THE HOLY MARTYR EMILIAN AND THE VENERABLE PAMBO (JULY 18)



Saints Valentina, Pambo and Emilian (July 18).

THE HOLY MARTYR EMILIAN

During the reign of Julian the Apostate, in the Thracian town of Dorostolon, lived a young man, Emilian, a servant of the mayor of the town. When the apostate

emperor began to destroy Christianity throughout the realm of the Roman Empire by fire and sword and, when the emperor's representative came to Dorostolon to kill the Christians, he did not find a single one. Rejoicing at this, he sponsored a great banquet for the citizens of Dorostolon and ordered sacrifices to be offered to the idols and rejoicing ensued throughout the entire town, day and night. That night, St. Emilian entered the pagan temples, markets and the streets of the town and smashed all of the idols with a sledgehammer. $(\pi\epsilon\rho\iota\sigma\sigma\acute{o}\tau\epsilon\rho\alpha...)$