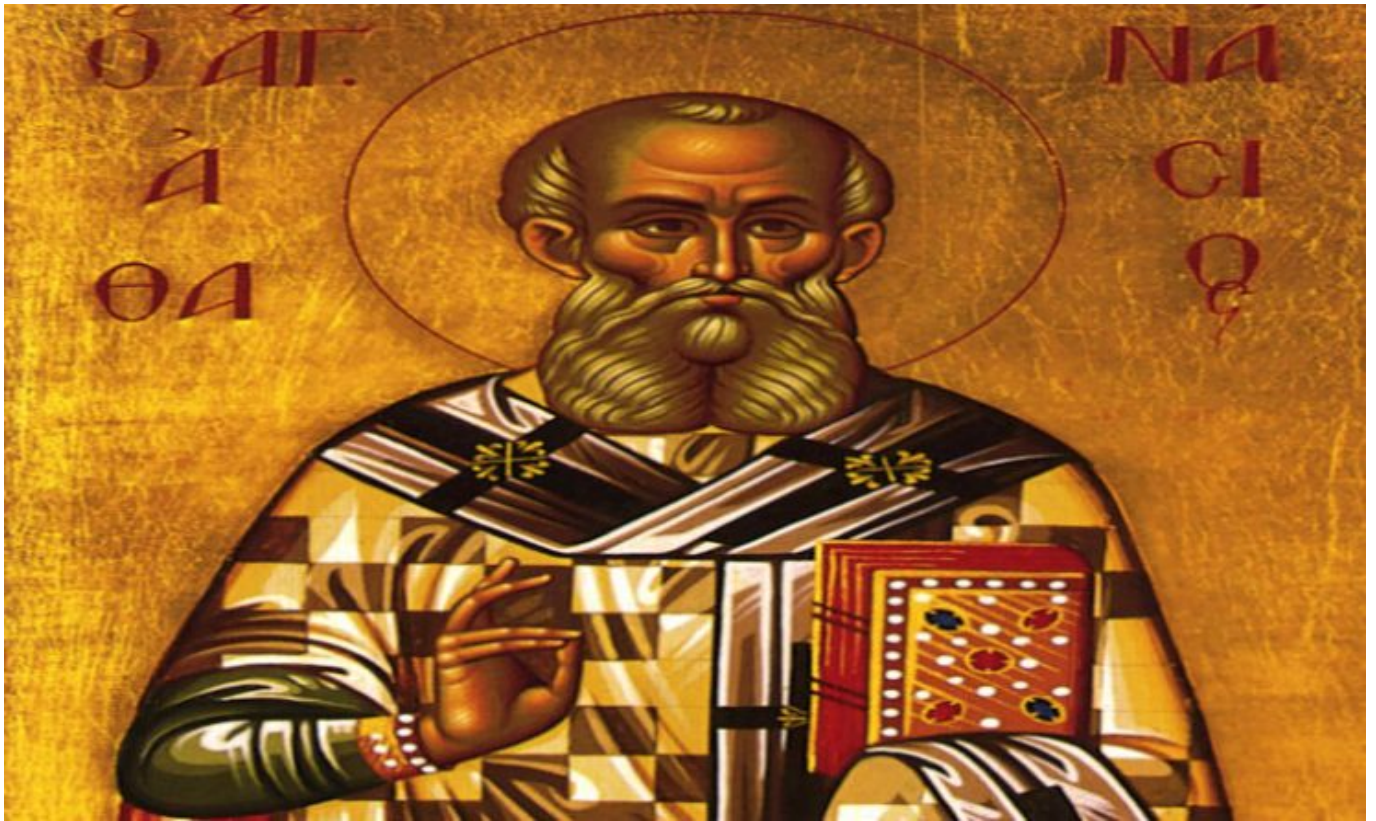


## Veneration of Sts. Hesperus and Zoe today



Today our Church venerates the martyrs Hesperus and Zoe, as well as their children Kyriakos and Theodoulos. The family lived as slaves in the household of a Roman during the reign of Hadrian in the 2nd century A.D. Rather than renounce their faith, they chose a martyr's death in a furnace.

Today, the Orthodox Church also commemorates the retrieval of the Holy Relics of St. Athanasius of Alexandria, also known as Athanasius the Great and Athanasius the Confessor