

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

May 13, 2012

Saints Commemorated today: St. Glykeria the Virgin-martyr of Heraclia; St. Sergios the Confessor and St. Aledxandros the Martyr

EPISTLE READING

Acts 11:19-30

Brethren, now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed them and turned to the Lord. Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit ad of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christian in Antioch. And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

GOSPEL READING

John 4:5-42

So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jews, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you know the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you have spoken truly." The woman said to Him, Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." And at this point His disciples came,

and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or "Why are You talking with her?" The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" Then they went out of the city and came to Him. In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him, who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors." And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word. Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

ENTRANCE HYMN: 4TH TONE

(Page 45 in "The Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom")

The women disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous proclamation of the Resurrection, and the abolition of the ancestral sentence; and with pride they announced to the Apostles: Death is despoiled, Christ our God hath arisen, bestowing to the world the Great Mercy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Preparations are underway for a new church directory to be published this year. Thank you to Brittany Verhamme for volunteering to photograph parishioners. Brittany will hold a photography session following liturgy on Sunday, May 20, 2012. (This is the last day of Sunday School.) Please contact the church office to register for this session. The photographs are informal and no fees will be assessed other than the cost of materials utilized to develop the photographs. Parishioners who wish to submit their own photograph may do so provided that the photograph is appropriate for a church directory and be sure to name everyone in the picture when you submit it.. The directory planners reserve the right to return any photograph deemed inappropriate. In addition, parishioners are asked to contact the church office to update address, household composition, home telephone number, cell number and email address.

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Please remember, ***especially during Great Lent***, to check the ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDAR when scheduling activities. They should ***not*** be scheduled during service times. This is disrespectful to God and unacceptable. Thank you.

PROSFORO COMMITTEE

We are in need of Prosforo bakers, please contact the office to sign up!!!

Please note that without the Prosforo, Divine Liturgy cannot be conducted. Recently, we have had several members of this committee that are unable to continue to be a part of the committee. If you would be willing to sign up to make Prosforo twice a year (once every six months), please contact the office or

Artemis Hoke. If you are currently a member of the committee and unable to provide it on your scheduled Sunday please contact the office, so that we may make arrangements. Thank you.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

Please remember to dress appropriately and modestly for church services. There is no chewing gum, talking or crossing your legs in church. Everyone should arrive on time for the Liturgy. Do not leave trash (bulletins, paper, etc) in the pews. It is considered disrespectful for anyone attending Orthodox Christian services to cross their legs during service, chew gum or come in late. Also women who are planning on taking Communion should not wear lipstick or should remove it before going up for Communion. **TURN OFF CELL PHONES.** Thank you.

A NOTE TO OUR VISITORS

People of different religious affiliation or tradition who behave in a respectful manner are always welcome at the liturgical services of our Holy Orthodox Church but **ONLY MEMBERS OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH who share a common faith and practice a specific spiritual discipline may participate in the Church's sacraments and receive Holy Communion at the Orthodox Divine Liturgy. The Greek Orthodox Church has a closed communion and no intercommunion with any other Christian body.** We are blessed by your presence with us and thank you for your understanding. May God bless you always.

A NOTE TO ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS

ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS PLEASE NOTE: The proper preparation for receiving Holy Communion is: 1) prayer; 2) keeping the fast throughout the year (Wednesdays, Fridays, Great Lent, fast of the Holy Apostles, fast of the Dormition and the Christmas Fast, etc); and 3) most important, participating in the Sacrament of Holy Confession and Repentance. **ALSO follow these guidelines as you approach for Holy Communion: Take the red cloth from the person before you and place it under your chin. Say your baptismal name. Open your mouth wide and receive the Holy Spoon in your mouth, lower your lips on the Holy Communion spoon and carefully remove the Holy Eucharist so that there is nothing left. After partaking of the Sacrament blot your lips and hand the red cloth to the person behind you. Receive one piece of antidoron, return to your seat and read the post communion prayer. Lipstick, lip gloss, lip balm, etc, should be removed prior to approaching the chalice. Receiving the precious Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ should not be treated like a fast food service. You should come on time for the Divine Liturgy (that means at the beginning) and not leave until the completion of the service.** This means that every time you eat this bread and drink from this cup you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. It follows that if anyone eats the Lord's bread or drinks from his cup in a way that dishonors him, he is guilty of sin against the Lord's body and blood. So then, everyone should examine himself first, and then eat the bread and drink from the cup. For if he does not recognize the meaning of the Lord's body when he eats the bread and drinks from the cup, he brings judgment on himself as he eats and drinks. That is why many of you are sick and weak, and several have died. If we would examine ourselves first, we would not come under God's judgment. But we are judged and punished by the Lord, so that we shall not be condemned together with the world. (1 Corinthians 11:26-32).

