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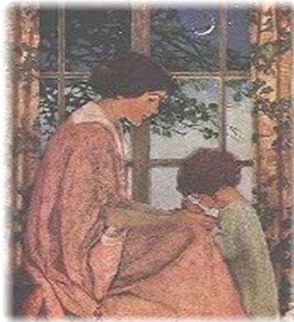
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Orthros 8:45am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

May 14, 2017

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman



Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER TO THE THEOTOKOS, MOTHER OF US ALL

Who can worthily bless thee, All-holy Virgin; what lips are capable of hymning thy majesty which surpasseth all conceiving? Most glorious are all the mysteries fulfilled in thee, O Theotokos, loftier than thought and word. At the beauty of thy virginity and thy most radiant purity the cherubim did marvel and the seraphim were struck with awe; for the miracle of the Childbirth without corruption neither human nor angelic tongue can tell. For from thee the Ageless and Only-begotten Son of God, God the Word, ineffably took flesh, was born and lived among men; and thee, as His Mother, hath He greatly magnified, revealing thee as the Queen of all creation and for us the signal refuge of salvation. Wherefore, all that flee under thy protection, being assailed by various sorrows and afflictions, receive from thee consolation and healing in abundance and by thee are saved from dangers. For thou art truly the Mother of all that sorrow and are heavy laden, the joy of the grieving, the healer of the sick, the preserver of youths, the staff of old age, the glory of the righteous, the sinners' hope of salvation and guide to repentance; for thou dost ever help all with thy protection and dost intercede for all that flee to thee with faith and love, O thou all-good one. Do thou also help me who am in despair over my deeds, O fervent Mediatrix for the Christian race: Intercede thou for me, that I not perish until the end in sins; for I have no other refuge and protection, but thee, the Mistress of my life: Abandon me not, despise me not, but by thy judgments that thou thyself dost know, do thou save me, for blessed art thou unto ages of ages. Amen.



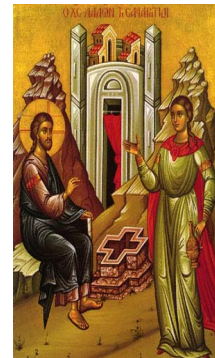
EPISTLE READING : Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30

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 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 : The Gospel According To 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... (Continued on the back page)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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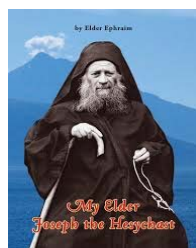


Christos Anesti!! Alithos Anesti!! What a wonderful Easter season we had this year. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued generosity. It is your stewardship and devoted support that allows our church not only to operate, but to plan and grow every year through the grace of God. As we enter the Summer season, please continue encouraging your fellow parishioners who have not pledged, to make a stewardship commitment to our church. Thank you for your generosity, support, and faith. Ron Baldinger, Stewardship Chair: ron.baldinger@gmail.com.

GOYA - GOYAns wish happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there. They will be handing out Mother's Day gifts after Liturgy. We thank Debbie Kangelaris for donating the small plates that are part of the gift.



The Philoptochos **LAWS (Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter)** gift card drive is being held during the month of May. We hope you can donate new \$25 or less gift cards for Target, Wal-Mart, grocery stores or gas to help women in need. If you would like to donate money, we can purchase gift cards for you. We celebrate all moms today! Have a wonderful day!



Orthodox Book Club – We will meet **Thursday, May 18th** at 5pm at church and we will discuss chapter 5 & 6 of My Elder Joseph the Hesychast by Elder Ephraim of St. Anthony Monastery in Arizona.



AHEPA – **Sun., May 21 is AHEPA Sunday**, a day dedicated to celebrating some great parishioners on their spectacular accomplishments and more. **Sat., May 27 is the annual AHEPA Memorial Day Tribute To Our Fallen Vets @ Arlington Cemetery.** Join us as we respect our dearly departed AHEPA heroes, followed by a group luncheon at City Diner in Arlington. Email: info@ahepa542.org or call 703.493.0897 for information.



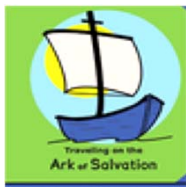
International relief organization and nonprofit Compassion First has partnered with me to host an event to raise awareness for human trafficking. The event is **Fri. May 26th** at Belmont Ridge Middle School from 6:30pm to 8pm. There is no cost to attend, appetizers/

desserts and drinks will be provided, and you will get a complimentary "Not For Sale" t-shirt because human beings are not for sale! Please visit <http://www.compassionfirst.org/events/leesburg> to RSVP or contact Annamaria Kendrat at ami_sings@aol.com for more information.

WEEKLY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE for MAY 2017

Thurs. May 25 Ascension of the Lord 8:15 AM, Orthros. 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

(**Gospel Reading cont...**) 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."



Vacation Church Camp 2017 - June 12-16, 2017; 9:30am-12:30pm. The theme is the life of the Theotokos. More details and a registration form are on our website. See Denise Lansdell or Asha Ioanou with any questions.



PAREA (Our Company of Friends) - With God's grace our **June PAREA Luncheon** will take place on the **second Tuesday, June 13th, at 11:30am** at the **Mediterranean Breeze**, (20693 Ashburn Rd #100, Ashburn, VA 20147 - Tel: 703-726-1045). Please let Marina know if you will be joining us. Looking forward to seeing you! Thank you! Marina (703-349-1842).

Camp Good Shepherd –VA: **July 2-8**, Camp Piankatank in Hartfield, VA, 5th-12th graders. Camp Good Shepherd is a Metropolis of New Jersey overnight youth camp for the Orthodox Christian youth in the Diocese. The camp program serves to instill in the child an understanding of the Orthodox faith while embracing the life of the Church and developing deep relationship with peers their own age. Contact cgsvirginia@gmail.com with questions.

Coffee hour today is sponsored by the Ladies Philoptochos. Thank you!