

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

May 14, 2017

Saints Commemorated today: St. Isidore the Martyr of Chios; Holy Hieromartyr Therapontus; Holy New Martyrs Mark & John; St. Serapion the Holy Martyr and St. Leontius, Patriarch of Jerusalem

EPISTLE READING

Acts 11:19-30

Brethren, in those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

GOSPEL READING

John 4:5-42

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying 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 do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal 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 him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks 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 the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of

your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed 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.

FOURTH MODE

As the first-called of the Apostles, and brother of their leader O Andrew, entreat the Master of all that peace be granted unto the world and great mercy to our souls.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

LAST DAY OF CHURCH SCHOOL

Today is the last day of Church School. Thanks to Father George; our Coordinator, Eugenia Torrance; our teachers and staff: Anna Napoleon, Abigail Mechtenberg, Elaine Samoilis, Pam Kurtis, Presbyteria Elaine, Mariam Konstantopoulos, Mary Jo Tirikos, Maryah Kozyra, Jim Stavros, Chris Kirgios, Janice Lampos, and Lynn Whittenberger and all our students and parents!

FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TODAY

Less than a month before the festival begins! Our focus for the next couple of weeks is to complete the **staffing** effort. Please follow the link below to the online volunteer sign-up tool to indicate where you wish to work. **Priority areas are Food line 1 and 2, the drive-thru the concession stand and the children's area. PLEASE sign up TODAY!**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/43076DA03A2C2ECCF9-2017festival>

The deadline for determining the need to hire staff is May 26. If on that date we find vacancies in the sign up tool, we will look to hire to insure we keep the event operating effectively. If you have questions, please refer them to Mary Jo Tirikos - (330)881-6032 or mjtirikos@msn.com Thank you in advance for helping in a significant way with this critical event for the church. Regards, Spyro Sinis-Terezis

PROSFORO COMMITTEE

Jesus is the Bread of Life Who offers Himself for our salvation. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood you have no life in you; he who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:53-54). **We are in need of parishioners willing to join the Prosforo Committee.** If needed, we will do an instructional class for anyone who would like to join but is not sure how to prepare the Prosforo. **Generally it means making the Prosforo for two Sundays during the year and occasionally making extra for weekday Liturgies. Please contact the office if you are able to volunteer. Thank you.**

GOOD SAMARITANS SCHOLARSHIP\

The Good Samaritans will award a scholarship this year. Applications are available in the fellowship hall or see Terri Stavros or Cindy Crawford. Complete the application and send along with the required documents. The applications MUST be postmarked by June 15, 2017

PHILOPTOCHOS

Philoptochos elections to the Philoptochos board will take place on May 25th at 6:30pm. Philoptochos members in good standing that have attended at least 4 meetings and have been members for at least one year will be eligible to be on the Board. I would like to thank everyone that has been supportive of Philoptochos and all members that have helped to make Philoptochos successful in serving others. With love in Christ, Mary Jo Tirikos

COFFEE HOUR

Please note that the coffee helpers, *at Father George's direction*, do not start brewing the coffee until Father begins passing out the Antidoron. We thank you for your patience and cooperation.

DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Discretionary Fund is to assist families that face financial crisis, students that need financial aid, single moms, philanthropic institutions in this city and overseas, people with catastrophic illnesses, and missions

for the Archdiocese, etc. Thank you for your support. If you would like to help please contact Father George or make donations payable to the Discretionary Fund.

BULLETIN FLYERS

We will no longer be including flyers in the weekly bulletin. They are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. This week there are flyers for: **Festival Ad Book, Good Samaritan Scholarship, Direct (Auto) Debit forms.** Please take what you need.

REQUEST FOR TRANSFERRING PARISHIONERS

We are blessed to welcome new parishioners to Saint Andrews. We ask that you pick up a welcome packet from the table in the Fellowship Hall. You should call the office and schedule an appointment with Father prior to beginning to receive the Sacraments. *We also ask transferring parishioners to follow the Uniform Parish Regulations, Art 18, Sec 2: "A parishioner wishing to move from one Parish to another must present a letter of transfer from the Priest of the Parish from which he or she is moving stating that he or she is in good standing."*

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

There should be NO talking in the Narthex during the Divine Liturgy. (No one should be congregating in the hallways or Fellowship Hall). It is completely disrespectful to God and to the worship service of our Church.

