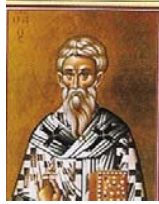


October 4

C. Holy Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens



A member of the Athens Areopagus (Supreme Court), he was converted to Christ by the Holy Apostle Paul. He was consecrated Bishop of Athens by the latter and died as a martyr in the I Century. He was present at the burial of the Most Holy Virgin and "with the divine pronouncement" "he delighted" "the hearts of the faithful and the sacred company of the God-preaching Apostles, singing the mysteries of God".

Kontakion, tone 8

**We praise you as the Hierarchy of Athens,
For you mystically expounded strange and ineffable things.
For you were revealed as a God-pleasing singer.
O All-blessed Hierotheus,
Pray to save all of us who have fallen into sin, //
So that we may cry out: "Rejoice, O Divinely-wise Father".**

+ Uncovering of the Honorable relics of our Holy Fathers Gurius, first Archbishop of Kazan, and Barsanuphius, Bishop of Tver in 1595.

See December 5 concerning St. Gurius. St. Barsanuphius was born in Serpukhov, Moscow District, and the son of a priest. The Crimean Tatars captured the 17 year old and for 2 years they kept him in strict bondage, who during this time studied the Tatar language and faith. Having returned to Russia, at first he was a monk in the Andronikov Monastery in Moscow, but later was installed as the hegumen of the Peshnoshsky Monastery, Moscow District. When St. Gurius was sent to the cathedra of the newly founded Kazan diocese, St. Barsanuphius went together with him and did much work there, spreading the Christian faith among the Mohammedans and pagans and "pointed out to many the way of salvation". Then St. Barsanuphius was consecrated Bishop to Tver, and before his own death returned again to Kazan where he died in 1576. His relics were found incorrupt in 1595 and became known for many wonders. They rest in the Savior-Transfiguration Monastery in Kazan (see Kazan Diocese).

Troparion, tone 3

**First teachers of the former dark but newly enlightened city of Kazan,
First announcers of the way of salvation,
True protectors of apostolic tradition,
Immovable pillars, teachers of piety and instructors of Orthodoxy,
O Gurius and Barsanuphius, pray to the Master of all
To grant peace to the universe and great mercy to our souls.**

Kontakion (St. Barsanuphius), tone 4

**Having abstained in the body and soul.
You have created a soul equal to the angels:
For this reason you were honored with the rank of hierarch,
You stand pure before the Purest.
Pray to Christ God, O Hierarch,
To save our Almighty Emperor, the pious Sovereign,
And your people, O Holy One,
That we all may sing to you:
Rejoice, O Venerable Father Barsanuphius,
The praise and the foundation of our city of Kazan.**

Kontakion (St. Gurius), tone 6

**Having conquered the sensual passions,
For you shone like the sun in purity,
Having kept up to the end a pure way of living,
You have led many from unbelief to faith in Christ,
And for this reason you were honored by God with incorruption,
And you amazed with wonders.
We pray to you, O Hierarch Gurius,
To deliver us from troubles through your prayers,
That we may cry out to you:
Rejoice, O Most Amazing Father,
The praise and the foundation of the city of Kazan.**

Paramoeas: See Oct. 5. **Matins Gospel and Epistle** see Jan. 9. **Gospel** see Jan. 18.

Their synaxis is done in the city of Kazan, and in their temple.

Ven. Martyr Peter of Capitolias. Born in Syria, he cruelly suffered for Christ in the III or at the beginning of the IV Century.

Martyr Domnina and her two daughters Verena and Proscudia. Born in Antioch, they died as martyrs in Syria in the IV Century.

Martyr Adauctus and his Daughter Callisthene. They lived in the city of Ephesus, where St. Adauctus was eparch. Because he did not want to give his daughter Callisthene to Emperor Maximian, the persecutor of Christians, St. Adauctus was banished to Melitene, Armenia, and there was beheaded (about 305-313). St. Callisthene died in peace about the year 318.

Ven. Ammon. Born in Egypt, he practiced asceticism as a hermit for 22 years in the Nitrian Desert and died in 350. The Ven. Anthony the Great saw how the angels carried the soul of the Ven. Ammon into heaven.

Ven. Paul the Simple, an Egyptian Ascetic. See March 7.

Martyrs Gaius, Faustus, Eusebius and Chaeremon, disciples of St. Dionysius of Alexandria (Oct 5), suffered during the 2nd half of the 3rd Century. St. Eusebius died, being hanged on a tree and St. Chaeremon was beaten with clubs.

Memory of St. Vladimir Yaroslavich, prince of Novgorod, and his Mother St. Anna

St. Vladimir was the son of Yaroslav Vladimirovich the Wise and his wife Ingigerd, in monasticism Anna (see Feb. 10). He was distinguished by daring and courage in military affairs, but at the same time he was also equal to the Apostles as an advocate of true piety. He constructed the St. Sophia Cathedral in Novgorod. He died in 1052. The relics of Sts. Vladimir and Anna repose uncorrupt in the St. Sophia Cathedral in Novgorod.

Repose of St. Stephen Stiljanovich

St. Stephen, from village of Zhupy (now Pashtroviche), on the southern side of Zachlumlja, served as a warrior for the Serbian despot, who for his faithful service awarded him land near Srem (Sirmium). St. Stephen spent a pious life here, sharing everything with the poor. He died in 1515. His relics repose in the Sisatovac Monastery near Srem.