

# St. Simeon Stylites

St. Simeon Stylites the Younger was born in Antioch around in 521. When St. Simeon was 5 years old his father died, and a monk nearby undertook his care. At age 7, St. Simeon and the monk began to live solitary lives on top of platforms. The saint attracted a number of followers and eventually built a monastery for them. He built a pillar for himself in the monastery. When he was ordained the age 35, the bishop had to climb onto the pillar to ordain the saint. St. Simeon was a healer and miracle worker who spent most of his life on pillars. He died around 597.