

September 28th, 2025

16th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 7

Ven. Chariton the Confessor, Abbot of Palestine

Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (Epistle)

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Luke 5:1-11 (Gospel)

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

Many Years!

anniversaries

- 2nd - Austin & Tori Jackson
- 6th - Victor & Terri Volosin
- 23rd - Rick & Shirley Sandbothe

birthdays

- 5th - Linda Deak
- 12th - Ken Denson
- 13th - Doreen Himelrick
- 14th - Cassandra Head
- 17th - Trevor Hendrix
- 20th - Noah Scott
- 22nd - Bill Stevens
- 24th - Dave Guy
- 29th - Michael Mikita
- 29th - Bodie Glover
- 29th - Eilidh Robinson
- October**
- 2nd - Daryl Mikita
- 3rd - Michael Hlatki

Calendar

Slavic Fest Prep Continues
Following Coffee Hour Today!

October 1st Moleben
Followed by Adult Study
— *Wednesday 6:30p*

October 4th Great Vespers
— *Saturday 6:30p*

October 5th Divine Liturgy
"Church Musician Sunday"
— *Sunday 9:30a*

Saint Chariton the Confessor

Born in Iconium, Lycaonia, Saint Chariton suffered persecution under Emperor Aurelian (270-275). Inspired by Protomartyr Thekla, he boldly confessed Christ, enduring tortures but surviving by divine Providence. Freed after Aurelian's death, he dedicated his life to God, grieving he missed martyrdom.

On pilgrimage to Jerusalem, thieves captured him, planning to kill him. In a cave, he prayed for God's will. A snake poisoned the thieves' wine, killing them. Chariton distributed their stolen gold to the poor, churches, and monasteries. He began ascetic life in the cave, building a church and founding Pharan Lavra monastery in Palestine. His fame attracted disciples, whom he guided with care, compiling a strict monastic Rule.

Seeking solitude, he withdrew to the desert but continued guiding others, founding Jericho and Souka monasteries. He converted many Jews and pagans. At life's end, he lived in a cave near Souka, leading all three monasteries. He died peacefully on September 28, 350.

Tradition credits him with compiling the Monastic Tonsure Office. Buried at Pharan, his relics remain in the church built at the robbers' cave.

Wisdom

"If a man wants God to hear his prayer quickly, then before he prays for anything else, even his own soul, when he stands and stretches out his hands towards God, he must pray with all his heart for his enemies. Through this action God will hear everything that he asks." *Abba Zeno*

"A brother at Scetis committed a fault. A council was called to which Abba Moses was invited, but he refused to go to it. Then the priest sent someone to say to him, 'Come, for everyone is waiting for you.' So he got up and went. He took a leaking jug, filled it with water and carried it with him. The others came out to meet him and said to him, 'What is this, Father?' The old man said to them, 'My sins run out behind me, and I do not see them, and today I am coming to judge the errors of another.' When they heard that they said no more to the brother but forgave him." *Abba Moses The Black*

"Reading the Scriptures is a great safeguard against sin." *Abba Epiphanius*

Troparion | Tone 7

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

Troparion | Tone 8

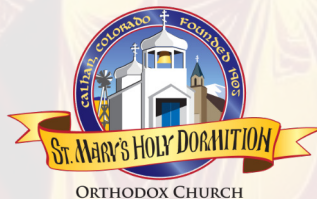
Tested by the pangs of suffering and made firm though feats of asceticism, thou didst shine with greater luster than gold in thy piety and became a pure receptacle of the Spirit, dispelling the darkness of the evil spirits, and assembling against them

Kontakion | Tone 2

Having delighted in abstinence and bridled the desires of thy flesh, O divinely wise one, thou wast shown to increase in faith, and didst flourish like the tree of life in the midst of paradise, O all-blessed and sacred Chariton.

Kontakion | Tone 2

Tested by the pangs of suffering and made firm though feats of asceticism, thou didst shine with greater luster than gold in thy piety and became a pure receptacle of the Spirit, dispelling the darkness of the evil spirits, and assembling against them multitudes of monastics, thou didst become a shepherd and a most radiant beacon for them, O blessed Chariton. Entreat Christ God, that He grant remission of sins unto those who honor thy holy memory with love.



Prayer List

living

Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Silouan, Mother Cassiana

Combs Family, Tyler, David, Victor, Kyla, Emily, Tony, Diane, Bourg Family, Betty, Muriel, Child Gerhard ✕ Meryl, Harold, Tammy, Litsa, Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Michael, Jill, Beverly, Infant Dominic, Joseph, Jackie Joan, Trisha, Lee, Carol, Ethan, infant AdaLynn, Nauvlet, Leilah, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, April, Madalyn, McKenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Carolyn, Millie, child Charlotte, Cathy, Michael.

Those with child: Libbie

Those who are confined: Ethen, Casey, Basil, Mark, Hannah, Theodore

departed

Charles, Bob Selle

Commemorations

Chariton the Confessor, Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Near Caves, Chariton of Syanzhemsk, Herodion of Iloezersk, Baruch, Alexander, Alpheius, Zosimus, Mark the Shepherd, Nikon, Neon, Heliodoros, Wenceslaus, Cyril, Maria

Coffee Hour

A big thank you to Carrie Guy, who sponsored last week's coffee hour - Many Years! Today's Coffee Hour is provided by Linda & Colleen Hendrix. Please join us in the hall across the street for a time of fellowship and a light meal. If you would like to sign up to sponsor a coffee hour, please use the form in the parish hall to select a date and sign up.

October 5th
—Stevens Family

October 12th
—Slavic Fest!

October 19th
—Jennifer Pinnell

October 26th
—AVAILABLE