticism in the Monastery of St. Sabbas the Sanctified. He spent some years in this monastery, emulating ascetics in ascetical labor and received the grace of priesthood. Then having left for Syria, he devoted himself to even stricter ascetic efforts, spending time in prayer and glorifying God, fasting and abstinence and conquering the temptation of the spirits of anger.

He built 2 wheels in 2 elbows in a circle, fastened them in between its boards, which were set aside from each other. Then, having secured 3 long poles in the ground and tied their upper ends between the wooden boards, hanged the marked receptacle on them which were built from the two wheels and boards and placed it inside. In this way, following the discrepancies of the receptacle and the

height of the venerable one, he sat there constantly bent over with his head bowed to his knees.

Having from the God the gift of working wonders, by the power of prayer he healed illnesses and infirmities among the people and treated animals and through this convinced the inhabitants, former idolaters, to accept the Christian faith. The venerable one died at a very old age in the year 490 (but according to others near the year 460).

*Martyr Gelasius*, the actor, was beheaded by the sword for faith in Christ in Heliopolis in the year 297.

*Ven. Stephen* founded a hospital for the aging in Armatias in Constantinople, and died after the year 614.

*S. V. Bulgakov, Handbook for Church Servers, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900), pp. 0096-0097.  
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