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1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 8. ALL SAINTS. ST. SAMPSON THE HOSPITABLE OF CONSTANTINOPE. ST. SEVERUS THE PRESBYTER OF INTEROCREA IN ITALY. VEN. GEORGE OF MT. ATHOS. VEN. MARTIN OF TUROV. ST. JOANNA THE MYRHBEARER. VEN. SERAPION OF KOZHEYEZERSK.

Service Schedule:

Sunday, June 27: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10).
Monday, June 28: 6 PM Great Vespers with Litya.
Tuesday, June 29: 9 AM Divine Liturgy (3rd Hour at 8:50). **Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul.**
Saturday, July 3: Barbara Sevensky to send update on services
Sunday, July 4: “

Remember in Your Prayers...

Health / General: Stella Krenitsky, Michael Jadick, Marie Buranich, Helen Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Tammy Wytovich, Fr. John Nightingale, Bernie Elko, Sandra Pritchky, Marie Pasternak, John Pritchky, Lillian Mathews, Nadia Macheska, Dr. David Lezinsky, Tom Krenitsky, Lillian Kite, Rose Krenitsky, Sandy Batton, Paula Stavisky, Margaret Pregmon & Edward (Barbara's brother).

Offerings:

Vigil Lights: In Memory of: Michael Marko by Helen Wytovich.

General Fund: In Memory of: Geraldine McCoombe by Mary Nesco.

Announcements: (Please submit any announcements no later than the Thursday before they are to be posted)

St. Michael's Orthodox Church Food Pantry: Will be open Thursday, (7/1) and Saturday, (7/17) from 11 AM – 12 Noon. The following individuals / organizations made donations to the pantry in the last couple of weeks: **Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania.**

June Celebrations: We will sing “God Grant you many years” on the first Sunday of the month.

Birthday		Patron Saint	
Pat Jones	6/8	Martha Matechak	6/4 St. Martha, sister of Lazarus
David Jadick	6/17	Rose Krenitsky	6/9 St. Rhoda
Marie Buranich	6/18	Paul Bezuhly	6/29 St. Peter
		Fr. Peter	6/29 St. Peter

Fr. Peter will be taking a vacation this Wednesday (6/30). Please call the office for any emergencies.

Please join us today, following Divine Liturgy for a Continental Breakfast in the hall classroom to wish Father Peter and Matushka Mary Lynn well on their retirement. Thank you, Emily Krenitsky.

Apostle's Fast: Starts and ends tomorrow (6/28). One of the shortest fast in many years.

To all Parishioners: As you know, our church is in transition. Many council positions have not been filled. As of this time, there will not be a weekly bulletin. Therefore special contributions will not be printed. We ask that you show patience and mercy and please ask the council how you can help. From the Parish Council.

Today's Holy Scripture Readings:

Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (Epistle)

33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

34 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.

35 Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.
36 Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.
37 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 –
38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.
39 And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise,
40 God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.
1 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,
2 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.

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

32 Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.
33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.
37 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.
38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.
27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?”
28 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.
29 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.
30 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

Saint 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.

His Life was written by St. Symeon Metaphrastes. The historian Procopius, however, implies that Sampson lived before the sixth century, and that the hospice had existed before his own time (Buildings, I, 2, 14). When Sampson's hospice (xenon) was burnt and destroyed in 532, Justinian rebuilt it and endowed it with a generous annual income. It was intended for the destitute, and those who suffered from serious illnesses, as well as those who had lost their property or their health.

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 (Μόκιος), 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.

The appointed Scriptural readings for his Feast are from Galatians 5:23-6:2 and from Luke 12:32-40. Through the prayers of Saint Sampson, may we also find the treasure which does not fail, in Heaven.