

July 26

C. Holy Hieromartyr Hermolaus and those with him Hermippus and Hermocrates

Sts. Hermolaus (Refer to July 27), Hermippus and Hermocrates were priests of the church in Nicomedia. For the distribution of the Gospel they were arrested by the pagans and after they refused to sacrifice to idols were beheaded by the sword in about the year 305. All these holy martyrs are glorified in the service.

Kontakion, tone 4

**Having piously lived as a hierarch,
You also received a hieromartyr's crown.
Having destroyed sacrifices to idols,
You became the good shepherd of Christ's flock,
And a true teacher of Panteleimon, O Most Wise One.
Therefore we honor you in song, crying out.
Ever deliver us from troubles through your prayers,
O our Father Hermolaus.**

Holy Martyr Parasceva



She was a Roman woman, and suffered for Christ during the reign of Emperor Antoninus, and after torture was beheaded by the sword. She is named Parasceva because she was born on Friday. Parasceva in Russian is Piatnitsa (Friday).

Troparion, tone 8

**You lived a life according to your name,
Appropriately as this is your names-day,**

**Showing care for your faith, O Passion-bearer Parasceva:
Therefore having poured out healing, pray to God for our souls.**

Kontakion, tone 8

**O faithful let us come and pleasantly sing a hymn to the Passion-bearer Parasceva:
For she radiates wonders in the world,
Driving away ten thousand temptations,
And granting the faithful independent grace,
Let us cry out: rejoice O long-suffering Martyr.**

Ven. Moses the Ugrian (i.e. Hungarian), was a servant of the Holy Prince Boris. After the death of the latter he was captured by the Polish King Boleslav and was sold to a rich Polish woman, who was enamored by his handsomeness. For a long time the Polish woman declined him for his criminal ties, but Moses despised her stroking, threats and torture, which resulted in his mutilation and he was expelled in shame. Coming to the Ven. Anthony in Kiev, the Ven. Moses settled in a cave and here practiced asceticism in fasting and prayer before his death in 1043. His relics are in the St. Anthony's cave in Kiev. There is a special service with the Polyeleon for him.

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