

## *June 7*

### *G. Holy Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Ancyra*

His martyr's death is remembered on this day. See May 18.

### *Women Martyrs: Cyriacia, Caleria [Valerie] and Mary*

Born Palestinian Caesarea, they devoted themselves to silent service to God, spending time in fasting and prayer, when they fell into the hands of the torturers. They died from their severe wounds in the 4th century.

*Hieromartyr Marcellus, Bishop of Rome, and with him: Deacons Sisinius and Cyriacus, commentariensis [military staff members] Smaragdus, Largus and Apronian, Warriors Saturninus, Papias and Mark, Crescentian, Holy Women: Priscilla and Lucina [Lucy] and Princess Artemia.*

St. Marcellus ruled the Church from 304 to 308 and died in 310 from exhaustion and deprivation, being sentenced for work in the stockyards. Sts. Priscilla and Lucina [Lucy], notable Roman women and St. Artemia, the daughter of Emperor Diocletian, accepted the crown of martyrdom with him. All the others suffered earlier during the reigns of Diocletian and Maximian Galerius. All their relics are in Rome.

### *Hieromartyr Pope Marcellinus*

St. Marcellinus ascended the cathedra in the year 296. In the persecution of Diocletian, he, fearing the cruelty of torture, offered incense before the idols but soon deeply repented and confessed Christ. After torture he was decapitated together with three of the faithful: Claudius, Cyricus and Antoninus, an order was issued not to dispose of the body but to throw it out for dogs to eat. His body lay unburied for 36 days but then, according to a special vision, was honorably given to the earth.

*Martyr Potamiaena*

Born in Alexandria, she died for her faith in Christ in Egypt in 304, being plunged into a boiler with boiling tar.

*S. V. Bulgakov, **Handbook for Church Servers**, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900), pp. 0198-0199.  
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