

March 27

E. Our Holy Mother Matrona of Salonica

She was a slave of a certain notable Jewess in Salonica who, wishing to entice her into Judaism frequently beat her and, finally, in the weakness of rage imprisoned her in a dungeon with sealed doors, where St. Matrona died. Her body was thrown outside the city walls, but Christians properly buried it. Subsequently a church was built in Salonica in the name of St. Matrona in which her relics were placed.

Martyrs Manuel and Theodosius are from the eastern countries. During the persecution of Diocletian, seeing Christians being killed everywhere, they voluntarily were tortured and then beheaded by the sword.

Ven. John the Clairvoyant

An Egyptian hermit, he was a monk from his youth and was known for unusual obedience. He practiced asceticism in the desert for 50 years and died at the age of 90 in kneeling prayer at the end of the 9th century. He predicted the victory of Emperor Theodosius over Maximus and Eugene.

Ven. Cyricus

He practiced asceticism in Aprus (Theodosiopolis) in Thrace.

Holy Prophet Hanani [Ananias].

He lived during the reign of Asa, King of Judah, to whom he also predicted a war as punishment because he little hoped for the mercy of God (2 Chr. chapter 16).

Ven. Paul, Bishop of Corinth

Brother of Peter, Bishop of Argos (May 3), he died in peace between the years 880-890.

*S. V. Bulgakov, Handbook for Church Servers, 2nd ed., 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900), p. 0124a.
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