

Martyrs Terence, Neonila, and their children

The Martyrs Terence and Neonila and their children: Sarbelus, Photius, Theodulus, Hierax, Nita, Vele and Eunice suffered martyrdom during a persecution of Christianity under the emperor Decius (249-250). They zealously confessed Christ and denounced idolatry. For this the pagans subjected the entire Christian family to terrible tortures and torments, but failed to get them to renounce the true Faith. So, the holy martyrs were beheaded, and received crowns of martyrdom.

Venerable Stephen the Hymnographer of St Sabbas Monastery

Saint Stephen the Hymnographer of Saint Sava Monastery, lived the ascetic life at the Lavra of Saint Sava in Palestine. He and Andrew the Blind were among the first to compose hymns (idiomela) for the period between the Publican and Pharisee and Palm Sunday. He does not appear to be the same Saint Stephen who is celebrated on July 13.

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Sunday, October 28th, 2018

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Readings

Epistle Galatians 6:11-18
Gospel Luke 8:26-39

Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Troparion (Martyrs Terence and Neonila)

Thy holy martyrs Terence, Neonila, and their children, O Lord, through their suffering have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.// Through their intercessions save our souls!

Tone 8 Troparion (Venerable Stephen)

Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship, enlightener of the universe and the adornment of hierarchs: all-wise Father Stephen, thy teachings have gleamed with light upon all things.// Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

Tone 5 Kontakion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,// and we cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

Tone 4 Kontakion (Venerable Stephen)

Thou didst plant a garden of the virtues, most glorious one, and didst water it with the streams of thy tears. Since thou hast received the tree of life, O Stephen, save thy flock from corruption by thy prayers! Deliver from all evil, all of those who fervently honor thee, O wise one, for we have acquired thee as a great intercessor through faith and love!



This Week at St. Herman's

Sunday, October 28th - *Martyrs Terence, Neonila, and their children*

- 8:00 AM - Matins
- 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy
- Children's and Teenager's class after Liturgy
- Coffee Hour in the parish hall

Wednesday, October 31st - *Apostle Stakhys of the 70*

- 6:45 AM - Coffee and Books

Thursday, November 1st - *Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian*

- 6:00 PM - Greek Class in PT

Saturday, November 3rd - *Martyrs Acepsimus, Joseph and Aithalas*

- 6:30 PM - Jesus Prayer
- 7:00 PM - Great Vespers

Daylight Saving Time ends. Set clocks back 1 hour after midnight.