

ST. SAMPSON THE HOSPITABLE OF CONSTANTINOPLE

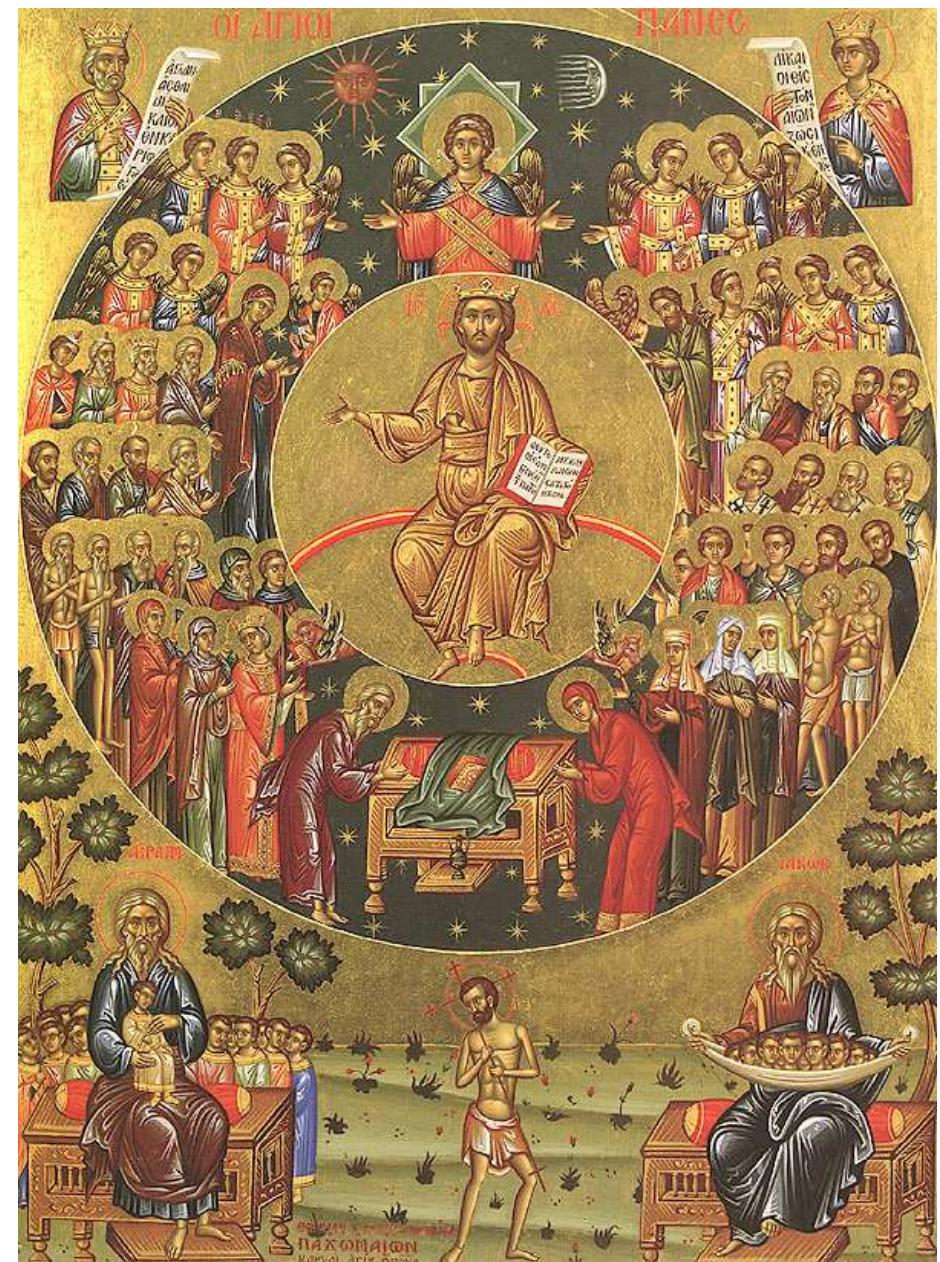
St. Sampson was born in Rome, the son of wealthy but devout and virtuous parents. He received an excellent education, studying philosophy and medicine, among other subjects. From his earliest childhood, he lived an exemplary Christian life. After the death of his parents, he transformed the family estate 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. He then donated all of his wealth to the clinic and was content to live in poverty.

