

## **Appendix C      Summary of the Apollonius of Tyre story**

Apollonius, Prince of Tyre is a suitor at Antioch and faced with the riddle King Antiochus sets for his suitors, he finds that there is an incestuous relationship between the king and his daughter. Apollonius returns home pursued by Antiochus. He then leaves home again with ships laden with corn, gold, silver and garments, and reaches Tharsus, where he is warned that he is proscribed 'Because he wished to be what the father is'. He saves the city from famine, and his goodness and honour are proclaimed.

Apollonius leaves again for another refuge, Pentapolis, and is shipwrecked, losing everything. The princess Lucina wishes to marry him and the king approves. When married, Apollonius hears that Antiochus and his daughter have been killed by lightning and the kingdom has now fallen to Apollonius. He sets sail and his wife, now pregnant, insists on accompanying him. Lucina gives birth to a daughter in a storm and seems to be dead. She is cast into the sea with regal accoutrements and is found by a physician in Ephesus and revived. He adopts her as his daughter and she becomes a vestal in the Temple of Diana. Apollonius, meanwhile, arrives in Tharsus and leaves his daughter to be brought up there by friends. Apollonius then takes an oath that he will not cut his beard, hair or nails until his daughter is married. He sails for unknown and far-removed regions of Egypt.

When Apollonius' daughter is aged fourteen, she escapes death at the hands of her adoptive family by being seized by pirates and the pirates put her up for sale in Mytilene. Athenagora, prince of the city, bids for her but then decides to allow a bawd to outbid him so that he can take her virginity in a brothel more cheaply. In the brothel, she remains a virgin, reducing all her customers to tears by telling her story. Apollonius, meanwhile, is told of her death in Tharsus and takes ship, voyaging in anguish in the dark hold. When he arrives in Mytilene, still in the dark hold, his daughter is sent for. She approaches him, bidding him be happy; no unchaste woman comes to console him, but an innocent virgin who has preserved her virginity. He pushes her away so that she falls. She tells her story and he recognises her as his daughter. She marries Athenagora. Finally they are reunited with Lucina at the Temple of Diana in Ephesus, where she is now high priestess, and they all sail to Tyre. Apollonius becomes king at Antioch.