

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

**Saint Joanna the Myrrh-Bearer** Joanna was the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward: *Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward* (St. Luke 8:3). When Herod beheaded John the Baptist, he disposed of his head in an unclean place. Joanna removed the head of the Baptist and buried it honorably on the Mount of Olives, on Herod's estate. Later, during the reign of Constantine the Great, the head of John the Baptist was discovered. St. Joanna is also remembered as having been present at both the passion and the Resurrection of the Lord. She died peacefully.

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### June 27, 2021

#### Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

**Apostolic Reading:** Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2

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

**Services:** *Sunday*-8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy, *Weekdays* 8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy when scheduled.

**Saints of the Day: 1st Sunday After Pentecost, All Saints.** Sampson the host of strangers; Mary and Joanna the myrrh-bearers.

#### Order of Service

##### Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 8

From on high did You descend, O merciful Lord. For us did You endure, three days in the tomb that we may be, released from passions in this world. You who are our resurrection and our life, Glory unto You, O Lord. *Page 89*.

##### Apolytikion for All Saints Tone 4

Adorned in the blood of Your Martyrs throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Your Church, through them, does cry unto You, O Christ God: Send down Your compassions upon Your people; grant peace to Your commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls.

##### Apolytikion of the Archangels Tone 4

Supreme Commanders of the Hosts of the Heavens, we, the unworthy, implore and beseech You that by Your supplications You encircle us in the shelter of the wings of Your immaterial glory, guarding us who now fall down and cry to You with fervor: Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, as the great marshals of the heavenly hosts on high.

##### Kontakion for Tone 8

As first fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, the world presents the God-bearing martyred Saints in offering unto You, O Lord. Through their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, through the pure Theotokos, O You Who are greatly merciful.

### Communion Hymn

Rejoice in the Lord, O you just: Praise becomes the upright. Alleluia

### Divine Services

**Tues., June 29:** Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for the Apostles Peter and Paul.

**Wed., June 30:** Orthros 8am and Divine Liturgy 9am for the Synaxis of the 12 Apostles. Paraklesis to the Theotokos 5pm (*please note new time*)

**Sat July 3:** Great Vespers 5pm

### Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church

Holy Communion of the Orthodox Church is the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is *“With the fear of God, faith and love”* that we approach the Divine Mysteries. Therefore, Holy Communion is reserved only for those baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer and fasting, as prescribed by the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Church. We ask that women, before approaching to receive from the Holy Cup, in respect of our Lord, to please remove lipstick.

### Trisagion Service

This morning we remember in our prayers the departed servant of God +Socrates Vasiliades on the 11th year anniversary of his repose. *Everlasting be his memory!*

### Coffee Hour Signup

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

**June: 27:** Vasiliades Family

**July 4:** Sponsor Needed

**July 11:** Sponsor Needed

**July 18:** Maria Lafayette

**July 25:** Sponsor Needed

### Christians Around the World

Please remember to keep Christians around the world in your prayers. Many are being persecuted and even killed for their faith in Jesus Christ. Remember also the two kidnapped Orthodox bishops from Syria.

### St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in Lubbock, TX Vandalized

Last Sunday, St. Andrew Church was vandalized early in the morning prior to services. We have received word that damages are at least \$100,000. While a GoFundMe page has been established, we would like to take a collection from our community and send it to them.

### Greek Festival

We are planning to have our festival on the weekend of August 20, 21, 22, 2021, please mark the dates and kindly volunteer. *OPA!*

### Capital Campaign

**Amazon Smile:** You may support Archangel Michael GOC through Amazon Smile. Please make sure you sign in at: <https://smile.amazon.com/>

**King Soopers Rewards:** Please continue to input your King Soopers Rewards number when shopping there. We receive a percentage of the amount you spend. You must register for the program in order to activate this benefit for us.

### Stewardship 2021

Please support our parish with your time, talent and treasure. Remember to send in your stewardship card. See Ruxandra Georgescu for more information.

### Bookstore and Library

We have close to forty new books in the bookstore; there is something for everyone! Please come by and feel free to browse. If you have any questions, please see Olga Sonnenburg or email her at [osonnenburg@comcast.net](mailto:osonnenburg@comcast.net). *All that are careful for this life, procure books that will be medicine for the soul. -St. John Chrysostom*

### Greek Store

Visit our Greek Store in the church hall. We have food items for sale and specialty items can be ordered. Please see Connie Leonard for more information.

### Important Dates to Remember

**Saints Peter and Paul Fast** begins on June 28 and ends on their feast day, June 29.

### Saints of the Day

**Saint Sampson, the Hospitable One Who Received Strangers:** Sampson was born of wealthy and eminent parents in ancient Rome, where he studied all the secular sciences of that time, dedicating himself particularly to the science of medicine. Sampson was a compassionate and unmercenary physician and administered cures to the sick, both for the body and the soul, counseling everyone to fulfill the requirements of the Christian Faith. He later moved to Constantinople, where he lived in a small house, from which, as the sun disperses its rays of light, he spread forth upon the whole land alms, comfort, counsel, hope, medicine and, in general, help to the helpless, both spiritually and physically. The patriarch heard of the