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Readings:

- **2 Corinthians 6:1-10**
- **Luke 5:1-11**
- 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (St Chariton)
- Luke 6:17-23 (St Chariton)

BRETHREN, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy 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 well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

At that time, Jesus stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came forth from him and healed them all. And he lifted up his eyes on His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God. Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven."

Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM**Sunday service:****Hours – 9:40 AM****Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM****Private Confession – Half hour before any service.**

See Fr Matthew for other times.

General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month**Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month****Coffee hour – after Liturgy, downstairs in the Community Room****Church School - Sunday 9:30 AM (no classes 1st Sunday of each month)**

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy for Coffee hour.

Announcements:

- **There will be a parish council meeting today, September 28th after coffee hour.**
- **Church School** has begun for the school year. Church School meets at 9:30 am in the downstairs community room. Classes are held every Sunday except for the first Sunday of the month. If you are interested in having your child attend Church School, please see either Maribeth Romanofsky or Linda Dantinne.

Special Announcements:

- **Any Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to:** Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.

St. Maximus says: Purify your mind of anger, resentment, and shameful thoughts, and then will you be able to know the presence of Christ." It is a basic truth that if we fill our mind with dark and sinful things like anger and resentment or shameful thoughts, then there is no room for Christ. If we allow ourselves to be taken over with such darkness, we truly block the light of Christ from penetrating our souls and minds. Darkness and sinfulness (anger resentment, and shameful thoughts among other things) have no place in a Christ Centered life.

Ven. Chariton the Confessor, Abbot of Palestine:

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.

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Glory to
Jesus ChristGlory
Forever**Ven. Chariton the
Confessor**

*By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile,
and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance.
By the radiance of miracles you illumined the whole universe!
Our Father Chariton, pray to Christ God to save our souls!*

Troparion — Tone 8

Today the Church remembers:

Ven. Chariton the Confessor, Abbot of Palestine (ca. 350) • Synaxis of the Saints of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves) • Ven. Khariton of Syanzhémensk (Vologdá—1509)
• Ven. Herodion, Abbot, of Iloezérsk (1541) • Prophet Baruch (6th c. B.C.)
• Martyrs Alexander, Alphius, Zosimas, Mark, Nicon, Neon, Heliodoros, and 24 others in Pisidia and Phrygia (4th c.) • Martyrdom of St. Wenceslaus (Viachesláv), Prince of the Czechs (935) • Schema-monk Kirill and Schema-nun Maria (parents of Ven. Sergius of Rádonezh)

September 28, 2014**16th Sunday after Pentecost****Tone 7 of the Octoechos**