

Feast day of Hieromartyr Hypatius



The Church today venerates the memory of the Martyr Hypatius, Bishop of Gangra.

This Saint, who was from Cilicia in southeast Asia Minor, became Bishop of Gangra, the capital of Paphlagonia, in northeast Asia Minor.

He was present at the First Ecumenical Council. Because of his confession of the Orthodox Faith, he was put to death by the Novatians, a sect which denied that sins committed after baptism could be forgiven.

Apolytikion of Hieromartyr Hypatius

First Tone

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Hypatius, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

Kontakion of Hieromartyr Hypatius

Third Tone

Celebrating blamelessly the sacred rites, O Hypatius, thou didst greatly multiply the talent that thou wast given; and when thou didst strive in contest, thou wast presented as a godly sacrifice and holy first-fruits unto Him that glorified thee with signs and wonders that tongue of man cannot tell.

