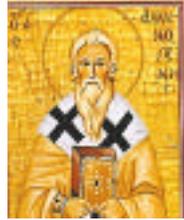


July 16

f. Hieromartyr Athenogenes, and His Ten Disciples.



The "holy glorious and all-wise Athenogenes", bishop of the city of Pidachthoe (Heracleopolis), after severe torture was beheaded in Sebaste in the year 311. His ten holy disciples accepted the same crown of martyrdom.

Kontakion, tone 4

**Hieromartyr Athenogenes,
Following the words of the Master,
As an excellent pastor you laid down your life for the sheep of Christ.
Therefore we praise you and together with you, your ten disciples,
Who suffered with you, led by the fear of God and your instruction.
With His life-originating right hand the Master has crowned you
For you were well pleasing to Him: //
Pray to Him for us all.**

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils

In the Slavonic Prologue and the Fourth Menaion only the Fourth Ecumenical Council is commemorated on this day.

Troparion (of the Fathers), tone 8

**Most glorious are you, O Christ our God.
You have established the holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Though them you have guided us to the true faith. //
Greatly compassionate One, glory to You.**

(Text translation: Holy Myrrhbearing Women Monastery)

Kontakion (of the Fathers), tone 8

The Apostle's preaching and the Father's doctrines established one faith for the Church.

Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, //

It defines and glorifies the great mystery of Orthodoxy.

(Text translation: Holy Myrrhbearing Women Monastery)

Paramoegas: 1) Genesis 14:14-20; 2) Deut. 1:8-11,15-17; 3) Deut. 10:14-21
Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16, sel. 334. **Gospel:** John 17:1-13, sel. 56.

Note that if the day falls on a Sunday, then we sing the service to the Holy Fathers on this Sunday. If the day falls on a Wednesday, we sing their service on the previous Sunday. If the day falls on Thursday, we sing their service on the following Sunday. We sing the service belonging to the Saint at Compline.

Martyrs Paul and two sisters Aleutina (Valentina) and Chionia (Thea)

Born in Egypt, at first condemned to hard labor in the quarry, from there they together with other confessors of Christ were transferred to Caesarea in Palestine and here again after severe torture were sentenced to death: Saints Aleutina and Chionia were burnt, and St. Paul was beheaded in the year 308.

Martyr Antiochus

A doctor in Sebaste, and converted to Christ by his brother the Martyr Paul, he preached Christ in Galatia and Cappadocia. After being tortured he was beheaded under Diocletian.

Virgin Martyr Julia

A noble woman of Carthage, she was sold into slavery to a merchant at the fall of Carthage (in 440 or 613). She arrived together with him on the island of Corsica and unwilling to take part in a pagan festival was subjected to severe torture: they beat her, tore out her hair, cut open her body and, finally, crucified her on a cross. In 763 the King of Lombardy Desiderius transferred her wonderworking relics to the city of Breschia in the women's monastery, founded by him.

Celebration of the Pskov Icon of the All-holy Theotokos

In 1420 during a time of a deadly pestilence in Pskov, the icon of the Mother of God poured tears from both eyes in Chersk, Pskov Diocese. The holy icon was transferred to Pskov and placed in the Trinity Cathedral. A feast was established in memory of the former sign of the icon.

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