

# November 2

*B. Holy Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasus, Afton, Elpidephorus and Anempodistus*



*Holy Martyrs Acindynus and Pegasus*

They suffered for Christ in Persia during the reign of Shapur II in about the year 345. Sts. Acindynus, Pegasus and Anempodistus served at the imperial court. After various and horrible torments they were burnt. St. Afton, a warrior, and Elpidephorus, the imperial grandee, who criticized the Shah for the innocent persecution of Christians, were beheaded. Together with these Holy Martyrs up to 7000 Christians were beheaded.

## *Troparion, tone 2*

**Blessed is the earth that received your blood,  
Passion-bearers of the Lord,  
And holy is the dwelling place that received your bodies.  
For you triumphed over the enemy in the stadium,  
And preached Christ with courage,  
Since He is Good, we pray, //  
That you beseech Him, to save our souls.**

## *Kontakion, tone 2*

**You have received into the enjoyment of Your goodness and repose,  
O only Blessed One,  
The pious and God-bearing martyrs,  
Who have abandoned all earthly goods,  
Acindynus, Pegasus, Anempodistus,  
Together with them, Afton and Elpidephorus,  
O Only Most Blessed.**

**Epistle:** see Feb. 4. **Gospel:** see Feb. 8.

**Ven. Marcian of Cyprus,** see January 18.

*S. V. Bulgakov, **Handbook for Church Servers**, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900) pp 0399-400  
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