

March 21

D. *Our Ven. Father and Confessor Bishop James*

A monk since youth and for his asceticism and zealously for the faith he was consecrated a bishop. Having a "soul" "undefiled and unblemished", he was a "co-sufferer and chaste", "gentle, gracious and filled with brotherly love, humbly wise and meek, full of charity, adorned with compassion and patience" "and full of enlightenment". During the reign of Emperor Constantine Copronymus, he suffered persecution, "troubles and sorrows" for honoring holy icons and was sent to prison where he died.

St. Thomas, Patriarch of Constantinople

First a deacon and then the sacristan of the Great Church in Constantinople, he was elected Patriarch of Constantinople during the reign of Emperor Phocas. He died in peace on March 21, 610.

St. Cyril, Bishop of Catania

Born in Antioch, disciple of Apostle Peter, who installed him as bishop of Catania, Sicily, he through his wonders converted many to the Christian faith. He died in peace at a very old age.

*S. V. Bulgakov, Handbook for Church Servers, 2nd ed., 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900), p. 0117a.
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