

Saint Sampson the Hospitable of Constantinople (June 27)

Saint Sampson (Σαμψών) was born in Rome, the son of wealthy, but devout and virtuous parents. He received an excellent education, studying philosophy and medicine, among other subjects. From his earliest childhood, he lived an exemplary Christian life. After the death of his parents he transformed the family estate into a clinic for the sick. Word of his healing skills spread, and so many people came to him that he had to hire a staff to care for the increasing numbers of people who sought his help. When he had an adequate staff, he donated all of his wealth to the clinic, and was content to live in poverty (Luke 12:33-34).

Saint Sampson went to Constantinople, where he hoped to spend the rest of his life in asceticism. He found, however, that there was just as much need for his skill in Constantinople as there had been in Rome. He bought a modest home and began to treat the sick. God blessed Saint Sampson's work and gave him the grace of working miracles. He healed the sick not only by his medical skill, but also as one filled with the grace of God. News of Saint Sampson spread rapidly throughout the Queen of Cities.

His piety and love for his neighbor brought him to the attention of Patriarch Menas of Constantinople (August 25), who ordained him to the holy priesthood. When Emperor Justinian became ill, and his physicians were unable to provide any relief for him, Patriarch Menas suggested that he send for Sampson, who healed the Emperor. Justinian offered him gold and silver to show his gratitude, but the saint refused, saying that he had already given all his wealth away. Instead, he asked Justinian to build a hospice for travelers.

His Life was written by St. Symeon Metaphrastes. The historian Procopius, however, implies that Sampson lived before the sixth century, and that the hospice had existed before his own time (Buildings, I, 2, 14). When Sampson's hospice (xenon) was burnt and destroyed in 532, Justinian rebuilt it and endowed it with a generous annual income. It was intended for the destitute, and those who suffered from serious illnesses, as well as those who had lost their property or their health.

Saint Sampson reposed quietly, following a brief illness, in the year 530 at a ripe old age. He was buried in the church of Saint Mokios (Μόκιος), which was built by Saint Constantine the Great. Many miracles of healing took place at the tomb of Saint Sampson.

Even after his death, the Saint continued to watch over his hospice. Twice he appeared to a lazy worker, and chastised him for his negligence. Later, the hospice became a church, and a new building for the homeless was constructed beside it. A terrible fire once raged in Constantinople, but did not damage the church or the new building. Through the prayers of Saint Sampson, a heavy rain extinguished the flames.

Through the prayers of Saint Sampson, may we also find the treasure which does not fail, in Heaven.

(Adapted from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/06/27/101828-saint-sampson-the-hospitable-of-constantinople>)



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June 27, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST and
SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



Tone 8

Eothinon 1 - St. Matt 28:16-20

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Gospel: St. Matthew 10:32-33,
37-38, 19:27-30

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 8 - From the heights thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that thou mightest deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our resurrection; O Lord, glory to thee!

TROPARION FOR ALL SAINTS - Tone 4 - Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of thy martyrs throughout all the world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice, crying: Turn with thy compassion to thy people, and grant peace to thy city, and to our souls the great mercy.

TODAY: Orthros, 8:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour after Liturgy

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

<p style="text-align: center;">This Week:</p> <p>PROSPHORA BREAD: MaryLynne Black</p> <p>ALTAR CANDLES: ----</p> <p>USHERS: Steve K. & Tom A.</p> <p>ALTAR BOYS: "Archangel Michael"</p> <p>CLEANING TEAM: Justin & Kate Gohl & Olena M.</p> <p>COFFEE HOUR TEAM: Felicia; Abraham; Miriam</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Next Week (July 4):</p> <p>Kristi Moore</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Sdn. John & Rdr. Nick Muz</p> <p>"Archangel Gabriel"</p> <p>Serge, Alex & Sarah Kaminsky</p>
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SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a donation to the

St. Justin Academy

which, God willing, we will be starting as a Classical Co-op this fall. Ask Mindi, Denise Y, or Frank for more details. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

Mark Your Calendar:

Iconography Workshop
July 25-30 – 9-12 yr-olds
August 8-13 – Adults & Teens

Dormition Fast - August 1-14
Daily Paraklesis

Transfiguration
August 5-6

Vacation Church School
August 9-13

International Food Festival
September 17-18

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Newly-Crowned Jonathan & Alexandra	+Sh. Angela
Newly-Illumined Anastasios; Matthew; Sara; Barry	(June Parish Diptychs) +Nicholas
Suzanne (H) Victoria	+Maria
Presb. Anna Maria	+Marion Betty +Victoria
AP Gregory	+Anna
HM Sylvester	+Gail
P Sergius	+Sophia
Doris	
John	
James	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Daniel H	
Peter	
Anesia	
Pulcheria	
Gabriela	
Anna	
George	
Dn Thomas and family	
Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill, Elaine & all Missionaries	
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	
For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	

Catechumens

Michael,
Shaun,
Tina,
Ryan,
Laura,
Taylor,
Tim & Luke,
Kate,
Tyson,
Joseph & Alana

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$492. Collections, \$140. Youth, \$1. Bookshelf Ministry, \$23. Mission Chapel (COF), \$120. Food for Hungry, \$1. Vestments, \$400. Needy Fund, \$145. Icon Workshop, \$25. Stewardship, \$8,185. Total received: \$9,532.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

SPECIAL APPEAL for VCS

Three ways you can help as we are gearing up for another **Vacation Church School**, of growth in faith and love for God: 1) See Kate Gohl about volunteering; 2) Pray for Fr. Noah, leaders, and students; 3) Consider offering a financial gift to cover expenses.

This Week:

APOSTLES' FAST JUNE 28

Prayer – Fasting – Almsgiving

Monday, June 28: Church open
Great Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.
Festal Orthros 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 29: Sts. PETER & PAUL
Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.
Festal Potluck to follow
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.

Wed, June 30: Little Compline 6:30 p.m.
Patristic Reading, 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 1: Church open

Friday, July 2: Church open
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 3: VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 4: ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour after Liturgy.

OUTREACH COLLECTION:
Bath & Shower Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2021:
"Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit"

PLEASE PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES; OTHER AREAS MUST REMAIN FREE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS.

AMPLE PARKING is always available for Church Services in lots just across Clearview Rd, thanks to our good neighbors at Solar Atmospheres. Thank you.