St. Sampson went to Constantinople, where he hoped to spend the rest of his life in asceticism. However, there was need for his skill there, just as in Rome. He bought a modest home and began to treat the sick. God blessed his 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 St. 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, who ordained him to the holy priesthood. 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.

St. Sampson reposed quietly, following a brief illness, in the year 530 at a ripe old age. He was buried in the church of St. Mokios, which was built by St. Constantine the Great. Many miracles of healing took place at the tomb of St. 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 St. Sampson, a heavy rain extinguished the flames.



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TONE 8

JUNE 27, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

All Saints

St. Sampson the Hospitable of Constantinople;

St. Severus the Presbyter of Interocrea in Italy;

Ven. George of Mt. Athos; Ven. Martin of Turov;

St. Joanna the Myrrhbearer; Ven. Serapion of Kozheyezersk

“Let us praise the Baptist and Forerunner, with the Apostles, prophets, and martyrs; let us hymn the hierarchs and all the martyred clergy, the Christ-like and ascetic men and women, and all the just, together with the legions of angels. With hymns of praise, let us crown them as we should, seeking a share in their glory at the hands of Christ, the Savior.”

Exapostilarion, Tone II

“Patience reaped you your reward, O holy father, for you persevered in constant prayer and devotion. In your great love for the poor and afflicted, you attended to their needs of body and soul. So now we entreat you in our need, O holy father, Sampson, beg Christ, our God, to save our souls.”

Troparion, Tone VIII

TODAY'S EPISTLE: HEBREWS 11:33-12:2

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATT. 10:32-33,37-38; 19:27-30

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, June 29
Saturday, July 3

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - **Sts. Peter and Paul**
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Reading

Monday, June 28

Romans 2:28-3:18

Matthew 6:31-34; 7:9-11

Tuesday, June 29

Romans 4:4-12

Matthew 7:15-21

Wednesday, June 30
(Apostles)

II Corinthians 11:21-12:9

Matthew 16:13-19

Thursday, July 1

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 7:21-23

Friday, July 2

I Corinthians 4:9-16

Mark 3:13-19

Saturday, July 3

Romans 5:10-16

Matthew 8:23-27

Romans 5:17-6:2

Matthew 9:14-17

Romans 3:19-26

Matthew 7:1-8

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COMING EVENTS

JUNE:

27, Sunday

Beginning session at St. Vladimir's Camp

JULY:

19, Monday

9:00-noon Drop-off for Rummage Sale

22, Thursday

9:00-noon Drop-off for Rummage Sale

29-31

Rummage / Bake Sale

JUNE 28 VESPERS:

Although scheduled earlier, there will be NO Vespers tomorrow, June 28, in our church. Our parishioners are invited to attend the Vespers service at St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church, on Wallings Rd., North Royalton. The Hierarchal Great Vespers will be at 7:00 p.m. with Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh presiding. We will have Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, on Tuesday, June 29, at 9:00 a.m.

ONLINE SERVICES:

Today will be the last online service for a while. There will be no online services through July. Going forward, we'll do it on a once-a-month basis, to be determined. If anyone is interested and willing in doing the online presentations, please see Fr. Alexander.

COFFEE HOUR:

NEEDED: People to sign up for Coffee Hour for the Sundays of July 4 and July 11. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Archangel Michael Church is looking for a new choir director, someone who would like to work with a vibrant choir just coming out of COVID, with youth and children wanting to join and be mentored. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Archpriest John Memorich (440-526-5192); frjmem@ohioco.com

Salary will be commensurate with experience.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Steve and Janene Hatch.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

This summer an intern is working at St. Herman's House of Hospitality, as part of such programs sponsored by FOCUS North America. One of the intern's projects is to collect funds which will be used to make backpacks with school supplies for children in the city. We have been asked to raise \$600, which will be passed on to the intern to coordinate the backpack program. Please use the "Special Collection" basket in the rear of the church, and if donating by check, make it out to "Holy Trinity Orthodox Church."

