
St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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Sunday June 23, 2019 1st SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST – Tone 8. All Saints. Martyr
Agrippina of Rome (253-260). Righteous Artemii of
Verkol'sk (1545). Translation of the Relics of St.
Herman, Archbishop of Kazan' (1567). Martyrs
Eustochius, Gaius, Probus, Lollius, and Urban, of
Ancyra (4th c.). Synaxis of the Saints of Vladimir.
The Meeting of the VLADIMIR Icon of the Most-
holy Theotokos

This Week Schedule

Wednesday 6/26 Little Angels 9:30 a.m.

Friday 6/28 Great Vespers Ss. Peter & Paul 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 6/29 Ss. Peter & Paul Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Great Vespers 5: 00 p.m.

Sunday 6/30 Hours 8:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by Coffee Hour

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6TH HOUR	EPISTLE
Jun-23	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	FINCK
Jun-29	SS. PETER & PAUL		
Jun-30	LEWIS	SOUDER	LEWIS

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 8 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 4 Troparion *(from the Pentecostarion)*

As with fine porphyry and royal purple,
Your Church has been adorned with Your martyr's blood shed through-
out all the world.
She cries to You, O Christ God:
“Send down Your bounties on Your people,//
grant peace to Your habitation and great mercy to our souls!”

Tone 8 Kontakion *(from the Pentecostarion)*

The universe offers You the God-bearing Martyrs
as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator.
By their prayers keep Your Church, Your habitation, in abiding peace//
through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)
v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon *(Saints)*

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. (*Ps 67/68:35*)

Epistle Hebrews 11:33-12:2

who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented –

of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise,

God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v. The righteous cried and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their troubles. (Ps 33/34:18)

v. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver them out of them all. (Ps 33/34:20)

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

Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?”

So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have

followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (*Ps 32/33:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

All Saints Sunday Blessing Today is the feast of All Saints. This is the logical liturgical sequence since the coming of the Holy Spirit is fulfilled in the human race by their becoming saints, and this is the very purpose of the creation and salvation of the world. Following Liturgy, we will process outside to bless the completed dome and siding project and celebrate the continued good work at St. Michael's.

Ss. Peter and Paul Fast The spirit of Holy Pentecost leads us to another feast and fast of the church. The feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul is celebrated on June 29th. From the 4th Century on, the Church has celebrated this feast which is spiritually linked with Holy Pentecost. It stands as the witness of the Apostles immediate fruit at the descent of the Holy Spirit when it came upon them. The Feast is preceded by a fasting period called Saints Peter and Paul Fast." The fast is different from year to year since it always begins on the Monday following All Saints' Sunday (1st Sun. after Pentecost). The fast begins this year on June 24th and continues to the feast on June 29th.

Vespers for the feast will be this Friday, June 28th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 29th Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

Service to the Holy Altar Fr. Dn. James is pleased to announce that we will be receiving new altar servers. Service to the Holy Altar is a serious responsibility open to males ages 7years old and older. Those who are interested will be offered some instructional sessions prior to service and must be committed. Serious candidates should see Fr. Dn. James or Thaddeus (Scott) Lewis for more information.

Vacation Church School Help Please mark your calendars, our vacation church school will be held Thursday, August 1st through Saturday, August 3rd, 2019. We are asking for parents and volunteers to help and share in this work. Please see Fr. Barnabas if you are interested in taking the lead in organizing our 2019 VCS. Please save the date and look for more information to come.

Traveling this Summer? Try to Go to Church! Visit the "Orthodoxy in America" website to find an Orthodox Church wherever you are heading. All the canonical Orthodox jurisdictions (OCA, Greek, Antiochian, Serbian, etc.) are listed together on this one helpful site: www.orthodoxyinamerica.org - Check it out! Also, contact the priest ahead of time to inform him that you would like to come for Holy Communion at the Liturgy. May God bless your travels and come back safe and sound! * *If you do travel, please do not take a vacation from your financial support of our parish! The Church is here working even when you are not.* **Thank you for your mindfulness and continued support!* *

Church Library Summer Reading: Now that the nice weather is upon us, recharge your spiritual life by checking out one of the books at the library table, in the Church hall. There's something to inspire everyone: Saint's lives, books on the spiritual life, books on prayer, and books for the kiddos. Check it out today.

Thank You! Special thanks & gratitude to Luke & Anna Wales for donating hundreds of books and 3 large bookcases for our library expansion as well as giving away another hundred books for Good Samaritan and prison libraries.

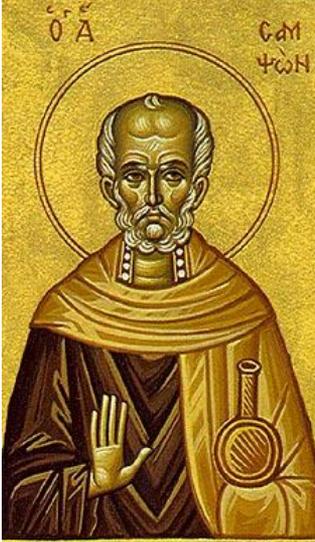
Giving It All Up When You Have It All

The Church celebrates the memory All the saints today. One of these is a man who, from birth, truly "had it all." He is Saint Sampson the Hospitable. In some accounts he is also given the title of Physician. He was born in Rome in the 5th century to a wealthy, prominent family. The study of medicine particularly interested him, and his privileged position enabled him to pursue it fully, while also receiving an excellent and well-rounded education.

