

Saint Charitina the Martyr

(October 5)

Saint Charitina (Charitínē) was from Amisos in Pontus and lived during the reign of Emperor Diocletian (284-305). Orphaned young, she became the servant of a noble Roman Christian, Claudianus, who raised her as his own daughter. She was beautiful, sensible, and kind, imparting her love for Christ to others and leading many to salvation. Though unbaptized, she was Christian in heart, meek, humble, obedient, and devoted to God's Law. She vowed to preserve her virginity as a true bride of Christ.



Because she converted many, Dometius, one of Diocletian's governors, summoned her. Claudius wept bitterly at the prospect of losing her, but Charitina comforted him: "Do not grieve, my Master, but rejoice, for I am to become an acceptable sacrifice to God, for my sins and for yours." Claudius replied: "Servant of God, remember me when you stand before the heavenly King among the Martyrs."

At her trial the judge asked, "Is it true you are a Christian, deceiving others into your impious faith?" Charitina answered: "I am a Christian, but I do not delude others. I lead them from deception to truth, to my Christ."

They cut her hair, but it miraculously grew back longer. Burning coals were placed on her head, vinegar poured over her wounds, and her body pierced with flaming sticks. Finally, she was tied to a stone and thrown into the sea, but God delivered her unharmed, and she cried: "This is my Baptism."

Enraged, the judge ordered her bound to a wheel over burning coals, but an Angel stopped it. He then commanded her nails and teeth be torn out. At last, he sent corrupt men to defile her. Praying to be spared dishonor, Charitina surrendered her soul to God.

Her body, cast into the sea, was miraculously recovered. Claudius buried her with reverence. Relics of Saint Charitina are preserved in Kykkos Monastery, Cyprus, and Jerusalem of Boeotia.

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October 5, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY
OF LUKE

COMMEMORATIONS:

CHARITINA THE MARTYR, METHODIA THE
RIGHTEOUS OF KIMOLOS, EUDOKIMOS THE
UNKNOWN OF MOUNT ATHOS, PETER,
ALEXIS, JONAH, HERMOGENES & TIKHON,
METROPOLITANS OF MOSCOW

Tone 8 - Eothinon 6
Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:36-53
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 6:31-36

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 8 - From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to Thee!

ORDINARY KONTAKION - Tone 2 - O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

TODAY: **ORTHROS & Confession, 8:15 a.m.**
Ft. Washington Mission Chapel, 9:00 a.m.
Divine LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.
Trisagion (Ayele S), 11:15 a.m.
Coffee Hour, 11:30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 p.m.

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

This Week

COFFEE HOUR: Special Olympics Benefit Coffee Hour
PROSPHORA BREAD: Kristi M. & Sissy H.
ALTAR CANDLES: Atkinson-Lily's Birthday
USHERS: Steve Kulp & Chris Howe
CLEANING TEAM: Beraki H., Val H., Mark Z., Robert S.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM: Morgan T., Mark Z., Rose N., Simon K.

Next Week (Oct. 12):

Eggers Family
 Gabriela P. & Macrina L.
 Uman-Edwin's Name Day
 John Nicholson & Mike Taggart
 Radu C., Mary T., Alex U.
 Kendra M., Matt S., Anthony V. John J.

Mark Your Calendar:

Vigil for St. Luke

October 17/18

5pm: Holy Unction
 6:30: Festal Vespers
 8:30: Festal Orthros
 10:30: Divine Liturgy
 Midnight Festal Refreshments

Parish Annual Meeting

October 26 @ 1:00 p.m.

Feast of St. Raphael

November 1

Bishop Thomas Visit

November 10-17

The Feast of St. Philip is

November 13: Hierarchical Liturgy at
 6:00 pm w/ the tonsure of Tim R. &
 Keith E. Followed by a Festal Potluck
(last non-fasting meal before Advent)

Nativity Fast Begins

November 15

Advent Retreat: Evangelism and Apologetics w/ Fr Timothy

Hojnicki
November 2

OCTOBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Bath & Shower Products

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of Syria, and all the holy land	+Doris +Michael (October Parish Diptychs)
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+Steve +Marcella
Fathers of St Catherine Monastery on Mt Sinai	+Mary +Dorothy +Milan
St Justin Academy Mission Chapel	+Maria +Alex +Gus
Tatiana	+Theodore
Bethlehem and her family	+Mary +John +Alfred
Ludmilla	+Else +Ayele
Catherine	+Laurence +Raymond
Christine	
Maria	
John	
James	
James	
Ulrik	
Steven	<u>Catechumens</u>
Paraskevi	Ryan
Anna	Kassandra
Alexandra	Jasper
Alexander	Matthew
Nectarios	Mary
Charles	Martin
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, Michael, Xenia, & all Missionaries	Meghan-Photini
Dn Nathan, Jacob, John, Irenaeus, Theophanes, Samuel, Darius & all seminarians and their families	John Steven Robert Liaa Asher Sarah Andrew Carolyn Martin & Gabriella
Those searching for houses, spouses, & jobs	James
Courting, Engaged, & Newly-Crowned Couples	Anthony
Families struggling to conceive	Slavek
Expectant and new mothers and their babies	Nevada
Those in mourning	Josiah, Casie & Ray
The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity	John Michael Daniel Christopher and Naila Adaella

This Week:

Mon, Oct 6:

Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m.
 Daily Vespers, 6:30 p.m.

Tues, Oct 7:

Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m.
 Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1:00 p.m.
 Daily Vespers, 6:30 p.m.

Wed, Oct 8:

Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m.
 Little Compline, 6:30 p.m.
 FOCUS Norristown, 7:00 p.m.
Patristic Discussion, 7:15 p.m.

Thurs, Oct 9:

Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m.
 Ask Abouna, 5:30 p.m.
 Daily Vespers, 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Bible Study w/ Fr. Noah, 7:15 p.m.
 FOCUS: Aviator Park, 8:00 p.m.

Fri, Oct 10:

Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m.
 Confessions, 6:00 p.m.
 Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.

Sat, Oct 11:

Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m.
Mental Health Talk, 10:00 a.m.
 Catechism Class, 4:30 p.m.
Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.
 Confessions, 7:00 p.m.

Sun, Oct 12:

Orthros & Confessions, 8:15 a.m.
Ft. Washington Mission Chapel, 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
 Coffee Hour & Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.
 Eggers 50th Anniversary Blessing, 12:15 pm

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 9/27: 98 Liturgy 9/28: 277
OFFERINGS 9/28: Candles, \$383. Collections, \$741.33. Book Shelf Ministry, \$116. Choir, \$60. SJA, \$500. Crafty Kids, \$125. Camping, \$1,000. Capital Improvement, \$500. Kitchen Fund, \$2,000. Missions, \$500. Needy Fund, \$500. Building Fund, \$10,000. Stewardship, \$5,632.08. Total received: \$19,665.19.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!