

April 28

A. *Holy Apostles of the Seventy: Jason, Sosipater and others with them*



All suffered for Christ in the 1st century on the island of Corfu. St. Jason, born in Tarsus and St. Sosipater from Achaia, disciples and relatives (Rom. 16:21) of Apostle Paul, were installed as bishops by him: the first in Tarsus, the latter in Iconium and spread the church mainly on the island of Corfu. Imprisoned for this, they converted to Christ seven robbers while in prison: **Saturnius, Iakischolus, Faustianus, Januarius, Marsalius, Euphrasius and Mammius**, all of whom for their faith were thrown into boiling pitch, in which they died.

The daughter of the governor of the island, the maiden **St. Cercyra**, after various tortures, being choked with smoke and pierced with arrows, died as a martyr for her faith in Christ.

The Apostles, having remained unharmed in the middle of various tortures, received their freedom and, preaching on the island, converted the governor of the island to Christ. They died at a very old age. In the service (except for the Kontakion) only Apostle Jason is mentioned in the hymns.

Kontakion, tone 4

**For you were revealed as an all-radiant star,
Enlightening the universe with the light of preaching,
O Divine Apostles Jason and Sosipater:
Save through faith those who honor you.**

Holy Martyrs Dada, Maximus and Quintilian (or Kintilian), after imprisonment were beheaded by the sword for their Christian faith in 286 in the city of Dorostolon.

Martyrs Zeno, Eusebius, Neon and Vitalis

Converted to Christ by the Apostles Jason and Sosipater, after torture they were burned to death in the first century.

St. Cyril, Bishop of Turov

He was born in the city of Turov (now a small place in Minsk Province), of wealthy parents and as a youth became a monk in the Turov SS. Boris and Gleb Monastery. Then having enclosed himself on a pillar, he practiced asceticism in strict fasting and prayer. Having become the bishop of Turov and distinguished by

his knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and eloquence, St. Cyril directed his flock for 20 years, instructing them through lectures and died in peace at the end of the 12th century.

According to the ancient Lives of the Saints, St. Cyril was "the Russian Chrysostom", the golden-worded teacher with his bright teaching of divine reason who enlightened the ends of Russia. His preserved works including 12 sermons, 24 prayers and a canon of repentance breathe deep piety and are rather instructive.

Ven. Auxivius. See February 17.

Ven. Cyriacus, founder of the Syrynsky Kargopol Dormition Monastery (Olonets Province), died in 1402. His relics are in a hidden place in the Dormition Monastery Church (now a parish) founded by him.

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