



St. Antipas of Pergamon

Commemorated April 11

St Antipas was a contemporary of the holy Apostles, by whom he was made Bishop of Pergamom. He contested during the reign of Domitian, when he was cast, as it is said, into a bronze bull that had been heated exceedingly. The Apostle John writes of him in the Book of Revelation, and says (as it were from the mouth of Christ, Who says to the Angel [that is, the Bishop] of the Church of Pergamom), "I know your works, and where you live, even where Satan's seat is; and you hold fast My Name, and have not denied My Faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful Martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwells" (Rev 2:13). The faithful pray to this Saint for ailments of the teeth.

Dismissal Hymn (First Tone)

The celebrated hierarch and Pergamom's first prelate, the fellow-contestant of Martyrs and most divine myrrh-streamer, come let the faithful honour now wise Antipas, who truly is a great and swift healer of severely afflicted teeth, and cry to him with our whole soul, "Glory to Christ that has glorified you. Glory to Him that has crowned you. Glory to Him that works healing for all through you".

Kontakion (Plagal of the Fourth Tone)

To the Hierarch and renowned Great Martyr of the Lord, to the most excellent protector of all Pergamom, to him that cast our common foe down in ruin, to Antipas let us sing praises as is due, for he heals them that suffer from afflicted teeth. Let us cry with love, "Rejoice, O thrice-blessed Father".