Xenia of Saint Petersburg

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Xenia Grigoryevna Petrova (Russian: Ксения Григорьевна Петрова), also known as **Saint Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg** (Russian: Святая блаженная Ксения Петербургская, c. 1719–1730 – c. 1803) is a patron saint of St. Petersburg, who according to tradition, gave all her possessions to the poor after her husband died.

Her husband had been Colonel Andrey Fyodorovich Petrov, a chanter at the Saint Andrew Cathedral. After his death, Xenia became a "fool-for-Christ" and for 45 years wandered around the streets of St. Petersburg, usually wearing her late husband's military uniform.

Xenia's grave is in the Smolensky Cemetery of St. Petersburg. It has been marked by an ornate chapel since 1902. She was canonized by the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia on September 24, 1978 (O. S. September 11, 1978) in Synodal Cathedral of Our Lady of the Sign in New York, USA and by Russian Orthodox Church on June 6, 1988 during Local Council of the Russian Orthodox Church. Her feast day in the O.S. is January 24, which is February 6 in the New Calendar.

As a saint, she is noted for her intercessions in helping those with employment, marriage, the homeless, for fires, for missing children, and for a spouse.[1] She is venerated in several countries. There are about 40 churches and chapels built in her name.[2]
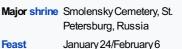
Saint		
Xenia of St. Petersburg		
Blessed, Fool for Christ		
Born		c. 1719–1730 Saint Petersburg, Russian Empire
Died		c. 1803 Saint Petersburg, Russian Empire
Venerated in		Eastern Orthodoxy
Canonized		1978 and 1988, United States and Russia by Russian Orthodox Church Abroad and the Russian Orthodox Church
Major shrine		Smolensky Cemetery, St. Petersburg, Russia
Feast		January 24/February 6

Sarcophagus of Blessed Xenia in a

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Hymns [edit]

Troparion (Tone 4)

Having renounced the vanity of the earthly world,

Thou didst take up the cross of a homeless life of wandering;

Thou didst not fear grief, privation, nor the mockery of men,

And didst know the love of Christ.

Now taking sweet delight of this love in Heaven,

O Xenia, the blessed and divinely wise,

Pray for the salvation of our souls.

Troparion (Tone 8)

In you, O mother was carefully preserved what is according to the image.

For you took up the Cross and followed Christ.

By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away,

But to care instead for the soul since it is immortal.

Therefore, O Blessed Xenia, your spirit rejoices with the Angels.

Kontakion (Tone 3)

Having been as a wandering stranger on earth,

sighing for the heavenly homeland,

thou wast known as a fool by the senseless and unbelieving,

but as most wise and holy by the faithful,

and wast crowned by God with glory and honor,

O Xenia, courageous and divinely wise.

Therefore, we cry to thee:

Rejoice, for after earthly wandering thou hast come to dwell in the Father's house.

Kontakion (Tone 7)

Having loved the poverty of Christ,

You are now being satisfied at the Immortal Banquet.

By the humility of the Cross, you received the power of God.

Having acquired the gift of miraculous help, O Blessed Xenia,

Beseech Christ God, that by repentance

We may be delivered from every evil thing.

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Xenia is a major figure in the historical fiction novel *The Mirrored World* by Debra Dean.[3]

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- Basil Fool for Christ
- Blessed John of Moscow the Fool-For-Christ
- John the Hairy
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Xenia of Tarusa

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Xenia of Tarusa (Russian: Ксения Тарусская) (c. 1246 – 1312), also known as **Kseniya Yurievna** (Russian: Ксения Юрьевна), was a Princess consort of Tver and Grand Princess consort of Vladimir from 1267 to 1271. She is counted among the saints of the Russian Orthodox Church.

Xenia of Tarusa was a daughter of Youri Mikhailovich, Prince of Tarusa, by conflicting sources she could have been a daughter of Citizen Youri of Novgorod. She married Yaroslav III (Yaroslav Yaroslavich), Prince of Tver and Grand Prince of Vladimir, the younger brother of Aleksandr Nevsky in 1265. During her marriage and the reign of her husband she was unusually influential in the affairs of the state and remained so even after Yaroslav's demise in 1271. Soon after she retired to the women's monastery in Novgorod, yet continued to play an influential role in the affairs of the principality. She died in 1312 in seclusion.

Xenia of Tarusa	
Grand Princess consort of Vladimir	
Princess consort of Tver	
Mikhail Yaroslavich and Xenia of Tver	
Born	c. 1246
Died	1312 (aged 65–66)
Spouse	Yaroslav III of Tver
Father	Youri Mikhailovich

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Xenophon of Robeika

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Xenophon of Robeika (Russian: Ксенофонт Робейский - *Xenofont Robeysky*; died June 28, 1262) was a Russian Orthodox monk, later declared a saint. A student of Barlaam of Khutyn, he later became abbot of the Khutyn Monastery. Resigning from this post, he later founded the Trinity Monastery on the Robeika River (ru), close to Novgorod; he died there in 1262.

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