

# November 10.

*A. Holy Apostles Erastus, Olympas, Rhodion and those with them Sosipater, Quartus and Tertius*

Saints Olympas and Rhodion, companions of the Apostle Peter, were beheaded in Rome during the reign of Nero. For more about St. Sosipater see April 28. St. Erastus was the bishop of Paneas. St. Quartus was the bishop of Beirut. For more about St. Tertius see October 30. In the church services we hymn all six of these apostles.

*Kontakion, tone 2*

**Your minds enlightened with the divine light,  
You wisely destroyed the deception of the orators.  
Having fished for all the pagans, O glorious Apostles,  
You brought them to the Master, //  
Teaching them to glorify the divine Trinity.**

**Epistle:** 1 Tim. 1:18-20, 11:8-15. **Gospel:** Luke 15:1-10.

*The Venerable Theocteristus* was tonsured in the Symbol Monastery, near Mount Olympus. He died in the Ninth Century.

*Great martyr Orestes*



*Martyr Orestes* was born in Tyana, Cappadocia. He was a physician there. During the reign of the Emperor Diocletian, St. Orestes for his unwillingness to sacrifice to idols and to renounce the Christ after being tortured was attached to wild horses and was dragged to death by them.

*Hieromartyr Milles, Bishop of Persia*

Born in Persia, he preached Christ to the inhabitants of Susa. For his ascetic efforts he was consecrated bishop. St. Milles suffered much from the pagans and within 3 years he had to leave his pastorate. After traveling to various holy places, he again returned to Persia. During the persecution under Shapur II in 341, he was tortured and pierced with daggers for his confession of Christ. Together with him two of his disciples, Abrosim and Sinus, were stoned.

### *St. Nonnus, Bishop of Heliopolis*

At first he was tonsured a monk in the Tabennis Monastery where he became known for his great asceticism. In 448 he was elected Bishop of Edessa, and in 451 he was transferred to Heliopolis. Here St. Nonnus successfully worked to bring the Arabs to Christ (see October 8). He died in 471.

### *Martyr Constantine, Prince of Georgia*

Distinguished by his courage and love for his country, the holy prince also became known for his compassion for the poor and love for the clergy, widows and orphans. Taken into captivity by the Arabs, he was beheaded for refusing to accept the Moslem faith in the year 842.

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