

# November 29

## *C. Holy Martyr Paramon and 370 martyrs with him*

All these holy martyrs suffered for Christ during the reign of Decius in 250. When Aquiline, Prince of Bithynia, Asia Minor, required 370 Christians to bring offerings to idols, St. Paramon was passing by and seeing so many sufferers, exclaimed: "how many innocent die who do not bow to soulless idols!" For this the holy confessor was pierced through the tongue and all his body was pierced with spears, but the other 370 martyrs were cut down by the sword.

## *Ven. Acacius, who is mentioned in the "Ladder"*

According to the witness of St. John Climacus, he was the disciple of a certain ill-tempered Mt. Sinai starets, who, "not only mortified him with insults and indignities, but also tormented him daily with blows". The obedient youth for 9 years resignedly endured all this before his very death and "after his death, he appeared as if living". They asked him a question, "as if he were alive": "did you die"? And he, "showing his obedience", answered from the grave: "I did not die", "for he does not die who has obedience" (for another witness about him see July 7).

**The service for Ven. Acacius is sung at Compline. The structure of this service includes the same hymns in honor of Ven. Acacius as on July 7.**

## *Holy Martyr Philumenus*

He lived in Ancyra, Galatia where he traded in bread. For his confession of Christ he was planed with iron and burned with fire and died from nails hammered into his hands, feet and head during the reign of Emperor Aurelian in about 273.

## *Ven. Nectarius of the Caves*

He practiced asceticism in the Kievan Monastery of the Caves in the 12th century and was distinguished for his unusual obedience. His relics are in the St. Anthony's cave.

*Bishop Dionysius of Corinth*

He was a shepherd of the Church from 171 to 181 when he died as a martyr. He left epistles, though not fully preserved, to the Romans, the Lacedemonians (Spartans), the Athenians, the Nicomedians, etc.

*Ven. Pitirun*, practiced asceticism in Egypt at the end of the fourth and the beginning of the fifth century. He was a disciple of Ven. Anthony the Great, had the gift to cast out demons and did many other signs and wonders.

*Hieromartyr Abibus, Bishop of Nekresi in Kakheti (Georgia)*

He was the disciple of Ven. John of Zedazeni (see May 7). He labored hard, evangelizing fire-worshippers and eradicating from among his flock crude delusions and superstitions. For extinguishing the Persian pagan sacred fires he was later subjected to torture and then beaten with stones in the village of Rechi, near Mtskheta, during the reign of Bacurius III (541 - 545). The relics of St. Abibus now repose in Mtskheta.

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