

# June 13

## *D. Holy Martyr Aquilina*

The daughter of pious Christian parents who lived in the Phoenician city of Byblos, St. Aquilina since childhood was taught by them the precepts of the Christian faith and piety. During the reign of Diocletian she was accused of preaching the Christian faith to her girlfriends. For confessing herself a Christian woman and refusing to sacrifice to idols, she suffered "many visible sores" and "wounds" by the torturers (in the year 239). "Looking from above", "the angelic choir appeared" to the patient, pure and undefiled woman martyr. The steadfastness of the woman martyr embittered her torturers even more. When St. Aquilina, after a cruel beating, fell utterly exhausted to the ground, she was considered dead and thrown outside the city. At night after being wonderfully healed by an angel, she appeared before the governor and was sentenced by him to death. However her death followed after her prayer before the execution. Subsequently her relics were transferred to Constantinople.

### *Kontakion, tone 2*

**With the goodness of your virginity and pre-purified soul,  
You flowed to the height of martyrdom,  
O All-honorable Aquilina,  
When you were wounded with love for your bridegroom Christ,  
With Whom you gladly stand with the angels:  
Do not cease praying with them for all of us.**

### *St. Tryphyllius, Bishop of Leucosia [Nicosia], Cyprus*



Born in Constantinople, a disciple of St. Spyridon of Tremithus, he was installed the Bishop of the city of Leucosia [Nicosia] because of his virtuous life. Guided by St. Spyridon, St. Tryphyllius reached a high degree of perfection. "Having a merciful soul, pure thoughts, an even-tempered heart, undefiled faith, and unfeigned love", he observed virginity, amazing abstinence and strictness in life. St. Tryphyllius died in deep old age about the year 370. Some of his holy relics were found uncorrupt about the year 640 and is shown to the faithful on the island of Cyprus on May 3.

*Kontakion, tone 8*

**With the respectable way of life you accepted the purity of virginity, O Tryphyllius,  
You were shown to be the first-enthroned of Leucosia:  
You were revealed to them as a prophet and intelligent guide:  
For this reason we cry out to you: Rejoice, O Adorned Hierarch.**

*Martyr Antonina.* See March 1.

*Ven. Anna and her Son John*

Ven. Anna, daughter of a deacon at the Blachernae Church in Constantinople, after the death of her husband, clothed herself in men's monastic garb and practiced asceticism under the name Euthymian in one of the Bithynian monasteries near Olympus together with her son John. Being glorified during her life with the gift of wonderworking, Saint Anna died in Constantinople in the year 826.

*Ven. Antipater, Bishop of Bostra [Bosra, Busra, or Bozrah] in Arabia, Fifth Century.* He wrote against the followers of Origen.

*Repose of Ven. Andronicus of Moscow*

Born in Rostov, favorite disciple of Sergius of Radonezh, while a young man he came to Venerable Sergius from Rostov Province. For many years he was under the guidance of his great guide, becoming distinguished by the spiritual asceticism of fasting, prayer, humility and obedience. Ven. Andronicus built the Savior-St. Andronicus Monastery (see the Moscow Diocese) and became its first Hegumen. During strict fasting Ven. Andronicus was distinguished by unusual meekness and deep humility, which he also taught to his monks. An example of his diligence is the holy well still used today, dug by the venerable one about 100 sazhen [700 feet] from the monastery. The Venerable One attained a very old age and died in the year 1395. His relics repose in a hidden place in the St. Andronicus Monastery.

*Ven. Saba,* disciple of Ven. Andronicus of Moscow and after him the Hegumen of his monastery. His relics repose together with the relics of his guide.

*S. V. Bulgakov, Handbook for Church Servers, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900) pp. 0204-5.  
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