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F. Holy Martyr Conon the Isaurian

He was the son of Nestor and Nada, contemporaries of Apostle Paul. By his wonderworking he led many pagans to the faith in Jesus Christ. Once, by the mighty word of St. Conon, a wolf brought a child, which he had taken from the field during a harvest, in his teeth to the Saint, who then returned the child to his mother unharmed. Besides this, through his prayers, St. Conon healed the sick with small pox. He suffered for the Christian faith in Isauria. St. Conon died after 2 years of torture.

Kontakion, tone 3

Having lived on earth like an angel,
Therefore you were worthy to converse with angels,
And you brought your parents to the knowledge of Christ.
And having confessed the one God in Trinity,
You suffered to the shedding of blood,
O Martyr Conon, unceasingly pray to Him for us all.

Martyr Conon, the Gardener (truck farmer)

Born in Nazareth of Galilee, Conon lived in the city of Mandona, Pamphyilia and was engaged in truck farming in the simplicity of a life pleasing to God. He died suffering during the persecution of Decius in the 3rd century.

Martyr Iraida [Rhais, Raissa]. See September 23.

Martyr Eulogius of Palestine

After the death of his pagan parents having distributed his estate to the poor, Eulogius walked about Palestine as a beggar, converting unbelievers to Christ, for which he suffered.

Martyr Eulampius suffered by the sword for faith in Christ.

Martyr Onesius, contemporary of Martyr Conon, suffered before him in Isauria.

Ven. Hesychius the Faster

Ven. Hesychius practiced asceticism in a hermitage on Mount Maionis, Bithynia, where he built a church. He was informed about his death by an angel 30
days before which followed about the year 790. His relics were transferred to Amasea in the year 792 or 800.

Ven. Mark, Egyptian Faster

This ascetic of the Nitrian desert while yet a youth immersed himself in studying the Holy Scriptures and knew it all by heart; heard St. John Chrysostom; was distinguished by meekness and abstinence; while still living was glorified by many wonders and left behind his discourses. He died about the middle of the 5th century at the age of 100 years.

Translation of the Relics of the Holy Right-believing Prince Theodore of Smolensk and Iaroslavl and his Children David and Constantine from the place of their burial to the cathedral church of the Transfiguration of the Savior Monastery in Iaroslavl in 1464 (see Iaroslavl Diocese) where they repose even now. See Sept. 19.

Archelaus and 152 martyrs, from the company of Martyr Iraida, suffered death by the sword.

Martyr John the Bulgarian

In youth he renounced Christ and accepted Islam, but having repented, he went to Mt. Athos where he again accepted Christianity. Wishing by blood to wash off the sin of denial, he went to Constantinople and there before all the people declared himself a Christian, for which he was subjected to terrible tortures and was then decapitated (in the year 1784 at the age of 19).

Suffering of Ven. Adrian of Poshekhonie and the Memory of his Co-ascetic Leonid

A disciple of Ven. Cornelius of Komel, Ven. Adrian was the founder and Hegumen of the Dormition Monastery on the Votkha River near Poshekhonie (see Iaroslavl Diocese). His favorite occupation was the writing of icons. In 1550 Ven. Adrian after torture was killed by robbers who attacked the monastery for the purpose of robbery and was buried in the Temple of the Holy Prophet Elijah. The holy relics of Ven. Adrian, glorified by many wonders, openly repose in the monastery. Ven. Leonid died before Ven. Adrian and is buried in the monastery.

Icon of the Mother of God of Education [Vospitanie]. The list including it, became glorified for working wonders in Russia, is found in the Moscow Our Lady of Kazan Cathedral.

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