

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH
OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA
SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN
(ST. SVETLANA/PHOTINI)

5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA **MAY 13, 2012** Virgin Martyr Glyceria at Heraclea

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!



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Acts 11:19-26, 29-30 (*Epistle*): Now those who were scattered after the persecution 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 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 and 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 Christians in Antioch. 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.

John 4:5-42 (*Gospel*): 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 Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew 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 spoke truly. The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped 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 he 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.”

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Services & Activities:

Sunday, May 13 **Sunday of the Samaritan Woman.**
HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, May 15 **7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting**

Wednesday, May 16 **3:00 pm Akathist**

Thursday, May 17 **7:00 pm Prof. Will Cohen will give a talk**
on Philippians 2:3 “Humility
regarding others”

Saturday, May 19 **5:30 pm Confession**

6:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, May 20 **Sunday of the Blind Man**

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

LAST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS UNTIL

FALL

Wednesday, May 23 **7:00 pm Great Vespers/Litiya for the**
Ascension

Thursday, May 24 **9:00 am Divine Liturgy for the**
Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 26 **Sunday School Ice Cream Social during**
coffee hour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS
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HAPPY MOTHERS'S DAY! WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! Please join us downstairs for Coffee Hour!

MISSION TRIP TO MONGOLIA: JOHN & ELIZABETH HUDANISH'S DAUGHTER THOMAIDA WAS ACCEPTED FOR A TWO WEEK MISSION TRIP TO MONGOLIA IN JUNE FOR CATECHETICAL & BIBLE STUDY IN THE ONE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN ULAN BATOR THE CAPITOL. COUNTRY IS ANIMIST, MUSLIM & BUDDHIST. ANY DONATIONS WILL BE CONSOLIDATED AND SENT ON TO OCMC BY ELIZABETH HUDANISH. Thank you.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all of the parishioners of **All Saints**, their families, neighbors, and friends, especially Martha, Conor, Laura, Michael, Justin, Liam, Andrew, Allen, Cory Joseph, Michael, George, Gregory, Patricia, Matushka Martha, Vera, Joseph, Andrew, all those serving in the Armed Forces, (Michael & Loreen), all missionaries (Christina), all clergy, monastics, and seminarians, the sick and suffering, those in nursing homes, hospitals and prisons, especially for those for whom we have been asked to pray, **and all the departed members and family members and friends of All Saints, the newly departed:** (among them: Stephen Paulishak, Lawrence, Cynthia, Sharon Scochin). If you would like Fr. Gabriel to remember the living or the departed at the Divine Liturgy, please give the names to Fr. Gabriel to remember at the Proskomedia.

ALTAR COVERS NEEDED. Please give your donations to Joni Rezanka.

PLEASE HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR! PLEASE FORM A NEW COFFEE HOUR TEAM OR JOIN A COFFEE HOUR TEAM! This is an important part of our parish outreach. See Julie Cohen. Thank you to Joni Rezanka for today's coffee hour. Happy Mothers' Day. Thank you to the Brzuchalski & Hudanish families for next week's coffee hour.

T SHIRTS (ALL SAINTS) AVAILABLE \$8 EACH &

RECONSECRATION ORNAMENTS AVAILABLE \$3 OR 2 FOR \$5.

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER AT ST. JOHN'S ORTHODOX CHURCH, DUNDAFF, TODAY SUNDAY, MAY 13 FEATURING BARBECUE CHICKEN AND HALUPKE. TAKE OUT 11AM SERVING NOON UNTIL SOLD OUT. ADULTS \$10; CHILDREN \$5 AT DOOR. SEE HELEN & JOE SEMON FOR TICKETS AND 50/50 RAFFLE.

