## St. Paraskeva the New from Iasi

## October 14



On Wednesday October 14, 2015 Orthodox Romanians celebrated the feast of their muchbeloved St. Paraskeva the New of Iasi, whose relics have been there, working countless miracles, since 1641. Born near Constantinople in 11th century, Paraskeve was of noble origin. Her pious parents taught her as a child the words of the Gospel which say that everyone who wants to follow the Lord Jesus must give up everything. When her parents died, she gave up the world for the "desert" while still young in years. First she dedicated her life entirely to God through prayer and fasting, and then undertook ascetic struggles in the desert of Jordan. She is especially beloved by the Orthodox

peoples of Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, and Moldavia where her holy relics are kept in the Metropolitan Cathedral Church, Iași, Romania. Many miracles are done by God through Saint Paraskeve.

## Troparion:

You chose a silent and solitary life;
You followed Christ your Bridegroom.
You took his easy yoke in your youth,
Arming yourself with the sign of the Cross.
You contended against spiritual enemies
Through fasting, tears and labors,
O glorious Paraskeva.
Now you stand before Christ with the Wise Virgins:
Intercede for us who honor your precious memory.



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