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ST. PHANOURIOS THE GREAT-MARTYR
ΑΓΙΟΣ ΦΑΝΟΥΡΙΟΣ Ο ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΑΣ

AUGUST 27

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Phanourios the Great-Martyr (c. 1369)

August 27

Patronage: invoked to for help in finding things /
protector of the island of Rhodes, Greece

Venerated in:
Greek Orthodox Church

Relics:



Very little is known about St. Phanourios. Any information that we have is depicted on the scenes of his holy icon, which was discovered in 1500 among the ruins of an ancient church on Rhodes, when the Muslims ruled there. These scenes show him being questioned by an official, being beaten with stones by soldiers, stretched out on the ground while soldiers whipped him, and having his sides raked with iron hooks. He is also shown locked in prison, standing before the official again, being burned with candles, tied to a rack, thrown to wild animals, and being crushed by a large rock. The remaining scenes show him standing before idols holding burning coals in his hands, while a demon stands mourning his defeat by the saint, and finally, the saint standing in the midst of a fire with his arms raised in prayer.

From these scenes, we can conclude that he was a martyr. One tradition states that Phanourios' mother was a great sinner, and that he was unable to convert her to Christianity. After her death, he prayed more for her salvation than for his own. As he was being stoned, he prayed: "For the sake of these my sufferings, Lord, help all those who will pray to Thee for the salvation of Phanourios' sinful mother." In Egypt, where he is highly revered, many Christians pray "O Lord, save Phanourios' mother and help me, a sinner."

The faithful pray to St. Phanourios to help them recover things that have been lost, and because he answers their prayers, it is a custom to bake a "Phanouropita" (Phanourios-cake) as a thankful offering. The pita is small and round, like a cake, and should be made using either nine or eleven ingredients. The basic recipe includes flour, sugar, cinnamon and oil. This "Phanouropita" can be brought to the church at any time for a blessing.

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<http://orthodoxwiki.org/Phanourios>

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