June 5

E. Holy Hieromartyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre

St. Dorotheus served as a hierarch for more than 50 years and underwent "great troubles and misfortunes", "both wounds and illnesses". He converted many pagans to Christ. During the reign of Diocletian St. Dorotheus was a confessor, and in reign of Julian in 362 received the crown of martyrdom at the age of 107. Many believe that the place of his death was Odessus (now Varna), in lower Mysia.

*Kontakion, tone 5*

With virtues, divine learning and suffering  
Radiating more than the sun, O Blessed One:  
You enlightened the earth, O Dorotheus,  
Dispelling the darkness of polytheism and cruel heresies:  
Therefore we brightly celebrate your memory.

Repose of the Holy Right-believing Great Prince Theodore Iaroslavich  
(1219-1233)

The oldest brother of St. Alexander Nevsky, according to the wish of his father, married, but on the day of the wedding suddenly died and was buried in the St. George Monastery.

In 1614 the Swedes, mocking all things holy, during an attack on the monastery, "looking for loot, found a man whole and incorrupt in princely vestments as if alive and placed him near the church wall". The relics of the virgin prince, being a source of healing, openly repose in the Novgorod cathedral since that time.

In the liturgical books there is no service for St. Theodore except for a Troparion and Kontakion. But his memory is shown in the Ustav [Typikon], although it is absent in the Monthly Menaion.

*Martyrs Marcian, Nicander, Hyperechius, Apollo, Leonid, Arius, Gorgias, Selenia, Irene and Pambo*

Born Egyptians, they severely suffered for Christ in their country during the reign of Maximian and died in prison from hunger and thirst.

*Ven. Theodore the Wonderworker, 5th Century*

From his youth he practiced asceticism in the Jordanian desert and his asceticism so pleased the Lord that he received the grace of working wonders.
Ven. Anubius, Confessor and Egyptian Hermit

Having undergone suffering for Christ during the persecution in 5th century, he left with a small number of brethren to the desert and here, in a deserted pagan temple, he lived until his death. For his holy life he became worthy of the gift of clairvoyance by the Lord.

Blessed Constantine, Metropolitan of Kiev

A native Greek, he was ordained in 1155, then in 1158 because of the hostility of the prince left the Metropolia to settle in Chernigov where in the year 1159 he died. The prince ordered that his body be cast out from the city without burial. His unburied body lay outside the city for two days, but on the third day, after a special vision, he was buried in the Chernigov cathedral. The Lord opened a great sign over him even before his burial and right-believing people started to revere him as a saint from the moment of his murder. His sacred relics were placed in a tower attached to the western side of the cathedral.

Murder of Great Prince Igor Olegovich of Chernigov

He ascended the throne in 1146. The Kievans, who didn't like the Olgovich family, changed for him and petitioned Iziaslav, Prince of Pereiaslavl, who also was proclaimed a great prince. St. Igor rejected the world and accepted monasticism and the schema. On September 19, 1147 a mob of rebels took him from the temple while he prayed before the icon of the Mother of God, brutally killed him and dragged his body along the streets of Kiev. Subsequently on June 5, 1150, the sacred relics of Prince Igor, glorified by wonders, were transferred from Kiev to Chernigov and placed in the Temple of the Transfiguration. "And from that time, according to the chronicler, they began to celebrate the memory of the right-believing Prince Igor".

Ven. Dorotheus of Palestine

As a youth diligently engaged in the sciences, he mastered his study of them. When he arrived in the Palestinian Monastery of Abba Seridus, he devoted himself entirely to the asceticism of monasticism and Christian love. With the support of one of the brethren he built a hospice and ministered to the sick and pilgrims. After the death of his guide, Ven. John the Clairvoyant, Ven. Dorotheus left the monastery and founded the monastery in which he was the Hegumen and true leader in spiritual life. He died about the year 620, having left behind 25 discourses to his disciples, rather remarkable for their edification and soul-saving ideas.

New Martyr Mark was born in Smyrna. For confessing Christ and not accepting the faith of Islam the Turks after torture beheaded him on the island of Chios in 1801.
**Ven. Peter**

Born a Slav, from youth he practiced asceticism in the Korisha Monastery near Prizren in a place extremely mountainous and forbidding. King Dushan (1337-1351), with whom the holy ascetic lived, wishing to honor his memory, constructed a monastery on the place of his ascetic endeavors. This monastery was later destroyed by the Turks. St. Peter's relics, which originally reposed in the Crna Reka [Black River] Monastery, were then transferred to the Temple of the Holy Archangel Michael in Kaliashin, where they may be found ever since.