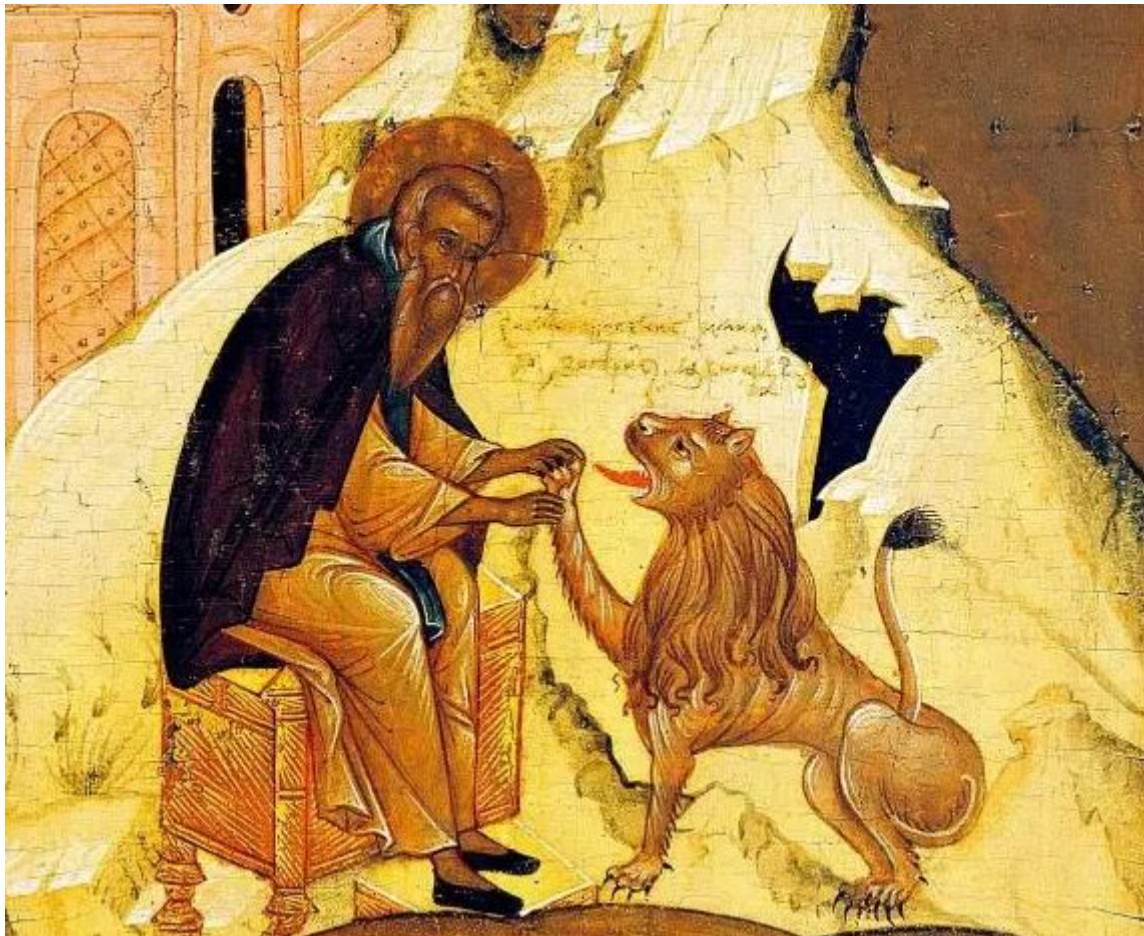


Feast day of Gerasimus the Righteous of Jordan



The Church today venerates the Gerasimus the Righteous of Jordan.

This saint hailed from Lycia in Asia Minor, living for many years as a hermit before he retreated to Palestine.

He built the Great Lavra by the Jordan River. St. Gerasimus reposed in 475.

[In a recent interview with the online platform Pemptousia](#), the Elder Archimandrite Chrysostomos, the Abbot of the Monastery of St. Gerasimus in the Holy Land, recounts the life and works of the saint.

Apolytikion of Gerasimus of the Jordan

First Tone

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Gerasimus, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

Kontakion of Gerasimus of the Jordan

Fourth Tone

As a star resplendent with the light of virtues, thou didst make the wilderness of Jordan radiantly shine with beams of sacred celestial light, O righteous Father, God-bearing Gerasimus.