

Saint Febronia of Nisibis

The Virgin Martyr Febronia suffered during the reign of Diocletian (284-305). She was raised at a monastery in the city of Sivapolis (Assyria). The commander, Selinus gave orders to bring him all the nuns of the convent. Primus with the detachment of soldiers found no one, except the abbess Bryaena, her helper Thomais and Saint Febronia. The abbess prayed fervently that the Lord would preserve Febronia and strengthen her in the confession of Christ. They led Saint Febronia off to Selinus, who subjected her to fierce torture. The saint prayed, "My Savior, do not abandon me in this terrible hour!" They beat the martyr for a long time, tied her to a tree and set a fire under it. Finally, they beheaded the holy Martyr Febronia. Departing the place of execution, Lysimachus, one of Selinus' officers, wept. Selinus became like one deranged, then fell down and struck his head on a marble column and died. Lysimachus and Primus renounced their idol worship and accepted both Baptism and monasticism. The Life of Saint Febronia was recorded by the nun Thomais, an eyewitness.

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