

May 30

D. *Our Ven. Father Isaacius, Hegumen of St. Dalmatus Monastery*



At first he practiced asceticism in the desert, but, having heard about persecution of Valens against Orthodoxy, he appeared in Constantinople and there, "with the shovel of faith" harvested "the faithful like wheat", zealously accused the Arian heretics and assuaged those suffering for Orthodoxy. Not fearing the "cruel and evil rage", he predicted to Valens the unfortunate exodus of his campaign against the Goths, for which he was imprisoned. During the reign of Theodosius the Great, Ven. Isaacius, deeply dear to him, built a monastery at the entrance to Constantinople, named for his successor, Dalmatus. Ven. Isaacius was present at the Second Ecumenical Council and died in the St. Dalmatus Monastery in 383. (In memory of the birth of Peter I on May 30, 1672, the magnificent St. Isaac Cathedral was built in St. Petersburg).

Kontakion, tone 8

**As a faithful one pleasing to God,
You burned with zeal in the Church of Christ,
You held the reins of Valens,
You predicted to him the captivity of the church
And his terrible death O Venerable One:
Therefore ever pray for us those who honor you, O Venerable Isaacius.**

*S. V. Bulgakov, **Handbook for Church Servers**, 2nd ed., 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900), p. 0191.
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