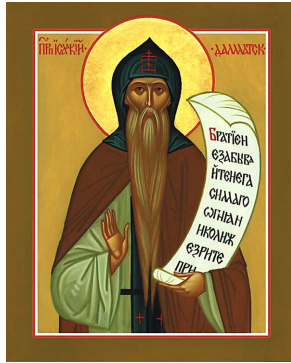


## Venerable Isaac, founder of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople

Saint Isaac lived during the fourth century, received monastic tonsure and pursued ascetic labors in the desert. During the reign of the emperor Valens (364-378), a zealous adherent of the Arian heresy, there was a persecution of the Orthodox, and churches were closed and destroyed.

Hearing of the persecution, Saint Isaac left the wilderness and went to Constantinople to console and encourage the Orthodox, and to fight against the heretics. At that time, barbarian Goths along the River Danube were making war against the Empire. They seized Thrace and advanced toward Constantinople.



When the emperor Valens was leaving the capital with his soldiers, St. Isaac cried out, "Emperor, unlock the churches of the Orthodox, and then the Lord will aid you!" But the emperor, disdainful of the words of the monk, confidently continued on his way. The saint repeated his request and prophecy three times. The angry emperor ordered St. Isaac to be thrown into a deep ravine, filled with thorns and mud, from which it was impossible to escape.

St. Isaac remained alive by God's help, and he emerged, overtook the emperor and said, "You wanted to destroy me, but three angels pulled me from the mire. Hear me, open up the churches for the Orthodox and you shall defeat the enemy. If, however, you do not heed me, then you shall not return. You will be captured and burned alive." The emperor was astonished at the saint's boldness and ordered his attendants Saturninus and Victor to take the monk and hold him in prison until his return.

St. Isaac's prophecy was soon fulfilled. The Goths defeated and pursued the Greek army. The emperor and his Arian generals took refuge in a barn filled with straw, and the attackers set it afire. After news of the emperor's death was received in Constantinople, Saint Isaac was released and honored as a prophet.

Then the holy Emperor Theodosius the Great (379-395) came to the throne. On the advice of Saturninus and Victor, he summoned the Elder, treating him with great respect. Obeying his instructions, he banished the Arians from Constantinople and restored the churches to the Orthodox. St. Isaac wanted to return to his desert, but Saturninus and Victor begged him not to leave the city, but to remain and protect it by his prayers.

Saturninus built a monastery for the saint in Constantinople, where monks gathered around him. St. Isaac was the monastery's igumen and spiritual guide. He also nourished laypeople, and helped many of the poor and suffering.

When he had reached an advanced age, St. Isaac made Saint Dalmatus (August 3) igumen. The monastery was later named for Dalmatus.

St. Isaac died in the year 383, and his memory is also celebrated on March 22.

*Text and Image from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/05/30/101566-venerable-isaac-founder-of-the-dalmatian-monastery-at-constantinople>*



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**May 30, 2021**  
**SUNDAY OF THE**  
**SAMARITAN WOMAN**



**CHRIST IS  
RISEN!**

**Tone 4**

Eothinon 7: St. John 20:1-10

**Epistle:** Acts 11:19-30

**Gospel:** St. John 4:5-42

**CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH  
BY DEATH, AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE.**

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 4 -** Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the Apostles, saying, "Death hath been spoiled! Christ-God is risen, granting to the world the great mercy!"

**TROPARION FOR MID-PENTECOST - Tone 8 -** In the midst of this Feast, O Saviour, give thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for thou didst call out to all, saying, Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to thee.

**TODAY:** Orthros, 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy, 10 am  
Coffee Hour  
NO Sunday School or Catechism today

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

## Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (June 6):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Sdn. Justin Gohl	Kristi Moore
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
USHERS:	Steve K. & Bill H.	Dan M. & Sdn Justin
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	Jordan & Natalie G.	Jamil & Nicole K. family
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Angie; Calvin; Nick & Martha	Chris H.; Maria S.; Amelia T.

\* IT IS TIME TO RETURN OUR FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE OFFERINGS. Thank you for remembering the needs of others.

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### Leavetaking of Pascha & Ascension

*Tuesday, June 8*  
Paschal Vespers & Orthros, 6:30 pm

*Wednesday, June 9*  
Paschal Liturgy, 10 am

Festal Vespers & Orthros 6:30 pm

*Thursday, June 10*  
Ascension Liturgy 10 am

#### Pentecost

*Sunday, Jun 20*  
Kneeling Prayers after Liturgy

#### Apostles' Fast & Sts. Peter & Paul *June 28-29*

Dormition Fast - August 1-14  
Daily Paraklesis

Transfiguration  
*August 5-6*

Vacation Church School  
*August 9-13*

#### Pray For:

Living	Departed
Preb. Anna Alexandra Maria	+Sh. Angela +Stavros
HM Sylvester Fr. Sergius Doris John James Lasha B Otari B Daniel H Peter Anesia	(May Parish Diptychs) +Paul +Bahia +Kh. Jane +LuAnn +Lida +Donna
Svetlana & family George, Victoria, & family Pulcheria Gabriela Anna	
Dn. Thomas & family	<u>Catechumens</u>
Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill, Elaine & all Missionaries	Matthew, Michael, Shaun,
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Tina, Sara,
For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	Barry, Ryan,
All who are suffering, serving and rebuilding from the pandemic	Laura, Taylor, Tim & Luke

**OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$234. Collections, \$20. Youth, \$1. Bookshelf Ministry, \$6. Classical School Fund, \$400. Food for Hungry, \$90. Mission Chapel, \$185. Needy Fund, \$40. Refunds, \$200. Stewardship, \$3,059. Total received: \$4,235.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

### **SPECIAL APPEAL for VCS**

Three ways you can help as we are gearing up for another **Vacation Church School**, of growth in faith and love for God: 1) See Kate Gohl about volunteering; 2) Pray for Fr. Noah, leaders, and students; 3) Consider offering a financial gift to cover expenses.

### This Week:

- Monday, May 31:** MEMORIAL DAY – Office closed.  
St. Justin Vigil 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 1:** Divine Liturgy (St. Justin Martyr) 10 a.m.  
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
- Wed, June 2:** Church open  
COMPLINE & Patristic Reading, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 3:** Church open
- Friday, June 4:** Church open  
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 5:** Baptismal Liturgy (Gamble) 10 a.m.  
VESPERS at 6:30 p.m.  
Confession 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 6:** SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN  
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.  
High School Graduate Recognition  
Sunday School, Catechism, & Coffee Hour.  
Women of St. Mariamne

OUTREACH COLLECTION:  
Skin Care Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2021:  
“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”

The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch (Acts 11:26)