



St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral

5th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

Gospel: St. Matthew 8:28-9:1

St. Sampson the Hospitable of Constantinople

Apostles' Fast

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Sunday, June 27, 2010

This Week's Announcements

Monday – June 28

- Vespers Liturgy – 7 pm. Eve of Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.

Saturday – July 3

- NO Vespers

Next Sunday – July 4

- Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am. Fr. George Johnson, candidate for our new parish priest, will be serving.

Coming Events – Mark Your Calendar!

- St. Tikhon's Summer Camp – July 4-10
- Sophia Hanna/Robert Mooney Wedding – July 11
- Women's Association Meeting – July 13
- Pierogi Workshop – July 15-16
- Archdiocesan Youth Day at PNC Park – July 20
- Retirement dinner for Fr. Paul – July 25. Reservations are due by July 11.
- Church School Summer Camp – July 26-30
- Women's Association Golf Classic – July 30

Coffee Social Volunteers Needed: There's only one thing missing at Sunday's coffee hour, and that's your smiling face helping out! The duties are simple, and, if you've never done it, we can supply an experienced partner. Thanks for your help in this important part of our parish life!

Fundability Tip of the Week: We currently have a number of Walgreens cards in stock. If you shop at Walgreens for your prescriptions or other goods, now is the time to pick up some cards at the Fundability counter. And get some cards for your other favorite retailers, too!

Parish Priest Selection Process Update

Bishop Melchisedek desires our new Parish Priest to begin serving Sunday, September 5. The first step in the selection process was the survey administered last Sunday. The remaining steps in the process are hoped to develop a parish consensus of the best candidate over the course of the Summer.

1. Candidate priests will visit St. Alexander Nevsky on selected Sundays during June, July, and August. The following priests have been scheduled thus far:

- Fr. George Johnson – July 4
- Fr. Michael Senyo – July 11
- Fr. John Mikita – July 18

We will provide you with the dates of other visits as they become available. Candidates will serve Saturday Vespers, Sunday Divine Liturgy with sermon, and will be interviewed by parishioners following Divine Liturgy. Parishioners will be asked to complete an assessment form following each interview. Assessments will be reviewed by Fr. Paul Ziatyk, Fr. Paul Suda, Ray Steeb, Ed Markoff, Roy Glisan, and Frank Namisnak and submitted to Bishop Melchisedek.

2. In addition to the names above, the name of Fr. John Soucek has been submitted for consideration. Other priests may be considered as well. The name of any possible candidate should be provided to the Bishop directly, or to Fr. Paul Ziatyk. The Bishop must be the first contact for any candidate priests, so please submit any names as indicated and do not contact the possible candidate priest directly.

St. Sampson 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.