

17th Sunday after Pentecost

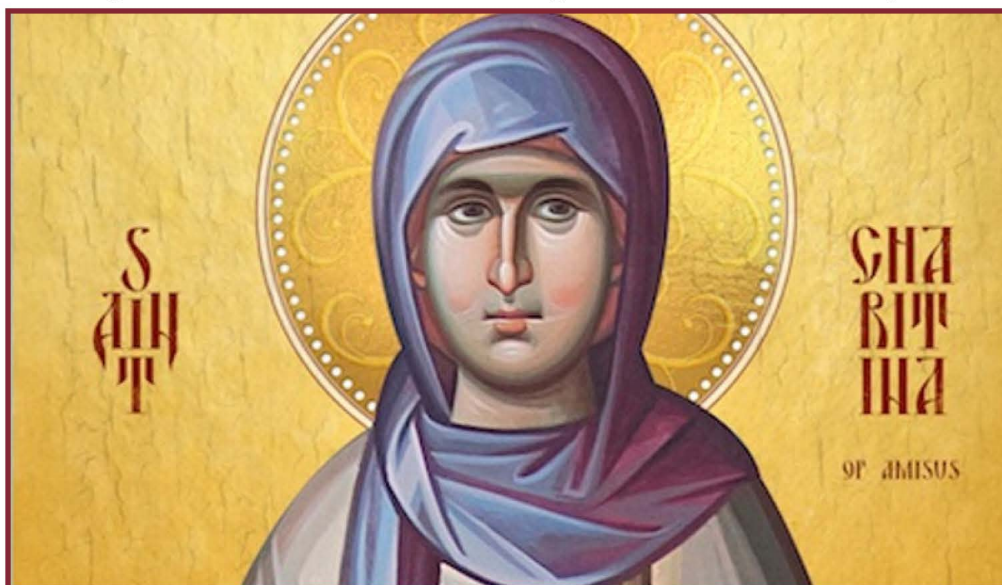
Martyr Charitina of Amisus - October 5th, 2025

Orphaned at a young age, she became the servant of a noble Roman Christian named Claudianus, or Claudius, who brought her up as his own daughter. The young girl was known for being sensible, kind, meek, humble, wise, obedient and silent. She imparted her love for Christ to others, and brought many to the path of salvation. She studied the Law of God day and night.

Because she brought many to faith, the governor heard of her and sent a letter to Claudius to send her for questioning. Claudius knew what would happen and put on sackcloth and wept. Charitina told him, "Do not grieve,

my Master, but rejoice, for I am to become an acceptable sacrifice to God." Claudius replied: "O Servant of God, remember me when you stand before the heavenly King in the ranks of the Holy Martyrs."

With all too common creativity, the Romans authorities tried to cause Charitina great suffering so that her faith would fail. But she was healed, delivered, or strengthened through each trial. Finally, she asked God to receive her spirit, and she died. Her body was put in a weighted sack and thrown to the sea, but came to shore and was buried by Claudius.



Holy Martyr
Charitina of Amisus

Venerated Saints;

Martyr Charitina of Amisus (3rd century)

Synaxis of Canonized Hierarchs of Moscow (13th-20th c.)

Venerable Damian the Healer, Jeremiah, and Matthew,
Clairvoyants of the Kiev Caves (11th c.)

Saint Charitina, Princess of Lithuania (13th century)

Hieromartyr Dionysius, Bishop of Alexandria (3rd c.)

Martyr Memelchtha of Persia (4th c.)

Saint Gregory of Chandzoe, Georgia (9th century)

Venerable Fathers and Mothers of the Klarjeti Wilderness

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Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." 17Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." 18"I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." 19Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Luke 6:31-36

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. 32But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. 35But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. 36Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

