



The Olive Shoots
St. Symeon Orthodox Church
July 12, 2015
+St. Paisios of Mount Athos+



“God will not require the same of everybody. But you should know that the one who prays arrives at a condition in which he says the prayer even in sleep; not as in a dream but in reality.” –St. Paisios

Schedule

Saturday-Vespers at 6:00 PM

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Troparion Tone 1

The offspring of Farasa, and the adornment of Athos,
and the imitator and equal in honor of the venerable ones from
ages past;

let us honor Paisios, O faithful,
the vessel full of graces, who guards from all sorrows,
the faithful crying out:

Glory to Him Who gave you strength,
Glory to Him Who crowned you,
Glory to Him Who grants through you
healings for all.

Kontakion Tone 4

The most-famed ascetic of the Holy Mountain, and the newly-illuminated luminary of the Church, let us praise him with hymns with all our heart, for he leads the faithful towards a life of excellence, filling them with rivers of gifts, therefore we cry out:
Rejoice, Father Paisios.

Today's Bible Verse:

“But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

- Matthew 9:6

St. Paisios the Athonite

Saint **Paisios** the **Athonite** was born **Arsenios** Eznepidis in July 1924, in **Farasa** Cappadocia, and grew up with 8 siblings. He was a **Greek monk** who became widely known for his life and **prophecies**. On August 7, 1924, he was baptized by the parish priest, **Arsenios**, whom the **Orthodox** Church has recognized as a saint. **Arsenios** gave him his name "to leave a monk in his place," as he said. Five weeks after the boy's christening, on September 14, 1924, the Eznepidis family, along with other refugees, arrived in Piraeus and then went to Corfu, where they stayed for eighteen months. The family then moved to Igoumenitsa and then to **Konitsa** where **Arsenios** finished elementary school and got his diploma with "excellent conduct." Ever since he was a child, he was writing down the **miracles** of Saint **Arsenios**. He wanted to become a monk. **Arsenios** went to Mount **Athos** to become a monk in 1949, right after he finished fighting in the army. He stayed for one night at the **Monastery** of Saint John the Theologian in Karyes and then slept in the hermitage of Saint Panteleimon, in the cell of the Virgin Mary, where he met father **Cyril**, abbot of the monastery, and followed him faithfully. After spending time in various retreats of Mount Athos and **Sinai**, he moved to **Koutloumousio** monastery until he became seriously ill and passed away in the summer of 1994. He was buried in the Holy Monastery of Saint John the Theologian in Souroti, Thessaloniki. Since then, every year on July 11 to **July 12**, the anniversary of his death, there is a vigil in the Sanctuary **Retreat**, with thousands of believers attending. He became a **saint** in January 2015.

St. Paisios the Athonite

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