

Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus

Saint Menas was sent to Alexandria to suppress the riots between the Christians and the pagans. Menas instead openly preached the Christian Faith and converted many pagans to Christ. Learning of this, Maximian sent Hermogenes to Alexandria to try Menas and purge the Christians.

Hermogenes, a pagan, was struck by the endurance of Saint Menas under torture and by his miraculous healing after the cruel torments, he also came to believe in Christ. Maximian himself then arrived in Alexandria. The emperor personally stabbed Saint Eugraphus, the secretary of Saint Menas, and then gave orders to behead the holy Martyrs Menas and Hermogenes.

The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus suffered for their faith in Christ under the emperor Maximian (305-313).

Reminder: His Eminence, **Archbishop Benjamin** will be joining us for Vigil on **Tuesday, December 12th**, and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on **Wednesday, December 13th**. Please come join us on this festive occasion.

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Readings

Epistle Ephesians 6: 10-17
Gospel Luke 17: 12-19

Tone 2 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out:// "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

Tone 8 Troparion (*Martyrs*)

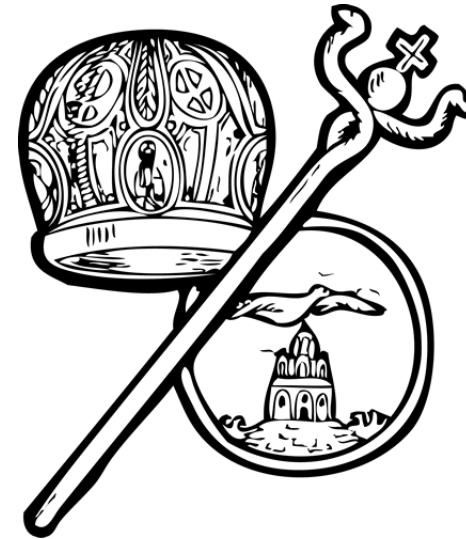
Having slain the fiery ragings and fierce movements of the passions through their ascetic labors, the Martyrs of Christ, Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus, received grace to dispel the afflictions of the infirm and to work wonders both while alive and after death. It is a truly great wonder that naked bones pour forth healing:// Glory to our only God and Creator!

Tone 2 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee,:// and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Tone 4 Kontakion (*Martyrs*)

The Lord snatched thee from the temporal army, making thee a fellow inheritor of the eternal, O Menas; together with Hermogenes and Eugraphus with whom thou didst suffer, thou art granted an incorruptible crown.



This Week at St. Herman's

Sunday, December 10th - *Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus*
Fish Wine & Oil

- 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy
- Choir rehearsal after coffee hour

Tuesday, December 12th - *St. Spyridon* *Wine & Oil*

- 10:00 AM - WOCA Meeting at St. Spyridon's in Seattle
- 7:00 PM - Hierarchical Vigil with Archbishop Benjamin

Wednesday, December 13th - *Repose of St. Herman* *Fish Wine & Oil*

- 10:00 AM - Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Abp Benjamin

Thursday, December 14th - *Martyr Thyrsus* *Wine & Oil*

- 6:00 PM - New Testament Greek Class
- 7:00 PM - Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, December 16th - *Prophet Haggai* *Fish Wine & Oil*

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