Sampson belongs to a group of saints known as "Unmercenaries." These saints cared for those who needed medicine or healing without asking for payment. When Sampson completed his medical studies, he willingly

served as a physician to anyone who needed him. Along with medicine and physical care, he gave comfort and spiritual guidance, urging everyone he met to trust and serve Jesus Christ.

His loving care wasn't limited to those who were considered, in the stratified Roman society, to be his equals. When his parents died he freed all the slaves he had inherited as part of a vast fortune. His inherited money went to help the poor, and he made plans to live simply in the wilderness.



But he came to understand that he could serve God better living among people, so he moved to Constantinople. He took a small house and offered its shelter to homeless people, while continuing to serve as a physician and caring friend.

The Patriarch of Constantinople heard about Sampson's work, and called him to priestly ordination. More people got to know who he was after he was ordained, but his quiet ministry of healing didn't change at all.

When Emperor Justinian became gravely ill and his doctors could find no cure, Sampson was sent for. His fervent prayer healed the emperor, who was so relieved and grateful that he wanted to bestow lavish gifts on the man who had cured him.

But Sampson had already had the kinds of things the emperor wanted to give him. He respectfully reminded the monarch of this, and said, "I left those things behind for the sake of Christ, so that I might find heavenly and eternal wealth." Perhaps only a person who has given up great riches is able to understand so well how little they mean in comparison to God's gifts.

Sampson did receive a reward from the emperor. He requested that Justinian build a hospital to serve the people of Constantinople. His request was fulfilled, and the hospital became the largest free clinic in the empire.

One commentator remarked on the uniquely Christian character of the hospital: "It should be noted that such institutions were unknown to the pagans. They built grandiose edifices, temples to their gods, palaces, theaters, circuses whose ruins amaze us even today by their enormous size. They spent huge amounts on luxury and pleasure, but nowhere do we see that they tried to ease the lot of the sick and the suffering." (From "Selected Lives of Saints", compiled by A.N. Bakhmeteva, Moscow 1872.)

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Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"Self-reform and peace are not achieved through the patience which others show us, but through our own long-suffering towards our neighbor. When we try to escape the struggle for long-suffering by retreating into solitude,

those unhealed passions we take there with us are merely hidden, not erased; for unless our passions are first purged, solitude and withdrawal from the world not only foster them but also keep them concealed, no longer allowing us to perceive what passion it is that enslaves us. On the contrary, they impose on us an illusion of virtue and persuade us to believe that we have achieved long-suffering and humility, because there is no one present to provoke and test us.

But as soon as something happens which does arouse and challenge us, our hidden and previously unnoticed passions immediately break out like uncontrolled horses that have long been kept unexercised and idle, dragging

their driver all the more violently and wildly to destruction. Our passions grow fiercer when left idle through lack of contact with other people. Even that shadow of patience and long-suffering which we thought we possessed while we mixed with our brethren is lost in our isolation through not being exercised. Poisonous creatures that live quietly in their lairs in the desert display their fury only when they detect someone approaching; and likewise passion-filled men, who live quietly not because of their virtuous disposition but because of their solitude, spit forth their venom whenever someone approaches and provokes them. This is why those seeking perfect gentleness must make every effort to avoid anger not only towards men, but also towards animals and even inanimate objects."

- St. John Cassian, 360-435 AD, *On the Eight Vices: On Anger*, [VI]85, *The Philokalia*

Prayers for the Departed: Peter Melnik, Michael Sinovich, Marie Karawulan, Virginia Sekerak Marie Holowatch,, David Rex

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Archbishop Nikon, Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Lubov Baldychev, Stephanie Hojnicky, Laura Cristina Najemy, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Ruth Kendall

Date	Coffee Hour	Service Duty	Church Cleaner	Library
23-Jun	Bacuta/Fravel	Bunitsky/Morjan	Baldychev/Sylvest	Maloney
30-Jun	Shatley/Hines	Riley/Riley	Suplizi	Gundersen
7-Jul	Elia/Gunderson/Farrell	Sulpizi/Finck	Riley	Farrell
14-Jul	Peck/Sulpizi/Skomorucha	Hojnicky/Souder	Hines	Skomorucha
21-Jul	Whalen/Clause/Gabriel	Telep/Baldychev	Bunitsky/Finck	Maloney
28-Jul	Pacienza/George/Grishin	Bunitsky/Morjan	Farrell	Gundersen

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Ss. Peter & Paul Fast June 24th-29th

Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul
Great Vespers June 28th 7 p.m.
Divine Liturgy June 29th 9 a.m.

VCS August 1st- 3rd

Dormition Fast Aug. 1st-15th

Transfiguration Aug. 6th