

Pray for Your Enemies

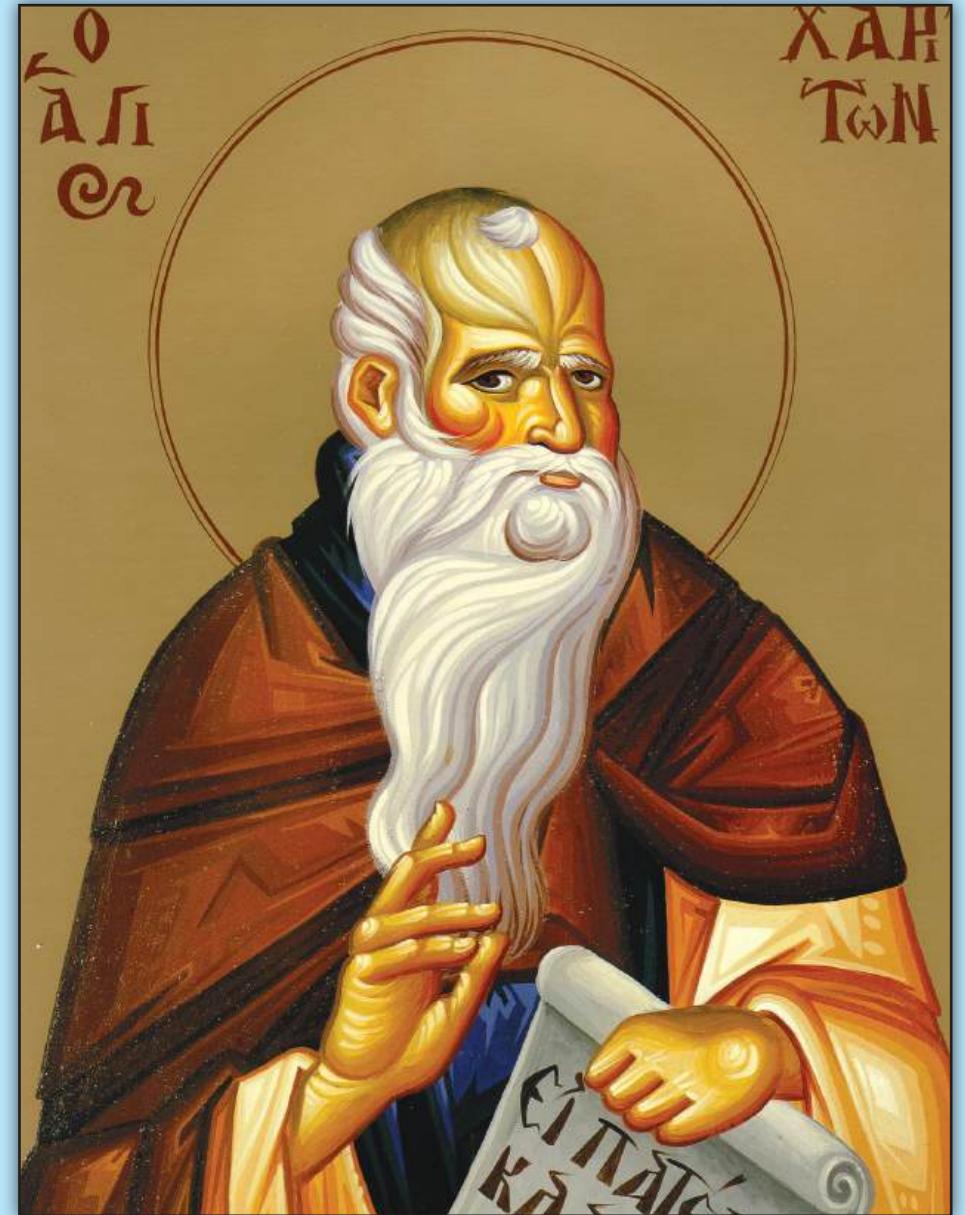
God's goodness is shown to His enemies by His works. You should at least show your goodness towards them by your words: Pray for your enemies and in this way, at least, you will be like your Father in heaven who "is good to the ungrateful and the wicked" (Luke 6:35). How many times we have preached about this! And we will not stop preaching, no matter how annoyed you get. For we will never cease discoursing on these things until your conduct is agreeable to them.

Imitate God! If He wills that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, there is reason why one should pray for all. If He wills all to be saved, you should want it too. And if you want it, then pray for it; for wishes lead always to prayers. Observe how from ev-

ery quarter He urges this upon the soul, to pray for the heathen, showing how great advantages come from this. . . . And what is more, it is pleasing to God to do this, for in doing it we become Godlike since we will the very same things that God wills. This is enough to shame a dumb beast! Fear not therefore to pray for the unbelievers, for God Himself wills it. But fear only to pray against anyone; for this God forbids. And if you pray for the heathen, you ought, of course, to pray for the heretics also. For we are to pray for all people, and not to persecute. For we are of one human nature with all, and God commands and accepts good will and affection towards all.

St. John Chrysostom

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton -- September 28th



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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever! Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава навіки!

