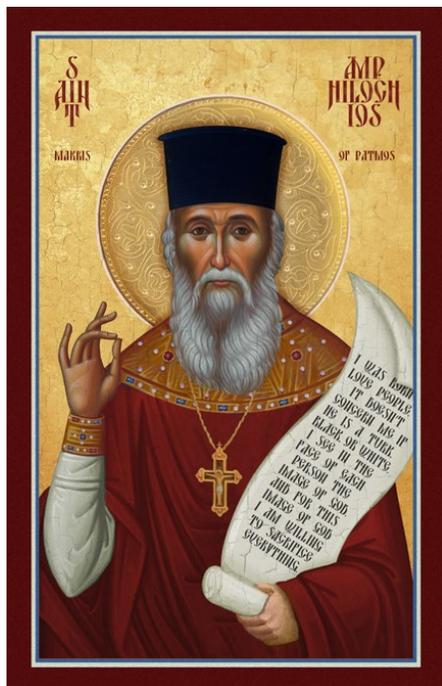


St. Amphilochios of Patmos

April 16



Elder Amphilochios was a priestmonk who lived on the island of Patmos.

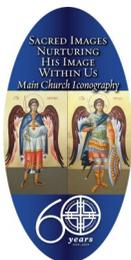
The future elder was born on December 13, 1889 into a large family of simple, country folk. Even as an infant, he was devout, observing the fasting rules from a young age. Having preserved himself from worldly temptations, he decided to enter a monastery at the age of seventeen.

In 1911, the abbot of the Monastery of St. John the Theologian sent Amphilochios to Mount Athos in order to learn woodcarving. He later was tonsured to the Great Schema. Two months later, he went to Egypt and the Holy Lands.

Amphilochios asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to receive him as one of the caretakers of the Holy Sepulchre. While the Patriarch was willing to do this, the Monastery insisted that he return, where they "punished" him by sending him to the hermitage of Apollo alongside Elder Makarios. This made Amphilochios very happy as he was better able to pray.

In 1919, Fr Amphilochios was ordained to the diaconate and, soon after, to the priesthood. He was assigned to the monastery's dependency on the island of Kos, also serving as confessor throughout the Dodecanese. In 1926, he was sent to the Cave of the Apocalypse, Patmos. In 1947, Elder Amphilochios organized a small group of nuns to assist the orphans of Rhodes and the pregnant women in the area. At Easter 1968, the Elder received a forewarning of his repose and given two years to prepare himself. Elder Amphilochios reposed on April 16, 1970.

Apolytikion: Let us all praise Amphilochios, the new start of the Church of Christ, truly the ornament of the island of Patmos, the beauty of monastics and lover of piety, the lamp of prudence; he intercedes to the Lord that He may have mercy on our souls.



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