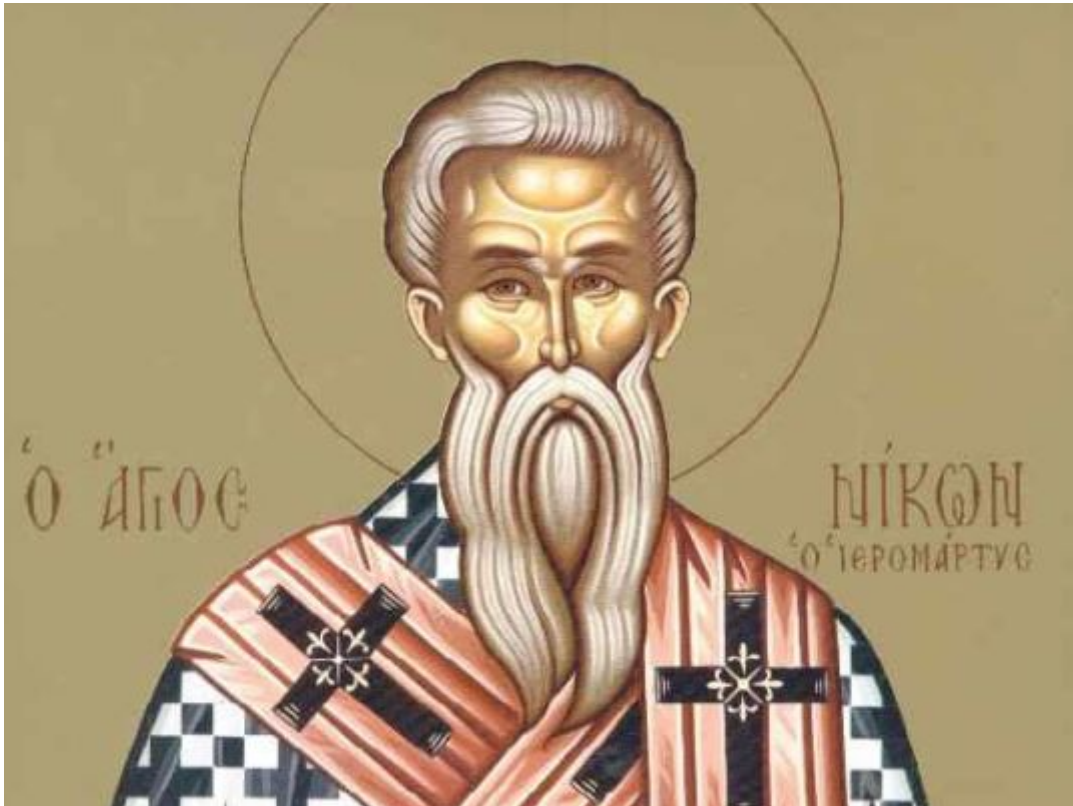


Feast day of Holy Righteous Martyr Nikon and His 199 Disciples



The Church today venerates the memory of the Holy Righteous Martyr Nikon and His 199 Disciples.

St. Nikon was from Neapolis (Naples) in Italy. His father was a pagan and his mother a Christian. Initially a soldier, he later went to the East, where he was baptized and in time became a bishop. After some years, he returned to the West and came to Sicily, where he and many of his disciples were put to death by beheading because they would not worship the idols.

Today is also the feast day of Anatolios and Protoleon, the Martyrs converted by the martyrdom of St. George.

Saint Joseph the Hesychast