RUMMAGE SALE / FOOD SALE:

HTOC will hold a Rummage and Food Sale Thursday, July 29, 9:00-5:00; Friday, July 30, 9:00-5:00; and Saturday, July 31, 9:00-2:00.

NO clothing, shoes, or large furniture pieces, please. Items can be brought before or after the church services on Sat. and Sun. July 17 & 18; and on Sat. and Sun. July 24 & 25. Also, you can bring things on Monday, July 19, or Thursday, July 22, from 9:00 until noon. Your items should be put on the stage in the east section of the Fellowship Hall.

A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be in the church vestibule. For a successful sale, many "hands" are needed. Please indicate your availability and interest (Sales, Set-up, Food Serving, Bakery Items to Donate, and Clean-up). All ages and talents are welcome.

PARISH DIRECTORY:

An updated Parish Directory has been published, and copies are available in the Fellowship Hall. One to a family, please. If there are any errors in the listings, please advise Janene Hatch. Call the church office at 216-524-4859; or email jmhatch8@gmail.com

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, 6/20	\$ 3511.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	450.00
BUILDING FUND	115.00
CANDLES	130.00
ORTHODOX SEMINARIES	25.00

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PENTECOST - PART II

(In Part I, Fr. Schmemann summarized the origin and Old Testament history of Pentecost. Here he focuses on the feast as the Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.)

The Book of the Acts, which recounts the history of the first Christians and the initial spread of Christianity, starts with the day of Pentecost, describing what took place fifty days after Christ's Resurrection and ten days after His Ascension into heaven. At that time Christ told the disciples "not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which He said, 'you heard from Me....'" (Acts 1:4). Here is St. Luke's account of what then took place:

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from the heavens like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave the utterance.... And all who heard were amazed and perplexed, saying one to another, "What does this mean?" (Acts 2:1-4,12-13)

To those witnesses who remained skeptical, the apostle Peter explained the meaning of the event: "This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel," he said, "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh..." (Acts 2:16). He continued to preach, telling the people about Jesus Christ, who came as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophesies and who was crucified and rose from the dead, making possible the dispensation of the Holy Spirit. The Book of Acts tells us that "people were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'What shall we do?'" To this Apostle Peter replied, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:37,38). We can well imagine the spiritual exhilaration of the people who witnessed and heard the apostles. St. Luke made note that "those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added" (Acts 2:42).

And so, Christianity began. The feast of Pentecost is the fulfillment of all that Christ accomplished. The consequences of the Fall and the sins of Adam and Eve, which we all have continued in perpetuating, can now be rectified. Jesus Christ taught about the Kingdom of God, and here it is, now open, welcoming, inclusive and accessible! The Church, which is the earthly revelation of that Kingdom, comes into being on Pentecost and extends “to the ends of the world.” Christ promised that the Spirit of God would reveal the truth, and this has come to pass. The world, history, life, time, are all illumined with the final, transcendent light – all are filled with ultimate meaning. The last and great day of the Lord has begun!

From the writings of Fr. Alexander Schmemann

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JULY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
4 2nd Sunday after Pentecost All Saints of America	5	6	7	8	9	10 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
11 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	12	13	14	15	16	17 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
18 4th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils	19 9:00—noon Drop-off for Rummage Sale	20	21	22 9:00-noon Drop-off for Rummage Sale	23	24 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
25 5th Sunday after Pentecost Dormition of the Righteous Anna	26	27	28	29 9:00—5:00 Rummage / Bake Sale	30 9:00—5:00 Rummage / Bake Sale	31 9:00—2:00 Rummage / Bake Sale 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions