

August 8

D. St. Emilian the confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus

For veneration of holy icons, the hierarch Emilian underwent "much and cruel tribulations" and in the year 815 he was imprisoned. And he died there.

Kontakion, tone 3

**You were revealed as a noble champion of the Trinity.
The church for whom you suffered
Glorifies you in song, O Emilian.
Therefore we honor your memory,
To deliver your servants from pagan invasions.**

St. Myron, Bishop of Crete

Born in Raucia on the island of Crete, St. Myron in the beginning of his life was a simple farmer. Zealously cultivating the ground, Myron became prosperous, and used his prosperity to help the deprived, but was content to keep for his family only what was necessary. He shared full measures of the surpluses of his crop with the poor and never demanded anything in return from them. With such unselfishness Myron combined meekness and condescension for the errors and defects of the people. So, having once seen seven thieves in his barn with bags overflowing with wheat, the Saint kindly visited them, calmed them and even helped them to lift their bags. And these thieves subsequently became honorable people. For his charitable life in mercy for the poor, St. Myron was installed as a presbyter in his native city, and later became their bishop. He fervently taught the Christian faith and piety to his flock, strengthened the witnesses and became famous for working many wonders. Having lived to a ripe old age, he died at 100 years old, in about the year 350.

Martyrs Eleutherius and Leonidas were burned to death for their faith in Christ.

Ven. Gregory of Sinai

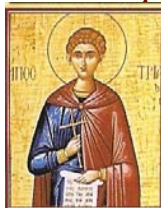
He was born in Asia Minor, and accepted monasticism on the island of Cyprus and practiced asceticism on Athos in reign of Michael VIII and Andronicus II Palaeologus. He wrote many spiritual books and died in the year 1310.

Ven. Gregory, icon painter of the Monastery of the Caves, practiced asceticism in the Kievan Monastery of the Caves together with Saint Alypius (see Aug. 17). His relics rest openly in the St. Anthony cave. Part of them is in the St. Sophia Cathedral.

Celebrating the Tolga Icon of the Most Holy Virgin

This icon appeared in 1314 to Bishop Prochorus of Yaroslavl, near Yaroslavl, on the Tolga River. The Tolga Monastery was founded (see Yaroslavl Diocese) on the place of its appearance, in which the holy icon was placed, being glorified for many wonders.

Martyr Triantaphyllos



The sailor from Zagora, Thessaly, was beheaded by the Turks in Constantinople in 1680 for refusal to accept the Islamic faith.

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