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The Holy Prophet Samuel.



He was born of the branch of Levi. Dedicated to God by the vow of his mother Anna, he was brought up in the tabernacle, where the Lord called him to prophetic service. Subsequently he became judge over the Israelites and freed them from the yoke of the Philistines. He died at a very old age (in 11th century B.C.) and was buried in Armathaim (in the Hebrew Bible Ramah). During the reign of Emperor Arcadius the relics of the holy prophet were transferred from Judea to Constantinople (in the year 406). The life and deeds of the Holy Prophet Samuel are described in 1st Book of Kings (in the Hebrew Bible 1 Samuel).

Kontakion, Tone 8

**You were a gift of great worth given to God before your conception,
Blessed one, you served Him like an angel from your infancy.
It was given you to announce future things beforehand.
Therefore, we cry out to you://
Rejoice, O prophet of God Samuel, the great high priest.**

The Martyrs Severus, Presbyter, Memnon, Centurion, and 37 others with them

They suffered during the reign of Diocletian in the year 304 in Thrace. St. Severus after severe torture was beheaded. Converted to Christ by him, Memnon together with 37 other martyrs were thrown in the fiery furnace.

The Martyr Luke, Senator

The Martyr Luke, a senator, was beheaded on the island of Cyprus in about the year 310.

The Martyrs Eliodo and Dosi

The Martyrs Eliodo and Dosi suffered for Christ in Persia during the reign of Sapor II in the year 380.

*S. V. Bulgakov, **Handbook for Church Servers**, 2nd ed., 1274 pp., (Kharkov, 1900), pp 290-1.
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