

Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop of Athens

St. Dionysius was born and educated in Athens. On hearing St. Paul preach, he became a Christian, travelling with the Apostle. During the lifetime of the Mother of God, Saint Dionysius had journeyed from Athens to Jerusalem to meet Her. He wrote to his teacher the Apostle Paul: "I witness by God, that besides the very God Himself, there is nothing else filled with such divine power and grace. No one can fully comprehend what I saw. I confess before God: when I was with John, who shone among the Apostles like the sun in the sky, when I was brought before the countenance of the Most Holy Virgin, I experienced an inexpressible sensation. Before me gleamed a sort of divine radiance which transfixed my spirit. I perceived the fragrance of indescribable aromas and was filled with such delight that my very body became faint, and my spirit could hardly endure these signs and marks of eternal majesty and heavenly power. The grace from her overwhelmed my heart and shook my very spirit. If I did not have in mind your instruction, I should have mistaken Her for the very God. It is impossible to stand before greater blessedness than this which I beheld." Saint Demetrius of Rostov says that the Hieromartyr Dionysius was beheaded in Athens, and that many miracles were worked at his grave.

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Readings

Epistle 2 Corinthians 4:6-15
Gospel Luke 6:31-36

Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, // glory to Thee.

Tone 4 Troparion (St. Dionysius)

Having learned goodness and maintaining continence in all things, thou wast arrayed with a good conscience as befits a priest. From the Chosen Vessel thou didst draw ineffable mysteries; thou didst keep the Faith, and didst finish a course equal to his. // Hieromartyr Dionysius, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Tone 6 Kontakion (Resurrection)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 8 Kontakion (St. Dionysius)

As a disciple of the Apostle caught up to the third heaven, thou didst spiritually enter the gate of heaven, O Dionysius. Thou wast enriched with understanding of ineffable mysteries and didst enlighten those who sat in the darkness of ignorance. // Therefore we cry to thee: "Rejoice, universal Father!"



This Week at St. Herman's

Sunday, October 3rd— *Rest of St. John the Theologian*

- 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, October 5th— *Martyr Charitina*

- 10:00 AM—WOCA Meeting
- 6:30 PM—Great Vespers

Wednesday, October 6th— *Holy Apostle Thomas & St. Innocent of Alaska*

Fish Wine & Oil

- 6:30 AM—Divine Liturgy
- 7:30 PM—Catechesis; Port Townsend

Thursday, October 7th— *Martyrs Sergius & Bacchus*

- 7:00 PM—Catechesis; Port Angeles

Friday, October 8th— *Venerable Pelagia*

Fast

- 6:30 PM—Great Vespers

Saturday, October 9th— *Holy Apostle James, son of Alphaeus & St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow*

- 6:30 PM—Great Vespers and Confession