

thought that which he had seen was a vision. And when he went and heard the blessed Jonas, and called him by name, and heard the manner of his translation, he was glad at heart and rejoiced, and they saluted one another, and he returned again to his dwelling. And what shall I more say! He drove out many evil spirits from men, and healed unhealable sicknesses. He caused waters to spring up in dry places, and by his prayers often brought down rain from heaven. And through his charms God wrought many other wonders, and after this he gave his precious spirit to God in peace and in a good old age.

By the intercession of Thy saint, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

November 6. Commemoration of our saintly father DEMETRIANOS, Bishop of Ketheria in Cyprus, the wonder-worker.

This man of God, who was born in the days and under the rule of the Christ-hating King Theophilus, and from his swaddling clothes, like a second Samuel, was numbered among the chosen ones of God, was a Cypriot by race, from the district of Ketheria, and a village called Syca, from a virtuous and God-fearing father, the priest of the village, and a pious and God-loving mother. His parents took counsel together to have him married, but he would not: at last they persuaded him and married him with a maiden of gentle birth, very beautiful, and of one mind and heart with the saint. And when by the grace of the Holy Spirit they were joined in wedlock, for three months they guarded their virginity unstained: then his wife went to rest in the Lord, and was translated to eternal mansions, a virgin unspotted, a blameless wife, pure in the Lord, and deemed worthy to share with the wise virgins the peace of heaven. Thereon the saint, giving himself up to the sternest austerities and self-denial, and taking on him the garb of monkhood, for his virtues and heaven-pleasing qualities, at the entreaty of the sainted bishop Eustathios, became a priest; and later, on account of his gentle, calm, meek, quiet, tender and modest bearing—I might say for his signal and imposing virtue—by God's will shone out as Bishop of the city Ketheria, leading in holiness and God-pleasing ways the flock divinely entrusted to him, according to the fitting rule of episcopal perfection.

But the Barbarians of Babylonia came to the island of Cyprus and overran it all, and reached to the saint's diocese, ravaged his flock and carried away many Christians prisoners to Babylon. But the saint was exceeding grieved to be deprived of his flock, and like another wonderful Jeremias, followed the Barbarians and their captives even to Babylon, and with toils and vigils, with nightlong prayers to God and tears that flowed as a fount, again he freed the people of the Lord, and led them back to Cyprus, blessing and glorifying God. And thus the saint after a blameless and holy life reached extreme old age, and went in peace to his Lord, performing constantly miracles.

Through his saintly intercession, O God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

July 1. Commemoration of the blessed martyr CONSTANTINE, the wonder-worker.

Even though thou strikest Constantine with the sword
His dead body shall smite the enemy of the Lord.
On the first of July Constantine was beheaded.

These saints were from different places, and altogether in number three hundred. They went to worship at the Holy City Jerusalem, and when they had adored all the Holy Places, they went to the desert of Jordan, and there abode. On a certain day they all came to the seashore, they found a ship and entered therein, and sailed and came to the famous island