

# April 13

## B. *Holy Hieromartyr Artemon, Presbyter of Laodicea in Syria*

"By living a life of chastity he adorned his body in purity", he destroyed idols in the pagan temple of Artemis in Laodicea, and that drew down the anger of the pagans upon him. They seized him and fried him on a heated iron plate. God protected the holy martyr unharmed. Then the torturers threw him into a cauldron with boiling pitch, but despite this they themselves died, being thrown by the invisible power of God into the boiling pitch, while the saint remained unharmed. This miracle converted many pagans to Christ and they were baptized. Even the pagan priest Vitalis was baptized, who subsequently became the bishop of Caesarea. After this St. Artemon settled in Asia and there through wonders converted many pagans to Christ. In the year 303 he was beheaded for preaching Christ.

*Martyr Crescens* was born in Myra, Lycia and was burned to death.

## *Martyr Thomais*

Born in Alexandria, wife of a fisherman, she was known for chastity, meekness and innocence. She died in the Fifth Century as a martyr by the hand of her father-in-law, darkened with mad carnal passion for her. Her relics repose in one of the monasteries in Constantinople. Many, overwhelmed with lustful passions, resorting to the holy martyr with earnest prayers, received healing.

*New martyr Demetrius of the Peloponnesus* died in Tripoli in 1803.

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