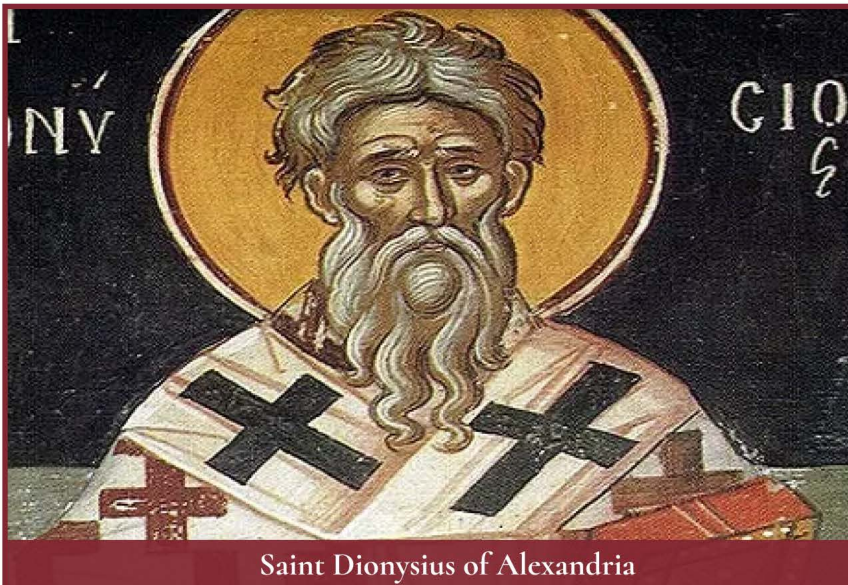
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Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Thy lamb Charitina calls out to Thee, O Jesus, in a loud voice: "I love Thee, my Bridegroom, and in seeking Thee I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in Thee, and I died so that I might live with Thee. Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love." Through her prayers save our souls, since Thou art merciful!

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Having fortified thy soul with faith and strengthened by understanding thou didst openly put the enemy to shame, O Charitina; thou didst stand before Christ wearing a robe empurpled by thy blood, All-blessed One, and now thou dost rejoice with the Angels, praying for us, O passionbearer.



Saint Dionysius of Alexandria

Regular Schedule

Saturdays: Vespers at 5pm, Confession afterward.

Sundays: Divine Liturgy at 9:30am with Hours beginning at 9:10am.

Coffee Hour follows Liturgy each Sunday.

Wednesdays: Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 8:00pm in-person and by Zoom.

The Church is open for prayer and confession Wednesdays from 9am-5pm.

Thank You

Thank you to **Team B** for Coffee Hour.

Prayer List

Nancy, Aidan W.'s mother

Stephen Gaona

Alicia

Newly departed Sammy

Ero

Jake's grandmother, Phyllis

Newly departed Diane

Aidan H.'s grandmother, Barbara

Georgina Straker

Harrison's grandmother, Lorraine

Barbara Egidi

Mary Mullally

Daniel's father, Francis

Matushka Tamara Skvir

Leo, Clive, Noah, Heily, Jake, Nory,

Gabriel, Daryle, and Matt
(catechumens)

Victims of war in Ukraine

Victims in the Middle East

Special Announcements

Catechumen Prayers for Tamar and Julie Wright: All are encouraged to take part in the catechumen prayers for Tamar and Julie this Sunday, October 5th, immediately prior to Liturgy.

Chrismation for Clive Chong: Clive will be Chrismated on Sunday, October 12th, at 9:30am. Divine Liturgy will take place at 10am.

Monthly Youth and Children's Classes: First Saturday Classes continue 3:30pm, October 4th. Parking available in the usual lot on York Street from 3:30-6pm for classes and Vespers.

Regional Announcements:

St. Vladimir's Education Day: St. Vladimir's Seminary in Yonkers will have their annual online education day on October 11th, from 10am to 4pm. Sign up for a free class at: <https://www.svots.edu/events/Ed-Day-2025>

How to connect:

Fill out this page, tear it off, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Fr. Solomon. Let us know, in the notes, if you would like us to add you to the midweek email. Fr. Solomon is available for meetings over coffee, or by phone, throughout the week; make a note if you would like to set up a meeting.

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“Certainly very many of our brethren... did not spare themselves, but kept by each other, and visited the sick without thought of their own peril, and ministered to them assiduously, and treated them for their healing in Christ, [and] died from time to time most joyfully along with them, lading themselves with pains derived from others, and drawing upon themselves their neighbours' diseases, and willingly taking over to their own persons the burden of the sufferings of those around them....

And they took the bodies of the saints on their upturned hands, and on their bosoms, and closed their eyes, and shut their mouths. And carrying them in company, and laying them out decently, they clung to them, and embraced them, and prepared them duly with washing and with attire. And then in a little while after they had the same services done for themselves, as those who survived were ever following those who departed before them. But among the heathen all was the very reverse. For they thrust aside any who began to be sick, and kept aloof even from their dearest friends, and cast the sufferers out upon the public roads half dead, and left them unburied, and treated them with utter contempt when they died, steadily avoiding any kind of communication and intercourse with death; which, however, it was not easy for them altogether to escape, in spite of the many precautions they employed...”

“Love is altogether and for ever on the alert, and casts about to do some good even to one who is unwilling to receive it.”

-Hieromartyr Dionysius of Alexandria