

Saint Simeon the Stylite (The Elder)

Saint Simeon the Stylite was born in the Cappadocian village of Sisan of Christian parents, Sisoftian and Martha. At thirteen years of age he began to tend his father's flock of sheep. He devoted himself attentively and with love to this, his first obedience.

When Simeon was eighteen, he received monastic tonsure and devoted himself to feats of the strictest abstinence and unceasing prayer. His zeal, beyond the strength of the other monastic brethren, so alarmed the igumen that he told Simeon that to either moderate his ascetic deeds or leave the monastery.

The monk, did not long remain at the monastery. After a short while he settled into a stony cave, situated not far from the village of Galanissa, and he dwelt there for three years, all the while perfecting himself in monastic feats.

A whole crowd of people began to throng to the place of his efforts, wanting to receive healing from sickness and to hear a word of Christian edification. Shunning worldly glory and striving again to find his lost solitude, the monk chose a previously unknown mode of asceticism. He went up a pillar six to eight feet high, and settled upon it in a little cell, devoting himself to intense prayer and fasting.

Elders living in the desert heard about Saint Simeon, who had chosen a new and strange form of ascetic striving. Wanting to test the new ascetic and determine whether his extreme ascetic feats were pleasing to God, they sent messengers to him, who in the name of these desert fathers were to bid Saint Simeon to come down from the pillar.

In the case of disobedience they were to forcibly drag him to the ground. But if he was willing to submit, they were to leave him on his pillar. Saint Simeon displayed complete obedience and deep Christian humility. The monks told him to stay where he was, asking God to be his helper.

Saint Simeon endured many temptations, and he invariably gained the victory over them. He relied not on his own weak powers, but on the Lord Himself, Who always came to help him. The monk gradually increased the height of the pillar on which he stood. His final pillar was 80 feet in height. Around him a double wall was raised, which hindered the unruly crowd of people from coming too close and disturbing his prayerful concentration.

Saint Simeon spent 80 years in arduous monastic feats, 47 years of which he stood upon the pillar. Many pagans accepted Baptism, struck by the moral staunchness and bodily strength which the Lord bestowed upon His servant.

We pray to Saint Simeon for the return to the Church of those who have forsaken Her, or have been separated from Her.

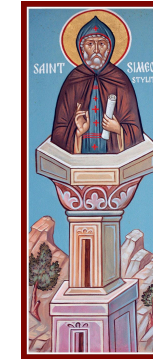
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Friend of the Bridegroom: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30)



Sunday, Sept 1st, 2024

Saint Simeon Stylites

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Sunday, Sept 1st 10th Sunday after PNTCST/ Tone 1 / The Church New Year
9:30 am Youth Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

Wednesday, Sept 4th Hieromartyr Gorazd Bishop of Bohemia & Moravia-Silesia
5:00 pm AA Meeting

Friday, Sept 6th Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael
6:00 pm Akathist to the Archangel Michael

Saturday, Sept 7th Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos
Saturday before Elevation
5:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday Sept 8th 11th Sunday after PNTCST/ Tone 2/ Nativity of the Theotokos
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

Attendance/Stewardship August 25th

Attendance: 67 Adults and 9 children 76 total

Prayer Corner

Fr. Emil (Fr. Brian's friend)	Sbdcn Joseph (Clyde)
Sarah Crivella	Anna Mae Stehnach
James & Eugene	Renee, Anna & Michael
Tracey Fedak (Daria's Cousin)	Shawn Ferry (Fr. Bri & Cheryl's Friend)
Patty DiGiacobbe	Barb Datish
James Livermore	Rinehart Family
William Angle	David Campbell
Azouria & Mark	Donna & Mark (Cheryl's Friends)
Greg & John Kornmaker (Sbdcn John's Friend)	Jeffrey Tsipis (Miklos Friend)
Claudine & Joe (Laura Miklos' Sis & Husband)	Eleanor (Sbdcn John's In-Law)
Daniel (Mat. Deb's son)	George (Cheryl's Friend)
Patty, Gayland, Casandra, Patrick, & Elizabeth (Sonya Lee's Friends)	
The Faculty, Teachers, and Students of Holy Trinity Orthodox Academy	
The Suffering Christians in Ukraine, Russia, & the Middle East	

Newly Illumined: Asher Tutoki

Catechumens: Lucian & Lilianna Vasil, Thomas Sacca, & Kelly, Carter, Emma, & Bennett Worley, Kayla, Alexander, & Cesar Ventura, Kayla, Donald, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Robert, Timothy, Melissa, Ian, Christopher, & William Cunningham, & Matthew Rose, Nicky Lewis, & Alexander Mackey

Newly Departed: Victor Chuka (8/31) & June Bagby (8/20) & also Mary Kay Crawford [Adrienne Vasil's step mom] (8/10) & Jacob Spletzer (8/20) [Carrie Brown's friend]

Birthdays: Kathy Stehnach (2nd), Christine Bishop & Jim Malsh (3rd), Ryan Ellis & Ryan Henry (4th), William Angle & Garrett Cogar (5th), & Marcella Rinehart (6th)

Anniversaries: Chris & Jessica Wallace (5th), Daniel & Michelle Ellis (6th) & Gregory & Donna Bobosh (7th)

Candle Commemorations

Theotokos	For the Health of Kathy Stehnach
Altar	For the Memory of Katherine Bender
Christ	For the Memory of the Sisterhood Members

Announcements

Choir Practice

Choir practice will be held at the church on September 10th at 5:30pm. All are welcome (and encouraged) to join and practice!

Archbishop Daniel Visit Rescheduled

Due to an unforeseen need, Archbishop Daniel's visit to our parish has been pushed back to the weekend of November 2nd and 3rd. Make sure to update your calendar!

Church School

Church school will begin next Sunday, September 8th. The children are blessed to go with their teachers to the classrooms at the conclusion of Holy Communion.

Bulletin Prayer List

If you'd like a name placed on the bulletin prayer list, please talk to or e-mail Nina Harvey at treasurerstjohnsorthodoxchurch@gmail.com. Names will be removed every 40 days but can be placed back on if needed.

CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION

In preparation for Abp. Daniel's visit, we will have an Iconostasis touch up/cleaning day on Friday September 27 @ 6:00 PM, and finishing up any remaining work on Saturday September 28 at 8:00 AM. The focus is reapplying liquid gold paint across the entire iconostasis and side shrines where the relics and candle boxes are, which calls for roughly 8-10 volunteers. A sign up sheet will be placed at the candle stand closer to the iconostasis touch up date.