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Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.



May 18, 2014
The Sunday of the Samaritan
Tone: 4 ~ Eothinon: 7 ~ Ps. 109:8

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

Holy Communion is only open to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession. If you are not in good standing with the Church or are not an Orthodox Christian please do not be offended by this. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the antidoron at the end of the Divine Liturgy

Saints du Jour (May 18)

Martyrs Peter, Dionysios, Andrew, Paul, Christina, Heraklios, Paulinos and Benedimos; Stephen the New, patriarch of Constantinople.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 4: Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

Apolytikion of Mid-Pentecost – Plagal Tone 4: In the midst of this feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship for Thou didst call out to all saying: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, fountain of Life, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of St. Basil the Great – Tone 1: Into all the world that received thy word went out thy voice; thereby didst thou divinely teach, explaining the nature of existing things and ordering the conduct of men. O venerable father, royal priesthood Basil, intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of Pascha – Plagal Tone 4: When Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of hades. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming ‘Rejoice’ to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Prokeimenon: O Lord, how magnificent are Your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Epistle: The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.
(Chapter 11:19-30)

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 of 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, everyone 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: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John
(Chapter 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 forever; the water that I shall give to 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 worshipped on this mountain and You say that in 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 coming and now is when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and

GOSPEL READING CONTINUED

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 Messiah is coming (He Who is called Christ); when He comes He will tell 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 said to 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 the sower and the reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I have 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 said to 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 words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 24th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 25th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday, May 28th – Vespereal Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M. (Ascension of our Lord)
Saturday, May 31st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 1st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, June 7th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 8th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Sunday, June 8th – Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost (begins 30 min after liturgy is over)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

God willing, the **church bulletin** shall soon be available to members of the parish by email, in addition to having a printed copy available on Sunday mornings. Fr. Peter is compiling a list of names and email addresses for this purpose. Those persons or families interested in having the bulletin emailed to them should see Fr. Peter. Thank you.

The **Parish Council** shall have their monthly meeting today after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

The last day of Church School shall be next Sunday, May 25.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The **St. Basil Birthday Party** is scheduled for Sunday, June 1, after Divine Liturgy. Hamburgers and hotdogs shall be provided; members of the parish are encouraged to bring salads, chips, desserts, ice and drinks. A “birthday list” of items needed for the parish is posted on the bulletin board outside the kitchen for those persons who want to bring a “birthday gift.” All food is available at no charge and everyone is welcome to attend.

A Reminder: Please remember to return your **lenten coin boxes** at the Great and Holy Feast of PASCHA. Today shall be the last day to return your coin boxes. Thank you.

The **Ladies Guild** is continuing the sale of frozen, ready-to-cook packages of Lebanese recipes - namely beef shawarma (\$12 a package) and chicken shish ta'ouk (\$10 a package). Simple cooking instructions are available in the parish hall.

As of May 11, 2014, 39 pledges were received totaling \$73,985.00. The budget approved at our Annual General Parish Meeting was for \$136,480.00. Approximately \$2,625/week is needed in donations to meet this obligation. The collection for May 11, 2014, totaled \$1,270 for a year-to-date total of \$46,856 (~\$2,466/week). We are approximately \$3,021 short of where we need to be at this time.

Spiritual Counsels...

“When virtuous men are in power, the people are joyful, when the wicked rule, the people groan.”

Proverbs 29:2