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ST. STAMATIOS OF VOLOS  
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AUGUST 16

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## **Stamatios of Volos** (c. 1680)

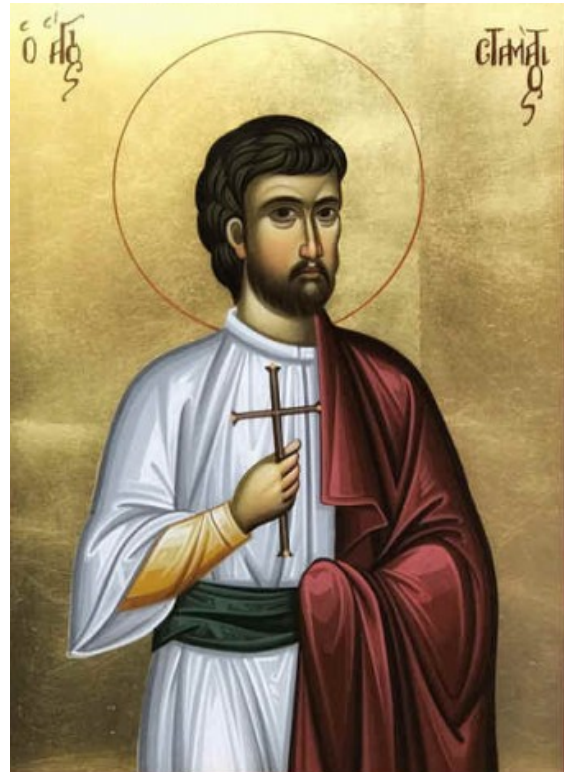
**August 16**

**Patronage:**

**Venerated in:**  
Greek Orthodox Church

**Relics:**

- fragments of relics are found at the Monastery of the Taxiarchon, Pelio, Magnesias



Stamatios was a peasant born in Volos in Thessaly, Greece, during the time when Greece was under the Ottoman rule.

One day, a certain Aga (Turkish ruler) went to the area to collect taxes from the Christians, whom he greatly hated and criticized. The Christians decided to send a group of men to Constantinople to complain about the Aga's mistreatment.

Stamatios was one of these men in the group. They presented themselves to the Vizier and informed him about the circumstances and unjust treatment of the Aga. The Vizier, being a close friend of the Aga, threw them out, pushing them and beating them, but Stamatios refused to leave. The Vizier sent him to the judge, where he insisted on the mistreatment and slander of the Christians in Volos.

Stamatios was imprisoned for several weeks, where they tried to brainwash him and tortured him. They insisted that he was to be set free if he accepted the Muslim faith. After a couple of days, he was brought to the Vizier again, who tried once again to persuade him. Stamatios stood firm in his faith in Jesus Christ, to which the Vizier gave orders to kill him.

Stamatios was beheaded on Monday, August 15, 1680 in front of the Royal Palace, next to Hagia Sophia. He is honored on August 16 because August 15 is the great feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos.

[http://www.orthodoxchristian.info/pages/St\\_Stamatios.htm](http://www.orthodoxchristian.info/pages/St_Stamatios.htm)

<http://www.johnsanidopoulos.com/2014/08/holy-new-martyr-stamatios-of-volos-1680.html>

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