

## Church today venerates memory of Pachomius the Great



**Today is the 4th Friday after Pascha, Great and Holy Easter Sunday. The Church today venerates the memory of Pachomius the Great. The son of pagans in third century upper Egypt, he was baptized in roughly 313 — after being briefly conscripted into the Roman army.**

While St. Anthony the Great is the father of hermits, St. Pachomius is the founder of the cenobitic life in Egypt, as he founded a path of monasticism accessible to so many.

St. Pachomius reposed in the Lord before his contemporaries Anthony and Athanasius the Great, in the year 346.