

## April 29

G. *Nine Holy Martyrs in Cyzicus: Theognes, (or Theognidus), Rufus, Antipater, Theostichus, Artemas, Magnus, Theodotus, Thaumasius and Philemon.*



For denunciation of pagans in their errors, all of them were tortured and beheaded by the sword in Cyzicus (in Mysia) during the reign of Diocletian. Opened during the reign of Constantine the Great, their relics were placed in Cyzicus and were glorified for working wonders. St. Demetrius of Rostov says that these holy martyrs "were directly bestowed with the grace for driving away fever-reducing illnesses". All these holy martyrs are mentioned in the service of this day. Particles of the relics of holy Cyzicus martyrs are found in Cyzicus Monastery (see Kazan Diocese).

### *Kontakion, tone 2*

**Steadfast and all-bright choir of nine martyrs,  
Confessors of the tri-solar Divinity,  
For Your judgment in the beginning, they cried out:  
Our blood and souls and bodies,  
As an undefiled offering we offer to You, O Master.  
You numbered us in Your heavenly choir,  
For You are a merciful God.**

### *Ven. Memnon the Wonderworker*

From his young years a strict ascetic monk, compassionate to the infirm, "through fasting and prayers and tears, uniting himself to God, he received grace from Him to heal illnesses and to cast out spirits". Having the gift of working wonders, the venerable one banished locusts with a word, caused a spring to come from the ground in the dry desert and delivered seafarers from drowning. The time of his life is not known.

### *Martyr Diodorus and Deacon Rhodopianus*

They were beaten for spreading the Gospel in Aphrodisia, Caria during the reign of Diocletian.

### *St. Basil, Bishop of Zachum and Skenderia*

Born in Herzegovina, for strict monastic ascetic deeds in the Trebinje Dormition Monastery and after passage through the lower degrees of hierarchy, St.

Basil was installed as the Bishop of Zachum and Skenderia. In this rank he was an example of virtue: he constantly edified his congregation with lectures, was merciful to the needy and courageously defended his flock by word of mouth from the intrusion of false teachers. He died peacefully in 16th century. His relics are in the city of Ostrog on the border of Montenegro and Herzegovina.

*S. V. Bulgakov, **Handbook for Church Servers**, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900), p. 0152a.  
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