

## March 29



**Our Ven. Father Mark, Bishop of Arethusa, Deacon Cyril and others**, during the reign of Julian the torturer of victims. St. Mark was the bishop of the city of Arethusa and zealously spread the Christian faith. During the reign of Constantine the Great, who later attained the imperial authority, he destroyed many pagan temples. For this reason pagans in the reign of Julian also subjected the saint to terrible torture. St. Cyril, deacon of the city of Heliopolis in Phoenicia, suffered from the pagans for destruction of idolatrous temples during the reign of Constantine the Great. Many other Christians in Ascalon and Gaza have suffered at the same time.

### *Ven. John*

Son of Juliana, he and his mother hid from the pagans in Kivister, Lesser Armenia, and later practiced asceticism in the Egyptian desert in a deep well up to his death in the 4th century.

### *St. Eustace, Confessor, Bishop of Bithynia*

He suffered for iconolatriy in prison where he died in the 8th century.

### *Venerable Jonah and Mark of the Pskov Monastery of the Caves*

Ven. Jonah, priest of the city of Derpt, being harassed in it by the Germans, departed for Pskov and here by the Kamenets Stream founded the Pskov Monastery of the Caves in 1477, in which he labored for the Lord up to his death in the year 1480.

Ven. Mark, the protoleader of the monastery, practiced asceticism in the same place, but before Ven. Jonah. Very little is known about his asceticism.

The relics of both ascetics repose in Pskov Monastery of the Caves.

*S. V. Bulgakov, **Handbook for Church Servers**, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900), p. 0125a.  
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