YOUR PRAYERS HELP...

"...I was sick and you visited Me..." St. Matthew 25:36. "Holy Father, Physician of our souls and bodies have mercy, forgive and heal thy servants." The following brothers and sisters in Christ need your constant prayers and love, *recovering at home or ill at home/hospital:* Phyllis Leonakis (Michiana Rehab), Chris and Peggy Bouris (home), Helen McCormick (home), Helen Kaldis, Mary Rudhman (home), and Telesila Yustwan (Home).

In nursing homes or home bound:, Bill and Betty Kanalos (Brentwood at Niles), Amelia Morris (Southfield Village), Mario Rekos (Morningside), Anna Moskolis (Kindred), and John Kouroubetes (Woodridge).

THIS WEEK

Monday, May 14 th	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Tuesday, May 15 th	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Wednesday, May 16 th	Paraklesis to St Nektarios 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Friday, May 18 th	Paraklesis to Theotokos 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Saturday, May 19 th	Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, May 20 th	Sunday of the Blind Man 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Great Vespers 7pm
LOOKING AHEAD	
Monday, May 21 st	Sts. Constantine & Helen 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Vespers 4:30pm
Tuesday, May 22 nd	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm Parish Council 7pm
Wednesday, May 23 rd	Apodosis of Pascha 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy Great Vespers 7pm
Thursday, May 24 th	Holy Ascension 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Great Vespers 7pm
Friday, May 25 th	3 rd Finding of the Head of St. John the Baptist 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Vespers 4:30pm

Saturday, May 26 th	Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, May 27 th	Fathers of the 1 st Ecumenical Council 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy
June 8 th -10 th	Grecian Festival

OUR HOLY MISSION

St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church of South Bend, IN is a Christian Community committed to serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit, and united in faith and in love with God, and called to make that love real to others through...

- WORSHIP (the Divine Liturgy) and the reception of the Sacrament of Holy Communion by which we achieve union with Jesus Christ and with each other.
- PHILANTHROPIC DIAKONIA (service) to those people in need of our love and compassion. In teaching His disciples the Lord said, "...as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)
- EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES which enable Orthodox Christians to grow in Christ and be faithful disciples and prepares them to strengthen their personal commitment to our Lord, His Church and the holy Gospel.
- NATIONAL AND PARISH MINISTRIES of our Holy Orthodox Church which provide opportunities for Parish Outreach and to live as an integral and vital part of the community. The prime objective is to encourage a greater participation in the life of the Church and the world.
- TEACHING the commandment of the New Life, imparting a clear knowledge of the doctrines, traditions, canons and disciplines of the Church and guiding the growth, progress and enlightenment of all Orthodox Christians.

May 2012

Dear Parishioners,

Opa! The 2012 37th Annual Greek Festival is coming up on June 8, 9 and 10. As usual there will be Greek music, lots of good food and a chance for everyone to have a great time! This is our biggest fundraiser and everyone's help is needed.

If you would like to volunteer please sign on up on the volunteer sheets in the Fellowship Hall or please call Nick V. Giannakakis at 269-449-2112. We schedule for better service please and we need as many volunteers as possible.

For festival tickets please call the church office at 574-277-4688 to make pick up and payment arrangements.

Join us, bring your family and friends and have a great time at our 2012 Greek Festival!!!

Sincerely,



†Fr. George Konstantopoulos
Protopresbyter

Nick Giannakakis
Festival Chairman

Tim Karamalegos
Terry Karaszewski
Tom Limperopoulos
Bill Giannakakis
Co-Chairs