Reader Great Vespers: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 5:00pm
Divine Liturgy in English, Sundays 10:30am
Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession): Sundays, 9:45am
 The church is open for prayer M-F, 9-5, unless otherwise announced.

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 – 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 7);
 OUR VENERABLE FATHER AND CONFESSOR CHARITON; THE HOLY MARTYR
 LUDMILA AND VIACHESLAV, CZECH PRINCE; SYNAXIS OF THE VENERABLE FATHERS OF
 THE MONASTERY OF THE CAVES IN KYIV WHO REPOSE IN THE NEARER CAVES**

GIVING REPORT - The in-pew collection for September 21 was \$1,741.20.

We invite you to continue supporting the ministry of our parish as the baskets are passed on Sundays, or find us on tithe.ly, our e-giving platform. Thank you for your generosity, dedication, and support!

WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGY - Join us on Wednesday, October 1, 6:00pm, for the Divine Liturgy of the Great Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God. Confession is available at 5:30pm.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB will next meet on Thurs, October 2, 8:00pm, at 403 McCoys Ford Rd to pray and discuss the next section of *Always Believe in Love: Selected Writings of Elizabeth of the Trinity*. Newcomers welcome! Contact Kate Nelson: kateclairenelson@gmail.com.

READER GREAT VESPERS will be served on Saturday, October 11, 5:00pm. We celebrate Vespers on the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Contact Subdeacon David for more information: dmwallace@gmail.com.

Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha Catechism: Veneration of the Most Holy Mother of God in the Kyivan Tradition



314 Devotion to the Mother of God has deep roots in the Kyivan tradition. Grand Prince Yaroslav the Wise consecrated Rus-Ukraine to the Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God. Many churches were built and many icons written in her honour. The most famous icons of the Kyivan princely period, written in the Byzantine tradition, are the following: the Vyshhorod Icon (today known as the Vladimir Icon), and the Belz Icon (known today as the Częstochowa Icon). From this tradition, the unique form of Ukrainian iconography developed. The facial characteristics of the Mother of God on Ukrainian icons are kind and gentle; her gaze is warm and heartfelt.

315 Devotion to the Mother of God spread widely, especially after the miraculous lifting of the Turkish siege of the monastery in Pochaiv. This miracle was attributed to the icon of the Mother of God, today preserved in the church of the Pochaiv monastery. Additional sites of pilgrimage to miraculous Marian icons are: Zarvanytsya, Univ, Hoshiv, Stradch, Zhyrovytsi, Yaroslav, Kholm, Mariapoch, and many others. Particular reliance upon the protection and assistance of the Mother of God has become a devotional tradition among the Ukrainian people.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Nancy & Jon Anderson, Julie, Lisa Behnke, Alison Bernhoft, Yevhenia Borys, Robert Matthew, Carrie Chuff, Elizabeth Deegan, Clara Anne Duda, Fr Michael Duesterhaus, Robert Dulaine, Pat Fagan, Danylo (Neyko) Fedoryka, Emma Flournoy, Katie Flynn, Patricia Fogarty, Lilian Garland, Jerry Gawron, CR Gaush, Samuel Gaush, Josie Hacker, Brigid and Marlena Hess, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Sarah Kelt, Dixie Lane, Catherine Luckey, Destiny Makins, Michael Marshner & Family, Bridget McDonald, Laura McMahan, Vince McLaughlin, Thomas Pavick, Robert Rice, Chris Saboe, Betsy Sayre, Truman L Sayre, Jr, CJ & Theresa Sidrow, Amy Smith, Kitty Smith, Karena Tapsak, and Fr George Worschak. *Teresa Fedoryka is our prayer coordinator; please email bulletin prayer requests to ssjoachimandannauc@gmail.com.*

16th Sunday after Pentecost; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton

Troparion, Tone 7 (p. 353). By Your cross You destroyed death;* You opened Paradise to the thief;* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,* and charged the apostles to proclaim* that You are risen, O Christ our God,* offering great mercy to the world. **Troparion, Tone 8 (“You came down from on high...”).** With the streams of your tears you cultivated the barren desert,* with deep sighs your toils bore fruit a hundredfold.* You became a beacon, shining throughout the world by your wonders,* our venerable Father, Chariton.* Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved. (p. 353). *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.* **Kontakion, Tone 7 (p. 354).** No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity,* for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers.* Hades is bound.* The prophets exult with one voice.* The Saviour has come for those with faith, saying:* “Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!” (p. 354). *Now and for ever and ever. Amen.* **Kontakion, Tone 2.** Taking delight in self-mastery, O divinely wise one,* you bridled your fleshly desires and were shown to grow through faith.* You flowered like the tree of life in the midst of paradise,* O all-blessed and holy Chariton.

Prokeimenon, Tone 7 (p. 356). The Lord will give strength to His people,* the Lord will bless His people with peace. *verse:* Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams. **Prokeimenon, Tone 7.** The venerable ones will exult in glory* and they shall be joyful in their beds.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10. Brothers and Sisters, as we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Alleluia, Tone 7 (p. 356). *verse 1:* It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing to Your name, O Most High. *verse 2:* To announce Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth every night. *verse 3:* Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30. The Lord spoke this parable: “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Communion Verses. Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear*. Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.