

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Ven. Chariton the Confessor, Abbot of Palestine - September 28, 2025

Saint Chariton the Confessor was born at Iconium in the province of Lycaonia, and suffered there during a persecution against Christians in the reign of Emperor Aurelian (270-275). The example of the holy Protomartyr Thekla (September 24), who had also been a native of his city, encouraged him to confess Christ.

Saint Chariton staunchly confessed faith in the one True God, Christ the Savior. The holy Confessor underwent fierce tortures but, by God's Providence, he survived. The persecution ended after Aurelian's death in 275.

After arriving at Jerusalem on a pilgrimage to the holy places, he fell into the hands of thieves. They tied him up and threw him in a cave, intending to kill him later. But a snake poisoned the water supply and the thieves died. Having buried the thieves and distributed their hidden treasure to those in need and to churches, Chariton continued living the monastic life in the cave they had intended to kill him in.

People came to his cave for guidance, and the monastery known as the Pharan Lavra began. St. Chariton later began the Jericho and Souka monasteries.



Venerable Confessor
Chariton, Abbot of
Palestine

Venerated Saints;

Venerable Chariton the Confessor, Abbot of Palestine (4th century)

Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Near Caves

Venerable Chariton of Syanzhensk, Vologda (16th c.)

Prophet Baruch (7th century B.C.)

Martyr Alexander, 30 others in Pisidia and Phrygia (3rd c.)

Venerable Herodion, Abbot of Iloezersk (16th c.)

Martyr Wenceslaus, Prince of the Czechs, "Good King Wenceslaus (10th century)

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Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 4:6-15

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. 8We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – 10always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. 11For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12So then death is working in us, but life in you. 13And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, 14knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. 15For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Luke 6:17-23

AHe came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear

Him and be healed of their diseases, 18as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. 19And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all. 20Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. 22Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. 23Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

Also read: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10, Luke 5:1-11



Saint Wenceslaus

Troparia

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.

By a flood of tears thou didst make the desert fertile, and thy longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles thou didst illumine the whole universe. Our holy Father Chariton, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Thou didst delight in the monastic life, divinely-wise one, and conquered the bodily passions; thou didst increase in faith, blossoming as the Tree of Life in the midst of Paradise, most blessed and holy Chariton.

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 D** 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

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Special Announcements

Baptism for Juliet Marie Orsi: On September 28th, at 9am, we will baptize Lorenzo and Beatriz's little girl. All are invited to take part in the prayers. Liturgy will begin at approximately 10am following the baptism.

Services for Protection of the Theotokos (Pokrov): Liturgy for the feast will be at 9am on Wednesday, October 1st.

Monthly Youth and Children's Classes: First Sunday 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:

The Antiochian Eastern Diocese presents a Young Adult Retreat hosted at St. Anthony's Orthodox Church in Bergenfield:

"Navigating the Modern World as Orthodox Christians"

with Father Chris Shadid

Sept. 26-28, 2025

End of Summer Lamb Roast: OYA (Orthodox Young Adults) is hosting a lamb roast at Holy Resurrection Church in Wayne on September the 28th. BYO drinks, and a side or dessert to share.

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.

Name: _____

Email: _____

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“For,’ he said, ‘before a man bears the name of the Son of God, he is dead. But when he receives the seal he puts mortality aside and again receives life. The seal, therefore, is the water. They go down into the water dead [in sin], and come out of it alive.”

-The Shepherd of Hermas

“From baptism we receive the Spirit of Christ. At that same moment in which the priests invoke the Spirit, heaven opens, and He descends and rests upon the waters, and those who are baptized are clothed in Him.”

-St. Aphrahat, Sage of Persia

Cleanse thy vessel, that thou mayest receive grace more abundantly. For though remission of sins is given equally to all, the communion of the Holy Ghost is bestowed in proportion to each man's faith. If thou hast labored little, thou receivest little; but if thou hast wrought much, the reward is great. Thou art running for thyself, see to thine own interest.

-St. Cyril of Jerusalem