

Saint Panteleimon, pray for us!



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# The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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## The Greatest Faith

**Have you ever looked around** your church and saw somebody new, somebody you didn't know? Maybe you thought, "That person doesn't belong here."



Jesus had lots of chances to say that too... but He didn't! Maybe you can think of some stories in the Gospels, when Jesus talked to people who weren't like Him. The woman at the well, the men with leprosy, the woman who had done a lot of wrong things.

In today's Gospel reading, we hear about the military commander who came to find Jesus. He wasn't Jewish, like Jesus was. But his servant was sick, and he knew that Jesus could heal his servant. In fact, he knew Jesus could heal him without even *seeing* the servant. He knew Jesus could just say the word and he would be better!

Jesus was amazed that this man had such strong faith in the power of God! Jesus said, "I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" Let's remember that our Lord came to save the whole world. He wants the whole world to know the good news of God's love and truth. Christ didn't just help people who were like Him. He healed people and defended people and talked to all kinds of people who needed His help. He gave His love for everybody!

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

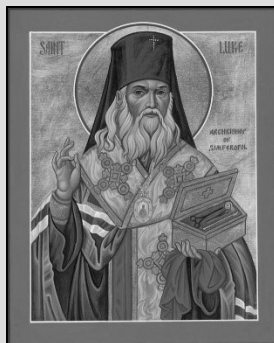
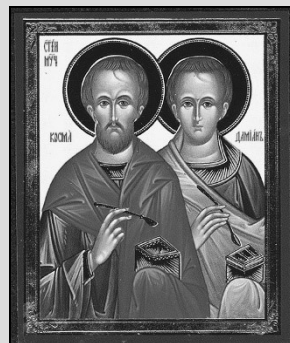
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# WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Saints Kosmas and Damian are two other doctor saints. And St. Luke the Surgeon is too. They used medicine and their faith in God too.

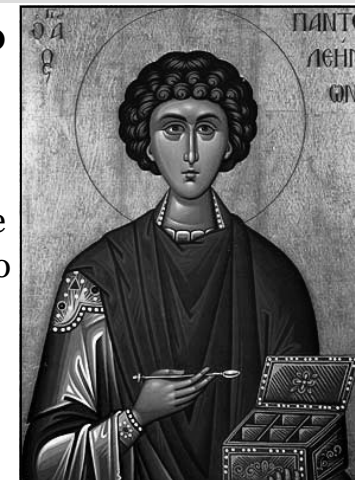
In the icon, they are holding medicine, just like Saint Panteleimon is too.



# SAINT PANTELEIMON

HEALER OF THE SICK

Have you known somebody who was sick? We all have! Sometimes we don't know what to do, except be sad or feel sorry for him or her. But God and the saints are here to help us. They listen to our prayers. We just have to ask them, and they will ask God to help us and help our sick friend or relative!



St. Panteleimon is a great saint to pray to when somebody is sick. He lived many years ago, and he died in the year 303. He was a doctor, but he used medicine *and* his faith in God to heal his patients.

Once, St. Panteleimon helped a blind man see again. He also told him about Jesus Christ. The man was so happy that he told other people about what had happened. Soon, other people started to become Christians too! The Roman authorities were not happy about this because they did not believe in Christ, and they wanted people to worship the Roman gods. They wanted people to worship the emperor, too! The Roman authorities arrested St. Panteleimon and they tortured and killed him.

We can pray to St. Panteleimon when anybody is sick. And we always remember what St. Panteleimon knew— This power to help people came from God, and we thank God for it!

We celebrate St. Panteleimon on Saturday, July 27th (OC: August 9th).