



## **The Deacon Prochorus**



### **Etymology on the name Prochorus (leader of the chorus):**

Prochorus, was one of “the seven” chosen by the people and appointed by the apostles to superintend the daily distribution to the Christian poor of Jerusalem (Acts 6:5).

## The Choosing of the Seven Acts 6:1-7 (NIV)



**6** In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

**2** So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables.

**3** Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them

**4** and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.

**5** This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism.

**6** They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

**7** So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

## Prochorus Ministry and Martyrdom

Tradition state, while the biblical account provides limited information about Prochorus beyond his selection as a deacon, early Christian tradition offers additional insights, though these are not canonical.

Some traditions suggest that Prochorus later became a companion of the Apostle John and served as a bishop in Nicomedia.

Other accounts, albeit less substantiated, claim he was martyred for his faith.



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