

# Saintly Notes

## St. Sampson, Host of Strangers (June 27)

**S**ampson was born of wealthy and eminent parents in old Rome where he studied all the secular sciences of that time and dedicated himself particularly to the science of medicine. Sampson was compassionate and an unmercenary and administered cures to the sick, both body and soul, counseling everyone to fulfill the requirements of the Christian Faith.

Afterward he moved to Constantinople where he lived in a small house from which he dispensed alms, comfort, counsel, hope and medicine to all just as the sun disperses its rays of light and, in general, gave help to the helpless, both spiritually and physically. The patriarch heard of the great virtues of this man and ordained him a priest.

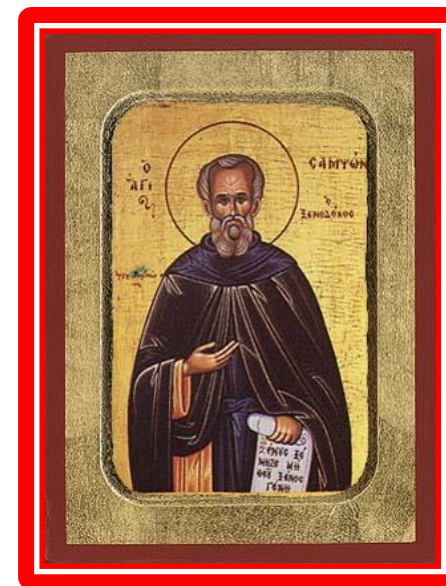
At that time, Emperor Justinian the Great became ill and his illness, according to the conviction of all physicians, was incurable. The emperor prayed to God with great fervency and God revealed in a dream to him that Sampson would heal him. And indeed, when the emperor learned of Sampson, he invited him to his court and just as the elder placed his hand on the ailing place, the emperor recovered. When the emperor offered him enormous wealth for this, Sampson thanked him and did not want to accept anything saying to him: "O Emperor, even I had gold and silver and other goods, but I left all for the sake of Christ in order to gain eternal heavenly goods." But when the emperor insisted on doing something for him, holy Sampson implored the emperor to build him a home [hospice] for the poor. In this home Sampson served the poor as a parent serves his children. Mercy toward the poor and the helpless was natural to him.

Finally, this saintly man, completely filled with heavenly power and goodness, reposed peacefully on June 27, 530 A.D. and was interred in the church of his relative, the holy martyr Mocius. After his death, Sampson appeared many times to those who called upon him for assistance.

*(The Prologue from Ochrid)*

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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## The Saints Whom We Remember

Righteous Sampson the host of strangers; Mary and Joanna the myrrh-bearers

## This Week's Schedule

**Today:** 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy  
**Monday:** Church Office Closed; 6:30p Eve. Div. Liturgy for Sts. Peter and Paul  
**Wednesday:** 9:15a 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour Prayers; 6:30p Daily Vespers  
**Saturday:** 1:30p Baptism; 5:30p Great Vespers  
**Sunday:** 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

## First Antiphon

*Refrain:* Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

## Second Antiphon

*Refrain:* Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

## Third Antiphon

**Troparion of the Resurrection  
(Tone 4)**

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying, Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

## Little Entrance

- † **Entrance Hymn:** "Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ . . . Alleluia."  
† **Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4):** See above.  
† **Troparion for All Saints (Tone 4):** As with fine porphyry and royal purple Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyr's blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.  
† **Kontakion for Ordinary Sundays (Tone 2):** O Protection of Christians that is not put to shame, unchanging Mediation before the Creator, despise not the voice of the sinners' prayer, but in that thou art good, come quickly to help us

who call upon thee in faith. Make speed to intercede and make haste to supplicate, O Theotokos, who dost ever protect those that honor thee.

## The Trisagion

"Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy . . ."

## Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Rom. 12:6-14  
Gospel: Matt. 9:1-8

## Alegalynarion

(Tone 8)

It is truly meet and right to bless thee. . .

## Communion Hymn

Tone 8

Praise the Lord . . . Alleluia.

## Post-Communion Hymn

We have seen the true light . . .

## Parish Notes

### Altar Servers Today

William Christopoulos, Christopher Wingenbach, Ilya Moundous, Gabriel Pope, Nicholas Kliewer.

### Special Attention

- **Building Project Update:** This past week the concrete was put down for the new breezeway and bell tower entrance. In addition, work was continued on the framing of the central dome and the laying of the tile floor was begun in the restrooms.

- **Ladies, Save These Dates:** We will have our annual summer Brunch and Bible Study sessions on these dates: July 17, August 14. We'll meet from 9-11:30 am on those dates. More details will be coming soon. *Kh. Barbara*
- **Extraordinary Special Gifts for Our New Temple.** Fr. Nicholas will soon distribute a list of items that will be needed for our new Temple and Education wing. Items such as icons, stain glass windows, bells, furniture, etc. You will have an opportunity to donate toward these items at that time. Items might be donated in memory of someone or in honor of a special occasion in your family or for any reason that you find appropriate. More details will follow.
- **New Chairs for Our New Temple.** Soon (in approximately 80 days) we will be worshipping in our new Temple. We need to purchase new chairs for the nave and to do this we are asking all of our members to participate in a project explained by the insert in your bulletin this morning. Please read it carefully and then prayerfully make a decision about your level of participation. Our goal is to have 300 new chairs in place for our first Divine Liturgy in our new temple.

## Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

### Prokeimenon:

How great are Thy works, O Lord!  
In wisdom hast Thou made them  
all.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

### †Epistle: Rom. 10:1–10 (RSV)

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that it may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says: Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into Heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and

so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

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