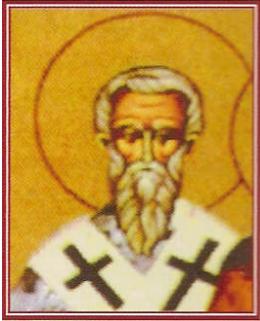


April 6

B. Our Father among the Saints Eutychius, Archbishop of Constantinople.



Born in Phrygia, he was first an archimandrite of the Amasean Monastery and then (in 552) Patriarch of Constantinople. He was the chairman of the 5th Ecumenical Council. As a "pillar of Orthodoxy, firmament of belief, wall of chosen people", he grazed his flock "on the grass of right belief and on the living water of true wisdom, and the gold of delight". In the 12th year of his episcopate he was exiled to Amasea because of the inflexibility of the emperor towards heretical opinions and guided this monastery for 13 years: his life was strictly ascetical. He healed the enfeebled, dumb and deaf by anointing with oil and had the gift of clairvoyance. Having returned to his flock (during the reign of Justin), St. Eutychius ruled them for another 5 years and died in 582. His relics were transferred to Venice in 1386.

Kontakion, tone 4

**Let us all faithfully hymn the blessed Eutychius, O People,
That we may lovingly bless him,
As a great shepherd, minister, all-wise teacher and expeller of heresies:
For he prays to the Lord for us all.**

St. Methodius, Enlightener of the Slavs. See May 11.

Troparion, tone 4

**Your Hierarchy, O Christ, made a bright celebration of dormition,
Grant your mercy from above,
Open the doors of the kingdom,
Shatter the fetters of our many sins
With the petitions of your holy disciple our father.**

Kontakion, tone 2

**Let us sing to the blessed and faithful Methodius, O people,
And lovingly bless him, as a great shepherd for the Slavs,
Honorable servant of the Trinity and expeller of heresies,
For he is praying for us all.**

According to the Ukase [decree] of the Holy Synod (1885), one must do the Polyeleon to St. Methodius on April 6. The service for this day was published in 1885.

Matins Gospel: general for a hierarch. **Epistle:** Heb. 8:3-6; sel. 318. **Gospel:** Mt. 5:14-19; sel. 11.

120 Martyrs in Persia

Captured by the Persian King Shapur, these holy martyrs were beheaded by the sword for steadfastness in the Christian faith in 344-347.

Ven. Platonida the Syrian

A deaconess and founder of a community of virgins in Nisibis in Mesopotamia [Iraq], she always exemplified a life pleasing to God for her community and spent time in prayer, reading and commenting on the Holy Scriptures and needlework. The Venerable One died in 308.

Martyrs Jeremiah and Priest Archilius suffered in the 3rd century. St. Gregory Dialogus witnesses about them.

Ven. Gregory of Mt. Athos [Afonsky]

Born in Byzantium, he practiced asceticism on Mount Athos in the Laura of St. Athanasius. He was the guide of St. Gregory Palamas (see November 14). He died in 1308.

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