

March 3

A. Holy Martyrs Eutropius and his Troops: Cleonicus and Basiliscus



Sts. Eutropius and Cleonicus were brothers by birth and friends of Martyr Theodore the Recruit (see Feb. 17), and St. Basiliscus was his nephew. After the suffering death of St. Theodore, they remained prisoners in the Amasean prison and there they converted many pagans to the true faith. For courageous confession of Christ they were turned over to torture and during the torture they were consoled by the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ and angels. Finally, Eutropius and Cleonicus were crucified on crosses and St. Basiliscus was beheaded by the sword about the year 308.

Sts. Zeno and Zoilus died in peace. It is not known when or where.

Ven. Virgin Piama

She was born in the vicinity of Alexandria, Egypt, and in that same place she spent her life pleasing to God, living as a recluse and incessantly practicing fasting, prayer and needlework. The Ven. Virgin died in the year 337.

Volokolamsk Icon of the Mother of God

This icon appeared on March 3, 1677. It was brought from Moscow to St. Joseph Monastery (see Moscow Diocese) where it became glorified for many wonders.

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