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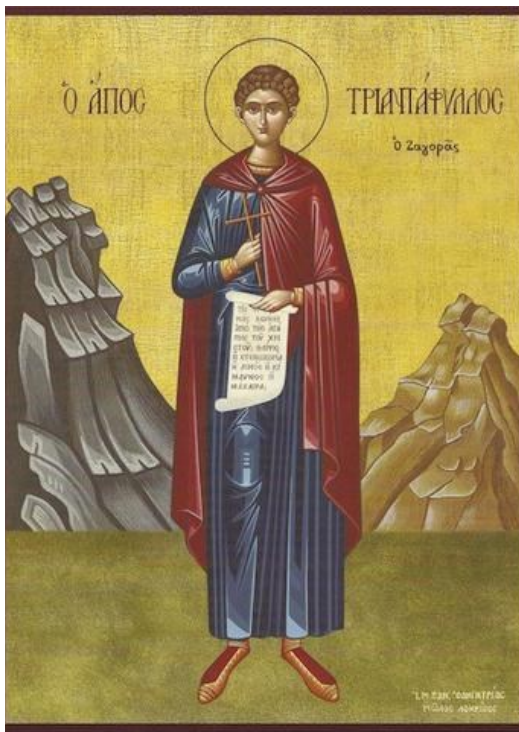
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## ***St. Triantafillos, the New Martyr***

August 8



*Apolytikion:*

*Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received the prize of the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down thy tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strength less presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.*

At the age of fifteen, working as a fisherman in Constantinople, Triantafilos was taken and arrested. In confusion, he questioned why he was being taken away for he had done nothing wrong. He was given no response, dragged to the authorities, and was pressured to renounce Christ.

Triantafilos finally figured out that this was the only reason for his arrest. He remained firm, and refused to leave his Lord Jesus Christ no matter what they did to him. He told them that they could torture him until he could no longer stand, even kill him, but that he would never renounce Jesus.

It was on August 8, in the year 1680, Muslims brought Triantafilos to his martyr's death, at the Hippodrome in Constantinople. God rewarded his sacrifice and, as a message to those who remained, his holy relics exuded a beautiful fragrance, a true sign of blessedness.