

March 31

A. *Venerable and Wonderworker Hypatius, Bishop of Gangra, Paphlagonia*

A zealous adherent of Orthodoxy, expositor of heretics and a participant in the First Ecumenical Council, he by pleasing God became worthy by the Lord of the grace of working wonders. He healed the infirm and cast out demons; "Menstruating and barren women are not enough to point to child-bearing, and those having dry breasts and not nursing, to cause milk to flow". He died as a martyr, beaten up in a deserted place by heretics embittered against him about the year 326. Many have received healing at his grave. The Holy Church praises Hypatius, as a "divine sufferer, wise prelate, source of wonders, good shepherd and confirmation of the church".

Ven. Hypatius, Hegumen of Rufinus

Son of a Phrygian scholastic (lawyer), when punished by his father at the age of 18, he departed to Thrace, where within 2 years he founded a monastery and within it devoted himself to monastic asceticism. Found here by the fathers, he settled in an abandoned monastery in Rufinus, gathering monks around him, elected rector by them for his holy life, and died within 40 years (about the year 446), having become glorified for many wonders and the gift of clairvoyance.

Ven. Apollonius

A Thebaid ascetic, eating desert plants for 40 years; he founded a monastery near Hermopolis, in which he gathered up to 500 monks. Ven Apollonius died about the year 395.

Hieromartyr Abdas, Bishop of Susa, Persia and Martyr Deacon Benjamin

St. Abdas was executed by the sword for burning down a pagan temple about the year 420.

St. Benjamin suffered within 3 years after St. Abdas for spreading Christianity.

Repose of Hierarch Jonah, Metropolitan of Kiev and All Russia see June 15.

Appearance of the Iberian Image of the All-holy Theotokos see Feb. 12.

Holy Righteous Joseph the Beautiful

Son of the Old Testament Patriarch Jacob, died at the age of 110 years (about 1700 years before the Nativity of Christ), by his moral qualities and by his own life and fate he prefigured Jesus Christ. The memory of Righteous Joseph is still commemorated on Monday of Passion Week.

Ven. Acacius, Confessor, Bishop of Melitene, lived during the reign of Decius.

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