ST. TIKHON'S MONASTERY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

PILGRIMAGE, FRIDAY MAY 25-MONDAY, MAY 28: The Myrrh-streaming

Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos from Hawaii will again visit the Monastery this Memorial Day from Friday May 25th at 4 p.m. to Monday May 28th at 4:00 p.m. Healings from cancer, demon possession and blindness have been attributed to the intercessions of the Mother of God through this Miraculous Myrrh-streaming Icon. This event is open to the general public. Seminary Graduation Saturday, May 26: 1:00 p.m., Monday, May 28: 7:30 a.m. Early Divine Liturgy; 10:00 a.m. Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, Metropolitan Jonah presiding accompanied by other hierarchs; 2 p.m. Healing Service.

COOKBOOKS: HANYA'S KITCHEN: THE ORTHODOX HERALD RECIPE COLLECTION, FIFTY YEARS OF RECIPES, INCLUDING FEASTS & FASTS OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH; PUBLISHED BY ST. TIKHON'S ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CENTURY ASSOCIATION. \$25.00 See Nancy Mazur to purchase a copy.

LOTTERY DRAWING every 2 weeks: \$100 to church, \$50 each Friday & Saturday.

Winners: 5/4/12 Joe Semon 319; Joni Rezanks 608

PLEASE GIVE IN NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS YOU WOULD LIKE ADDED TO OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN MAILING LIST OUTREACH LOOKING FOR ALL 2012 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES: PLEASE GIVE NAMES TO JONI REZANKA.

SPONSORSHIPS: Bulletin (\$30); Web-Site (\$25); & Shut-in mailings (\$25): in memory of John Gima—Thank you to all of our Donors and Sponsors!

SAMPLE PLEDGE CARDS: Please prayerfully consider handing in your pledge card as soon as possible to help us with budgeting for 2012.

WEEKLY COLLECTION: 5/6/12: \$914.00; Tithe: \$550.00; Loose Collection: \$31; Second Collection (Pierogies): \$74.00.; Donations for Altar Covers from Barbara Puhalla in memory of Butch Puhalla and in memory of Sharon Scochin offered by Stafursky family. Money from the Church Lottery Tickets: \$400.00

REMINDER: PLEASE INCLUDE AN EXTRA \$2.00 IN THE DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT ENVELOPE for the increase that was passed at the Diocesan Assembly. The envelopes were already printed and do not reflect the \$2.00 increase. NORMAL FASTING WEEK: FASTING ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY.

WE WISH A HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY TO ALL, AND WITH APPRECIATION OF, THANKSGIVING FOR AND ADMIRATION OF OUR MOTHERS, PRAY TO OUR LORD FOR HIS BLESSINGS ON ALL OUR MOTHERS AND ASK FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD MEMORY ETERNAL AND EXPRESS OUR GREAT THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR HER ROLE IN OUR SALVATION AND HER CONTINUED INTERCESSIONS ON OUR BEHALF. *HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!*

The Samaritan Woman, having come to the well in faith, beheld You, the Water of Wisdom from which she drank plentifully and inherited the Heavenly Kingdom as one who is blessed forever. Kontakion

On the Samaritan Woman, St. Svetlana/Photini: One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the nineteenth century before Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son Joseph (Gen. 49:22). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the ten tribes. In the time of the Romans it was called Neapolis, and at present Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham. Here also, Jesus of Navi (Joshua) addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost three hundred years later, all Israel assembled there to make Roboam (Rehoboam) king.

When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (John 4:5), He was wearied from the journey and the heat, and He sat down at this well. After a little while the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her many other Samaritans also believed.

Concerning the Samaritans we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the ten tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity, and relocated all these people to Babylon and the land of the Medes. From there he gathered various nations and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshipped the idols also. Furthermore, they accepted only the Pentateuch of Moses, and rejected the other books of Holy Scripture. Nonetheless, they thought themselves to be descendants of Abraham and Jacob. Therefore, the pious Jews named these Judaizing and idolatrous peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites, as well as in the other towns thereabout. The Jews rejected them as heathen and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9). Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations.

After the Ascension of the Lord, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photini/Svetlana, and her feast is kept on February 26. (www.goarch.org)