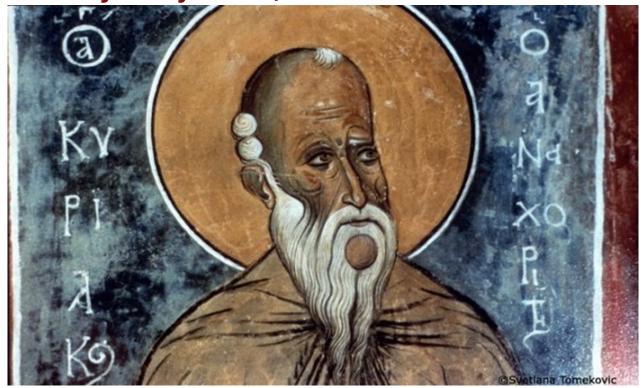
Feast day of Cyriacus, the Hermit of Palestine



The Church today venerates the memory of Cyriacus, the Hermit of Palestine. This saint was born in Corinth, in southern Greece, in the fifth century. He traveled to Palestine, to the Lavra of Euthymius the Great. However, because of his youth he was sent by St. Euthymius to St. Gerasimus — and after the repose of the former, he returned.

Cyriacus assumed a more rigorous life of asceticism in the wilderness of Natoufa. He reposed in deep old age in the mid sixth century.