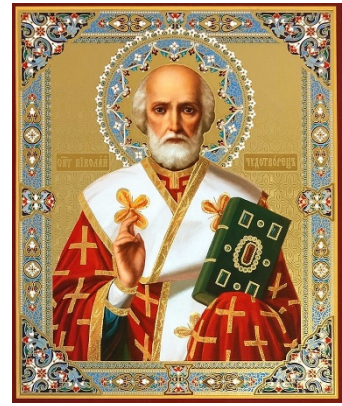


**St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville**  
**Weekly Bulletin – July 10th, 2022**

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**St. Sampson the Hospitable of Constantinople**

**Tone 3 Tropar (Resurrection)**

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

**Tone 4 Tropar (Translation of the Relics of St. Nicholas)**

The day of the joyous celebration has come; the city of Bari rejoices and with it the whole universe leaps from joy, singing the spiritual songs and psalms. For today, the holy feast, on the occasion of the transfer of the honorable and exceedingly healing relics of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, has shone forth with the radiant rays, like the sun that does not set, driving away the darkness of temptations and calamities from those who faithfully exclaim to thee: “Save us, as our protector, O great Nicholas!”

**Tone 8 Tropar (St. Sampson)**

Through your patience, your unceasing prayer, your love for the poor and the help you gave to them, you became worthy of your reward, O holy Sampson. Intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls.

**Tone 3 Kondak (Resurrection)**

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

**Tone 3 Kondak (Translation of the Relics of St. Nicholas)**

Your relics, O Saint Nicholas, came out as a star from the east to the west. The sea was sanctified by your journey, and the city of Bari, through you, has received the grace. For working for us, you have appeared as an excellent, wonderful and merciful Wonderworker.

**Tone 8 Kondak (St. Sampson)**

We honor your relics, for you are an excellent physician and powerful intercessor; as we gather to praise you with psalms and hymns, divinely-wise and Venerable Sampson, we glorify Christ, who granted you the grace of healing.

**Tone 6 Theotokion**

Steadfast protectress of Christians, constant advocat before the Creator, do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in thy goodness come speedily to help us who call upon you in faith, hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos; for you always protect those who honor you!

**Alleluia Verses**

- v. In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (*Ps. 30:1a*)
- v. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (*Ps. 30:2b*)

**Epistle - Romans 6:18-23, Gospel - Matthew 8:5-13**

## Announcements

- **Reminder** - Fr. Stefan will be at Shadeland Camp July 10th (after liturgy) to July 16th. Please call him if you need anything.
- **Sophie Vargo Birthday!** - Kumovi and friends would like to remind you that Sophie Vargo will be turning 94 years old on July 15, 2022. If you can, please send her a card (100 Harden Avenue, Duquesne, PA 15110), call her (412 466-2760), or pay a visit. She would love hearing from you.
- **Pasta Dinner** - On July 31, 2022, there will be a pasta dinner (take-out). The dinner includes: pasta with meatballs and spaghetti sauce, garden salad, bread, and dessert. Cost is \$15. Pre-orders only, call Toots (412)372-8066.
- **Save the Date: Church School Summer Camp: August 20th, 3PM-6PM** - Please join us for the St. Nicholas Church School Camp this August! More details to follow! If you are interested in volunteering for the Church Camp please contact Amy Yurko, ashimonovich@gmail.com. Please let us know if you would like to help out or if you have an idea and would like to run a station. We always appreciate fresh ideas!

### Saint of the Day - St. Sampson the Hospitable of Constantinople

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.

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 (Μώκιος), 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.

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