

September 6

c. 🏛️ *Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae, which is in Chonae*



In Phrygia near Hierapolis, there was a temple named for Archangel Michael and through him was a source of healing. Dissatisfied that the temple is a place of special reverence for Christians, the pagans decided to destroy it. With this purpose they connected two rivers on the mountain into one channel and directed the flow at the temple. But, through the prayer of St. Archippus (see more about him below) living at the temple, the Holy Archangel Michael appeared and with his staff opened up a crevice that swallowed up the water aimed at the temple. This happened in the Fourth Century.

Troparion, tone 4

**Chief Captain of the heavenly armies,
We the unworthy implore you to protect us by your supplications
With the shelter of the wings of your immaterial glory,
Guarding us as we fall down and insistently cry out: //
Deliver us from dangers, as Chief Captain of the Powers on high.**

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Kontakion, tone 2

**Chief Captain of God, Minister of divine glory,
Guide of mankind and Prince of the Bodiless Powers,
Ask for what is for our good and for God's great mercy, //
As Chief Captain of the Bodiless Powers.**

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Epistle: Heb. 11:2-10; sel. 305. **Gospel:** Luke 10:16-21; sel. 51.

Holy Martyrs Eudoxius and those who suffered with him (Romulus, Zeno, Macarius and others).

St. Romulus, military leader for Emperor Trajan, was beheaded for his accusation that the Emperor was unjust to the 11,000 Christians, whom the

Emperor banished in dishonor in Armenia. Saints Eudoxius, Zeno and Macarius suffered during the reign of Diocletian in Melitene, Armenia in the year 311. In the service only Martyr Eudoxius is glorified.

The service to Martyr Eudoxius is sung at Compline.

Our Venerable Father Archippus

Born in Hierapolis, Phrygia, when he was ten years old he served as a sacristan (ponomar) at the temple of the Archangel Michael in Chonae. Eating only desert plants and dressing in sackcloth, he did not leave the holy temple for 60 years up to his death, ignoring the many attacks from the pagans. Through his prayer the miracle of the Archangel Michael was performed that is commemorated on this day. The Venerable Archippus is not commemorated in the service of this day.

Martyrs Cyriacus, Presbyter Faustus, Deacon Abibus and others (11 martyrs), beheaded in about 250 a.d. in Alexandria during the reign of the Emperor Decius.

Hieromartyr Cyril, Bishop of Gortyn (on the island of Crete), was beheaded after being tortured for his confession of the Christian faith during the reign of Maximian.

Venerable David. At first he was a thief in the Hermopolis desert in Egypt, but then, having repented his transgressions, he became a monk. By his strict life and incessant ascetic efforts of prayer and fasting, he amazed all the brothers of the monastery. Even during his life an angel announced the remission of his sins, but David doubted that in so short a time the Lord forgave him his great trespass. For this he was punished with an illness. His tongue was allowed to work for only one prayer. With his ascetic efforts having smoothed down his sin, the Venerable David received even during his lifetime the gift of wonder working. He died in the Sixth Century.

Martyrs: Calodotus, Macarius, Andrew, Cyriacus, Dionysius, Andrew (warrior), Andropelagius, Thecla, Theoctistus (sailor) and Sarapabonus (senator). All of them are military and are commemorated today with Faustus and all died as martyrs by the sword.