



St Spyridon the Wonder Worker

Feast Day Dec. 12th

Our father among the saints Spyridon of Trimythous the Wonder worker (Greek: Σπυρίδων ca. 270-348) was a fourth century bishop who was present at the First Ecumenical Council. Spyridon was born in the village of Ashia, Cyprus (270 AD) and died in Trimythous, Cyprus. He was a peasant farmer and shepherd and was not educated. Spyridon was married and had a daughter, Irene. After his wife died, he and his daughter both entered into monasticism. He later became the Bishop of Trimythous (during the reign of Constantine the Great) and continued in piety for which he was greatly known.

Through simplicity and deep devotion to God, he worked miracles throughout his life and became known as a great wonder-worker, calling forth rain in the midst of drought, casting out demons with a single word, healing the sick and even raising people from the dead, in addition to having the gift of knowing something before it takes place.

During The Second Ecumenical Council, a lot of people had trouble understanding how one God in three persons could exist, it was above their imagination. While discussing the revelation of God as we understand it, St Spyridon showed an example. He picked up a brick and held it in his hand and said in the name of the Father and fire came out of the brick, in the name of Son and sand came out, and in the name of the Holy Spirit water poured out of the brick. Just as this is one brick there is one God, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. After this miracle everyone understood God's revelation that he showed us.

When he arrived back home from Nicea a woman told him that she had given his daughter, who had died while he was away, some jewelry for safekeeping. Now that his daughter was dead, no one could find where she had put them. Spyridon went to his daughter's grave, spoke to her, and was able to restore the jewelry to its owner.

During a famine Spyridon changed a snake into gold pieces so that a poor man could buy food from a greedy merchant who had cornered the supply.

One day there was only himself and the deacon and readers in church at vespers, and the responses could be heard beautifully chanted by an unseen choir. The music was so beautiful that others, passing by, heard it and saw through the windows what seemed like a large congregation. Entering the church, however, they found only St. Spyridon and his assistants.

Today he still does miracles all over the world so much so that his shoes wear out every year on his corpse and need to be replaced. All you have to do is look up miracles of St Spyridon on the internet to see how many are still being reported today.