

# April 10

E. *Holy Martyrs Terence and those with him: Pompeius, Africanus, Maximus, Zeno, Alexander, Theodore and Macarius*

Arrested in the time of the persecution of Christians during the reign of Decius, they were subjected to terrible tortures: they beat them with canes, cut them with straps, tormented their bodies with scorching irons and poured caustic acids over their wounds. They underwent all this with unshakable steadfastness and then were beheaded by the sword. According to the service of all martyrs there were "forty". Of those mentioned in the service set forth above, Zeno is called Zefo.

*Kontakion, tone 2*

**Let us come to remember the honorable martyrs today,  
Who are glad in everything, O All-wise Terence and his companions.  
Therefore let us warmly draw near,  
That we may receive healing:  
For this they received the grace of the Holy Spirit from God,  
To heal the illnesses of our souls.**

*Martyrs Presbyter James, Deacons Azadan and Audicius* who died as martyrs by Shapur, Persian King, in 380. After starving in prison they stuffed mustard and vinegar into the noses of the holy martyrs, but they then stripped them and hanged them all night in the cold. After this they again imprisoned them and, finally, they beheaded them by the sword.

*Prophetess Huldah predicted that Josiah* for his piety will not see the fulfillment of the Mosaic prophecies concerning the Israelites (4 Kg. 22).

**Martyr Demos**, a fisherman by trade, was beheaded by the Turks for his refusal to accept Islam in Smyrna in 1763.

*S. V. Bulgakov, Handbook for Church Servers, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900), p. 0134.  
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