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).*

At the time of communion, please allow families with infants to approach first, followed by the children and then the adults. Thank you.

The Communion Prayer is located in the Divine Liturgy Books on page 40 (old edition) and 66 (new edition). Everyone is encouraged to participate in the reciting of the Communion Prayer together.

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Please remember 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.

REMINDER FOR PARENTS

For the convenience of parents with crying children, a “cry room” is located off the Narthex for your use. ATTENTION PARENTS: **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN ARE NOT WANDERING AROUND THE CHURCH DURING SERVICES. THIS IS VERY DISRUPTIVE TO EVERYONE.** THANK YOU!

ST. NEKTARIOS CHAPEL

Please remember that although the St. Nektarios Chapel does not have an Iconostasis, the altar is still the altar and as in the main church only the priest should be in the altar. When Metropolitan Iakovos consecrated the church of St. Andrew he also consecrated the Chapel and it should be treated with the same respect and reverence. Please consider all of the raised area in the Chapel the altar and do not enter it or touch anything on the altar table. Thank you.

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*: Artemis Hoke (home), Rose Rorres (home), Anna Efthimiou (home), Jim Zeinis (home), Anthoula Pefanis (home), and Nick Limberopoulos. (home) *In nursing homes or home bound*: Diana Katsanis (Golden View), Esther Magrames (Waterford), Mary Manos (Wellbrooke), Phyllis Leonakis (Wellbrooke), Amelia Morris (Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton), and Joan Rekos (Signature)

Today's **Ushers** are: Manolis Anagnostou, Terry Karaszewski, Leon Andrews, Bruno Zovich, Nick Giannakakis. If you are not serving in the pangari today, you should join everyone in the Sanctuary. Thank you.

Today's **Epistle Lesson** will be read by an **Altar Boy**.

Ted Poledor prepared Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always.

The Coffee Hour was lovingly prepared for our entire community by. We thank you for your love and generosity.

THIS WEEK

Monday, May 15	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Tuesday, May 16	St. Theodoros the Sanctified 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, May 17	Paraklesis to St. Nektarios 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Friday, May 19	Paraklesis to the Theotokos 10am at Holy Dormition Chapel Vespers 4:30pm
Saturday, May 20	Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, May 21	Sunday of the Blind Man 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, May 22	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Tuesday, May 23	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm

Wednesday, May 24 Apodosis of Pascha
9:00 Orthros
10:00 Divine Liturgy
Great Vespers for Holy Ascension 7pm

Thursday, May 25 Holy Ascension
9:00 Orthros
10:00 Divine Liturgy

Friday, May 26 Paraklesis to the Theotokos 10am **at Holy Dormition Chapel**
Vespers 4:30pm

Saturday, May 27 Great Vespers 5pm

Sunday, May 28 Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council
9:00 Orthros
10:00 Divine Liturgy

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 9-11, 2017 Greek Festival

2017 Financial Report
(Does not include Festival)

May 17 Income	May 17 Expenses	Monthly Balance	May 16 Income	May 16 Expenses	May 16 Balance
\$6,22.76	\$15,565.66	--9,342.90	\$34,244.35	\$26,484.41	\$7,759.94

YTD Income	YTD Expense	YTD Balance	16 YTD Inc	16 YTD Ex	16 YTD Bal
\$120,785.20	\$131,299.63	--\$10,514.43	\$132,848.55	\$137,214.55	--\$4,366.00

Stewardship Report

May Pledge Income	May Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income	YTD Pledge Inc	YTD Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income
\$3,348.00	\$23,500.00	--\$20,152.00	\$69,747.00	\$126,500.00	--\$56,753.00

*Year-to-date as of May 12, 2017

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