

February 28

C. Our Ven. Father and Confessor Basil and co-faster with St. Procopius (see Feb. 17), were together sentenced to prison for iconolatry. After the death of Emperor Leo, Ven. Basil practiced asceticism to a very old age and died in peace in the 8th century.

Kontakion, tone 2

**Having received divine revelation from on high,
O Wise One, you left the turmoil of this world,
And having venerably embraced the monastic way of life,
You actively received the grace of working wonders and healing infirmities,
O All-blessed and Holy Basil.**

Ven. Women Marina and Kyra

They practiced asceticism in Syrian Berea in the 5th century, lived in one cave for more than 50 years continually abiding in strict fasting and prayer, and died in peace (about the year 450).

Together with these venerable women the 1863 and 1868 Synodal Menologions also commemorates Domnica. But this venerable woman is not mentioned in the 1891 Synodal Menologion.

Hieromartyr Proterius, Patriarch of Alexandria

He was elected to the patriarchal see after Dioscorus was deposed by the Chalcedonian Council. The common people, excited by heretics, killed St. Proterius by beating him with canes in the baptistery in the year 457. His body was dragged along the streets of the city and burned.

Hieromartyr Nestor, Bishop of Magydos, Pamphylia

He was distinguished by a special meekness. During the Decius persecution he was arrested in his home during the time of prayer during which he was informed beforehand from above of his own torture. After harsh torture he was crucified on a cross in the city of Perga, Asia Minor.

Holy Apostles Nympha and Eubulus

Nympha is mentioned in the epistle Col. 4:15. Eubulus is mentioned in the epistle 2 Tim. 4:21.



Martyr Kyranna was cruelly tortured by the Turks for chastity and non-acceptance of Islam and died in prison in 1751.

Repose of the Blessed Nicholas, Pskovian Fool for Christ

They say that Blessed Nicholas surnamed Salos when Ivan the Terrible went to raid [pogrom] Pskov and the entire city shook in fear, Blessed Nicholas, met Ivan the Terrible with a piece of raw meat and offered it to him to eat.

"I am a Christian and I don't eat raw meat", answered the Tsar.

"But you drink human blood", said the Fool for Christ.

Ivan the Terrible obediently listened to the heavy accusation and took mercy on the fallen city.

Blessed Nicholas died in the year 1576 and is buried under the cathedral temple.

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