

Venerable Chariton the Confessor the Abbot of Palestine
Commemorated on September 28

Saint Chariton the Confessor suffered at Iconium during one of the persecutions against Christians under the emperor Aurelian. The grace-bearing example of the holy Protomartyr Thekla (September 24) encouraged him in his confessor's deed. She being a native of his city, whose memory he in particular deeply venerated.

St Chariton bravely denounced the pagan gods and staunchly confessed faith in the One True God, Christ the Savior. The holy Confessor underwent fierce tortures but, through the Providence of God, he remained alive. When the persecution abated, the saint was set free from prison and he dedicated all his life to the service of the Lord.

Journeying to Jerusalem on pilgrimage to the holy places, he fell into the hands of robbers. They tied him up and threw him in a cave, intending to kill him later, and they hastened away on business. The saint prayed fervently in expectation of death. He gave thanks to God and entreated him to do with him according to His will.

At this time a snake crawled into the cave and began to drink wine from a vessel setting there, poisoning it with its deadly venom. Returning to the cave, the robbers drank the poisoned wine and they all perished. St Chariton gave thanks to God and began his ascetic struggles at the place of his miraculous rescue. He distributed the plundered gold of the robbers to the poor, and in the robbers cave he built a church, around which in time there formed a monastery, the renowned Pharan Lavra in Palestine.

St Chariton compiled a strict rule for his monastery. Yearning for solitude, the monk went farther into the desert, but there also he did not reject those who sought his spiritual guidance, and he founded two more monasteries: the Jericho and the Souka, named the "Old Lavra." At the end of his life, St Chariton struggled in a cave on a hill near the Souka monastery, but he did not cease to provide guidance for all three of the monasteries he founded.

According to Tradition, St Chariton compiled the office of taking monastic vows. St Chariton the Confessor died in extreme old age and was buried, in accord with his last wishes, in the Pharan monastery in the church, built on the site of the robbers' cave.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AppleFest, Warwick, NY-Perogy Sale-
October 5, 2008. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m
Sussex Street Fair October 25 - Perogi Sale

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church - Wantage, NJ

Archpriest Samuel Kedala, Rector

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Sunday, September 28, 2008

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Tuesday 7:00 pm Annual Lecture Series St. Tikhon's Monastery
will be leaving Church at 5:15 pm
Wed...... 8:00 am Divine Liturgy- Protection of the Holy Theotokos
Protection Cathedral-59 East 2nd Street NYC
Saturday 6:00 P.M.. Vespers/Confessions-Our Church
Sunday 9:15 am Church School Begins - 9:35 AM Hours, 10 AM Divine Liturgy
Applefest-Warwick, NY-Perogie Sale

Today's commemorated feasts and saints... 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (1st of Luke)—Tone 6. Ven. Chariton the Confessor, Abbot of Palestine (ca. 350). Synaxis of the Saints of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves). Ven. Kharitón of Syanzhémsk (Vologdá—1509). Ven. Herodion, Abbot, of Iloezérsk (1541). Prophet Baruch (6th c. B.C.). Martyrs Alexander, Alphius, Zosimas, Mark, Nicon, Neon, Heliodorus, and 24 others in Pisidia and Phrygia (4th c.). Martyrdom of St. Wenceslaus (Viacheslav), Prince of the Czechs (935). Schema-monk Kirill and Schema-nun Maria (parents of Ven. Sergius of Rádonezh).

2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (Epistle, 15th Sunday and St. Chariton)
Luke 5:1-11 (Gospel) Luke 6:17-23 (Gospel, St. Chariton)

BULLETIN

Please continue to pray for **His Beatitude Metropolitan HERMAN** and for our dear **Father Joseph (Chupeck)**. Both of them are recovering from surgery. Also, pray for **Anna Seniw** who is recovering from an auto accident this week.

New photos are posted on our Church web-site. WWW.holyspiritorthodox.org
There is a sign-up sheet for **Lawn mowing and Church Cleaning** downstairs. Please sign-up to help at least one time. No one has been signing up.

Thank you to **Maria Higginbotham** for cleaning the wax from the rugs in the Church, cleaning the church and hall and for weeding the garden. May **God repay**.

Spirit Of Orthodoxy Choir Aleksei V. Shipovalnikov, Director, will hold a concert at Our Lady of Mercy R.C. Church, 90 Whippany Road, Whippany, NJ 07981. The concert entitled **Sacred Music and Chant from the Eastern Tradition**. Today, Sunday, September 28, 2008, 5:00

PM. Tickets: \$12.00 Fr. Dan Staniskis, 973-887-0050 or Doreen@spiritoforthodoxy.com

Thank you to the **Satch Family** who hosted the **Coffee Social** last week. **Matushka JoAnne** will host today. Next week the coffee social will be hosted by **Melanie Stovin**. Check the Coffee Social Assignment Sheet for your assigned Sunday.

BACK FROM VACATION!! Reminder, the Divine Liturgy **BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 10:00 O'CLOCK AM**. A dangerous precedent is being set by arriving late for the Divine Liturgy. Please try to observe the Liturgical times of the services. **There is no part of the Divine Liturgy that is unimportant.**

Please continue to bring in articles of food for the **Sussex Help Center**. Thank you to all the parishioners who donated food to this worthwhile endeavor. It is good to feed the needy in our community.

PLEASE PURCHASE gift cards for shopping at ShopRite and A & P stores. They are working out wonderfully. Very convenient for shopping. No cash, no checks, just a little card. They are great, and our church benefits by your using them.

WE HAVE SHOP RITE AND A&P GIFT CARDS-STOCK UP ON GIFT CARDS FOR YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING & AS GIFTS TO OTHERS

Please place a small donation in the basket at Coffee Social to help pay for the paper products.

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Catherine Schwed, Thelma Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Matushka Evelyn Kreta, Christopher, Corinne Matthews, child Nicholai, Dan Taylor, Stephen Kachur, Pighi Mardaloescu, Archimandrite Joachim (Parr), Frank Higginbotham, Joanne Patrick, Feodora Apanasow, Alexander, the infant Logan Eugene, Jennifer, Matushka Vera Yuschak, Catherine Matthews, Jean Holowach, Frank Brincka, Despena Eptamenitis, Matushka JoAnne, Louis Vagias, Mike Flood, child Ella Jane, Archpriest Joseph Chupeck, Anna Seniw, Ana Tienken and His Beatitude Metropolitan HERMAN.

Seven Day Vigil Candles

By **the Engelsman family** for the health and salvation of their grandson **Alexander Buccieri**

By **Robert and Nancy Wingert** for the health and salvation Happy Birthday of their daughter **Melanie Stovin Oct. 1**

By **Helen Schweiser** for the health and salvation Happy Names Day of her granddaughter **(Amanda) Mary Pishtey Oct. 1**

By **Mark and Carol Benda** in Blessed Memory of **+Marge (Fischer)**

By **The Taylor Family** for the health, salvation and Happy Birthday of their wife and mother daughter **Lisa Taylor Sept. 27**

Seven day vigil candles are available for the faithful to sponsor in memory of their departed, the sick, or for the general intentions (anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, etc.). They will remain lit on the altar and table of oblation. The suggested donation is \$10.00 each and will burn for seven days. The intentions and those who offered them will be announced in the weekly bulletins. You may purchase your offering at the Parish Council office.