



**Holy Apostles  
Greek Orthodox Church**

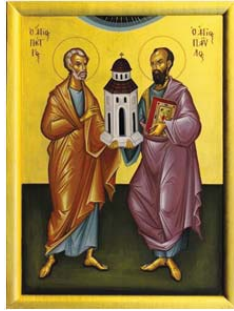
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**May 6, 2018  
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

*“Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinks of this water shall thirst again: but whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him, shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him, shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting Life.” (John 4:13-14)*

Scripture calls the grace of the Spirit sometimes “Fire,” sometimes “Water,” showing that these names are not descriptive of its essence, but of its operation; for the Spirit, being Invisible and Simple, cannot be made up of different substances. Now the one John declares, speaking thus, “He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and with Fire” (Matt. 3:11): the other, Christ, “Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.” (John 7:38) “But this,” says John, “spoke He of the Spirit, which they should receive.” So also conversing with the woman, He calls the Spirit water; for, “Whosoever shall drink of the water which I shall give him, shall never thirst.” So also He calls the Spirit by the name of “fire,” alluding to the rousing and warming property of grace, and its power of destroying transgressions; but by that of “water,” to declare the cleansing wrought by it, and the great refreshment which it affords to those minds which receive it. And with good reason; for it makes the willing soul like some garden thick with all manner of trees fruitful and ever-flourishing, allowing it neither to feel despondency nor the plots of Satan, and quenches all the fiery darts of the wicked one. (St John Chrysostom)



### **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. The disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, 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 ... **(Continued on the back)**

**(Gospel Reading Cont...)** 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 ... **(Continued on the next panel)**

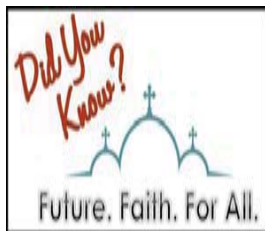
(Gospel Reading Cont. from left panel...) talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went 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."

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**May Weekday Liturgical Schedule**

**Mon. May 21** Sts. Constantine and Helen

8:15 AM Orthros, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy



**Did you know?** We are getting donations for the Capital Campaign from places like Chicago, Boston and more! Come to a fireside chat and learn how you can use your local networks and beyond to increase your financial commitment.



**Have you scheduled yours yet?**

Contact Lia ([liaecon@comcast.net](mailto:liaecon@comcast.net)) to sign up for our small group discussions about the land opportunity. The session is approximately 60 minutes at church. Childcare can be provided.

We need your feedback! Be a part of your future.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## **TODAY! "Come and See Sunday"**

GOYA welcomes our friends to our church today and to lunch afterwards at the Dulles Town Center.

## **May 18, Sunrise Senior Living in**

**Reston:** 6:30pm, Visit with residents and entertain them with Greek dancing.

Dinner afterward at the Reston Town Center. See Paris Economou.



## **Philoptochos Meeting**

**TODAY, after Liturgy at**  
**Pomodoro, Dulles Eastern**  
**Plaza in Sterling**

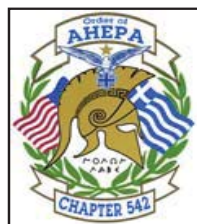


## **HAGOC Mother-Daughter Tea**

**Sun. May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm**

**Blooming Hill Lavendar Farm**  
**in Purcellville**

\$15 per person. Contact Julie Burke (julieacburke@yahoo.com).



## **May 9<sup>th</sup>, AHEPA Meeting, 7:30-9pm**

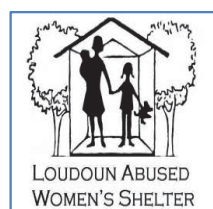
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**May 20<sup>th</sup>, AHEPA Sunday, Holy**

**Apostles Church:** We will have a memorial for deceased AHEPAns, a presentation, and sponsor the coffee hour.

## **May 26<sup>th</sup>, AHEPA Memorial Day Wreath Laying**

**Arlington National Cemetery:** All families and parishioners are invited. See tomorrow's parish email for the online link to sign up.



## **Collection for LAWS, through May**

**Holy Apostles Church**

Philoptochos is collecting cash donations and gift cards from grocery stores, gas stations, and retailers such as Walmart and Target. Thank you!



Thank you to **Philoptochos** for sponsoring today's coffee hour! Contact Lia (liaecon@comcast.net) if you would like to sponsor coffee hour.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## **Hope and Joy, June 1st**

**6-7:15pm, Holy Apostles Church**

Join us for the last meeting of the 2017-2018 school year. See Ashley Joiner.

## **Stewardship Events in June**

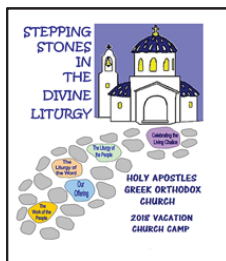
- **June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Adults' Night Out, 7pm, Parallel Wine Bistro in Broadlands/Ashburn:** No need to RSVP, just come! See Kristina Ayoub.
- **June 10<sup>th</sup>, Family Washington Nationals Game, 4:05pm:** Go to our website or parish email for the link to **sign up for tickets by May 12!** Tickets will be approx. \$18 per person if at least 25 people sign up. See Nick Spyros.



## **PAREA (Our Company of Friends) Lunch, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30am at Mediterranean Breeze in Ashburn**

Our June luncheon will be the last before the summer hiatus. RSVP to Marina (703-349-1842)



## **HAGOC Vacation Church Camp** **June 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>; 9:30am-12:30pm**

Open to ages 4-11. Registration information is on our website. Deadline to register and order a camp t-shirt is June 1. See Denise Lansdell or Asha Ioanou.

**Camp Good Shepherd, July 8-14, Camp Painkatank in Hartfield, VA.** An overnight week long camp for the Metropolis of NJ. For kids who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Go to [goarch.org](http://goarch.org) or see Lia Economou or Denise Lansdell to learn more.



## **Icon Painting Workshop, July 23-28**

**St. Sophia Greek Orthodox**

**Cathedral.** Go to our website or parish email for details and the flyer.