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F. Holy Martyr Eupsychius

Born in Caesarea, Cappadocia and burning with Christian zeal, on the day of his marital celebration, he destroyed the pagan Temple of Fortune. For this, Julian the Apostate subjected him to terrible torture. Having his "skin stripped", "scraped to the ribs", "even up to his innards", Eupsychius "good-naturedly" "dying of suffering", "conquering the mindless with patience and surprising the faithless, guiding those with intolerable illnesses". After these most severe tortures he was beheaded in 362.

Ven. Martyr Archimandrite Bademus [Vadim]

He practiced asceticism in Beth-Lapat [Jundaisabur], Persia, where he built a monastery. During the reign of King Shapur, in 376, he was imprisoned with others. Four months he languished in prison and then was executed by the sword together with his 7 disciples.

Martyrs Bishop Desan, Presbyter Mariabus, Abdiesus and 270 others

They were captured either in 362 or in 364. They were forced to renounce Christ by the Persian King Shapur II and were killed for steadfastness in faith.

Royal Icon of the Mother of God appeared in the year 799.

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