

# October 13

*Holy Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus, Agathadorus, and Agathonica.*

The Holy Martyrs Carpus and Papyrus (also those with them: Agathadorus and Agathonica) suffered for Christ in the city of Pergamon, during the persecution under Emperor Decius, about 251. St. Carpus was the bishop of Thyatira, and St. Papyrus was his deacon. After being tortured in Thyatira, Sts. Carpus and Papyrus were sent, tied to horses, to the city of Sardis. St. Agathadorus voluntarily was sent with them. Here "the dedicated one" Agathadorus, courageously endured "wounds and cuts", and died during severe torture. Sts. Carpus and Papyrus were again returned to Pergamon and there, after a miraculous deliverance from a fiery furnace, were beheaded by the sword. St. Agathonica, the sister of St. Papyrus, also was beheaded. In the service for this day, we hymn the Holy Martyrs Carpus and Papyrus, and we also commemorate Sts. Agathadorus and Agathonica.

*Kontakion, Tone 4.*

**As a valuable treasury of the Master  
And a fountain pouring out streams of healings  
You gave your relics to those on earth.  
Thus they are removing the infirmities of various passions  
Ceaselessly granting grace to our souls.  
Therefore, O Divine Martyrs, with one voice we celebrate your festival  
with love.**

*The Martyr Florentius.*

Born in Thessalonica, he was a disciple of the apostles, and for preaching Christ he was subjected to awful tortures and was burned to death.

*The Martyr Benjamin the Deacon. See March 31.*

*The Venerable Nicetas, the Confessor.*

Born in Paphlagonia, during the reign of Emperor Nicephorus, governor of Sicily, he, seeing the vanity of the world, accepted monasticism and was tonsured in Constantinople. During the reign of Emperor Leo the

Armenian and Theophilus the venerable Nicetas suffered for venerating the holy icons. He died around the year 838.

*The New Martyr Chrysa (Zlata).*



Born in the village of Slatina, Bulgaria, for reasons of chastity and unwillingness to accept Islam the Turks chopped her up into small pieces in 1795.

*The Icon of the Theotokos of the Seven Lakes. See June 26 and July 28.*

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