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THE FIRST MONTH
Meskerem 20
(September 30)

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**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT,
ONE GOD. AMEN.**

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On this day died the holy father Abba Athanasius, the twenty-eighth Archbishop of the city of Alexandria. This father was the steward of the church of the city of Alexandria. When Peter the archbishop, his predecessor, died, all the bishops, and the governors (or nobles), and the elders, and the people, with one consent agreed to appoint Saint Athanasius archbishop, for the holiness of his life was proverbial, and he contended splendidly in the way of God, and the Holy Spirit dwelt in him. And they took him against his will and appointed him archbishop, and he protected the flock of our Lord Jesus Christ well and carefully against the wolves of the devil, who are wicked Satans, by means of his admonitions, and teachings and prayers. He sat as archbishop seven years, and he was well pleasing to God, and he died in peace.

And on this day also the holy virgin Malidama became a martyr.

And on this day also are commemorated the virgin Athena, and Marena, and Pila, and Abraham the monk, and Rade'e, and Sades, and Thaddeus, and Epiphanius, and the righteous man 'Armanyos (Armenius), and Simeon, the head of the bishops of Jerusalem, the martyr.

Glory be to God Who is glorified in His Saints. Amen.