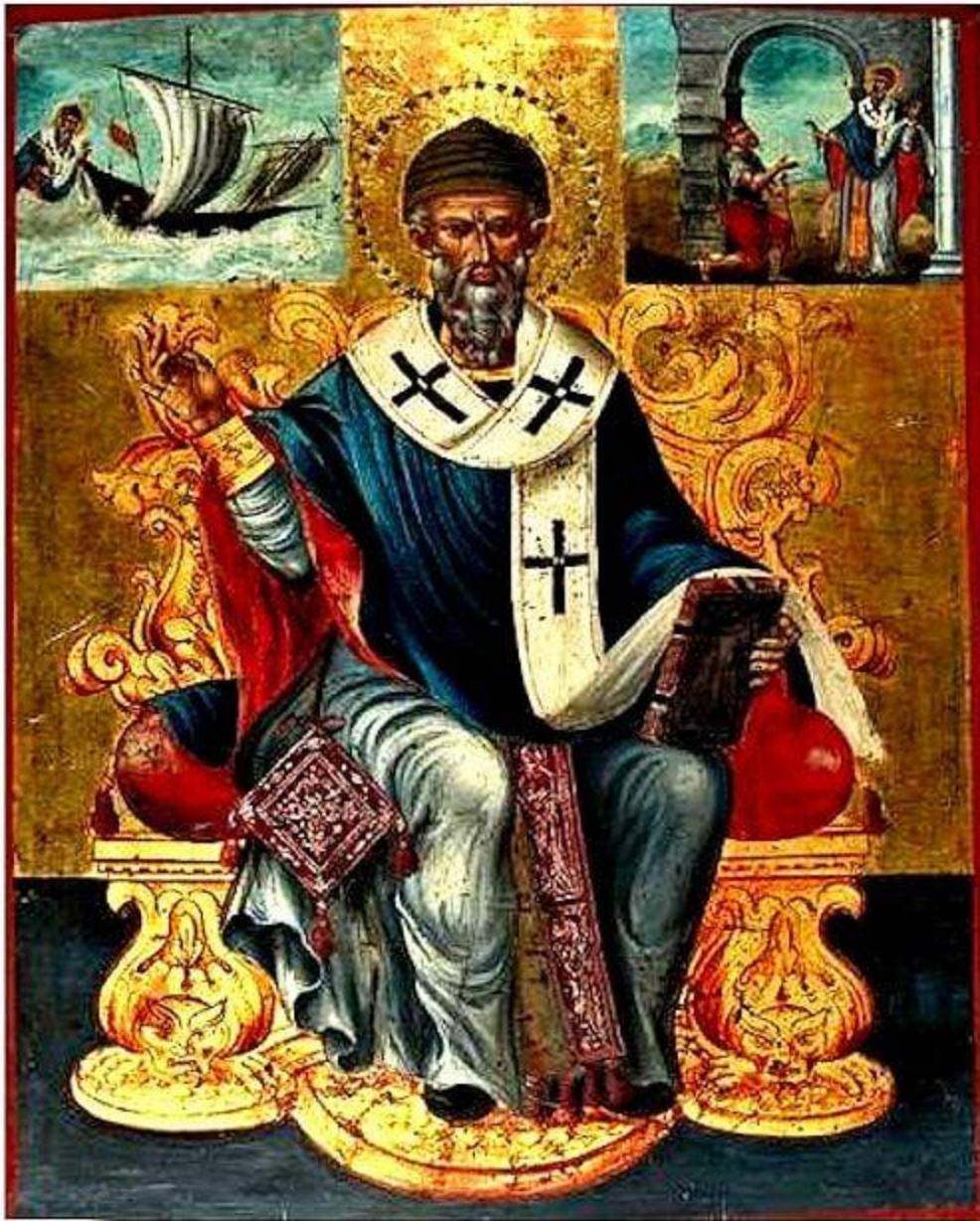


Saint Spyridon of Cyprus (270 - 348 AD)



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"Spyridon was a native of northeast Cyprus, near Salamis. He grew up tending the sheep, and in this silent and solitary work, a habit of prayer was formed. His reputation for sanctity was so great, that when it came time to elect a new Bishop, Spyridon was chosen. Even as he embraced his episcopal duties, he still spent time on the hillsides guarding the sheep.

In some sources Spyridon is identified as "Spyridon the Wonderworker." One particular miracle associated with him occurred when a band of thieves came at night to steal one of his prized rams. When the robbers tried to make off with the ram, they found themselves unable to move.

Spyridon found them in the morning and gained their liberty by his prayers. He forgave them for their crime and offered to send them off with one of his rams, "so that you may not have watched all night in vain."

When persecutions began under the emperor Galerius Maximian, Spyridon was punished by having his eye gouged out and the sinews of his leg severed. Thus debilitated, he was sent to work in the copper mines - a veritable death sentence.

Yet he survived the ordeal and returned to his flock for a time before his death. Spyridon is the patron [Saint] of Corfu [Cyprus]. Loving Father, through the intercession of Saint Spyridon, make me capable of unexpected generosity." \* AMEN.

COLOSSIANS 1:19-23

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TCzt5gJFSZO>

19 For it pleased The Father that in Him should all fulness dwell;  
20 And, having made peace through The Blood of His Cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in Heaven.  
21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled  
22 In The Body of His Flesh through [His] Death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in His sight:  
23 If ye continue in The Faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from The Hope of The Gospel, which ye have heard...

\* ["Saint Spyridon of Cyprus." The Magnificat, 9/04/2021. Saints Who Teach Us to Forgive, p 51.]