Commemoration of Sts. Antoninus, Theophilus, Anicetus and Potinus

This day commemorates four saints of the Christian Church. St. Antoninus lived in Alexandria in the third century. He was arrested following his open declaration of being a Christian, and since he would not offer sacrifices to idols. He was subjected to severe torments and then thrown into a fire to be burned alive. He said to his captors prior to his death, “Remember that you have a soul given to you by God; see that you present it pure before the Lord.”

Deacon Theophilus from Libya was a successor to St. Stephen the Protomartyr. He was martyred during the reign of the idolater Emperor Maximianus, for his fearless preaching of the Christian Gospel.

Two noblemen from Nicomedia, Anicetus and his nephew Potinus, attending a ceremony of the reading of Emperor Diocletian’s persecutions which awaited Christians, boldly emerge from the crowd and loudly confess their faith before the Emperor. Following three years of imprisonment and cruel torture, they remain loyal to Christ. As a result, the blessed saints are burnt alive together with other martyrs.

When is celebrated

09.06.2008
29.06.2009
21.06.2010
11.07.2011
25.06.2012
17.06.2013
07.07.2014
22.06.2015
13.06.2016
03.07.2017
18.06.2018
08.07.2019
29.06.2020
21.06.2021

04.07.2022
26.06.2023
17.06.2024
07.07.2025
22.06.2026
14.06.2027
03.07.2028
18.06.2029
08.07.2030