

Holy Cross

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Weekly Bulletin

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Saints Commemorated Today

Leontius, Patriarch of Jerusalem; Isidore the Martyr of Chios; Holy Hieromartyr Therapontus ;
Holy New Martyrs Mark and John; Serapion the Holy Martyr

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

The Samaritan Woman at the well is known to us as St. Photini, Equal-to-the-Apostles. After her life-altering meeting with Jesus Christ and His Death and Resurrection, she was baptized by the apostles with the name Photini (meaning “enlightened one”). She proceeded to evangelize many in Africa before being brought before Nero in Rome and receiving a crown of martyrdom along with her family. Photini came to the well to fill her water pot to sustain physical life but left with something much more—living water that quenched her spiritual thirst. Jesus Christ’s interaction with the Samaritan Woman is notable for several reasons. It was considered inappropriate for Jesus, as a teacher, as a male, and as a Jew, to engage in conversation with such a person. Samaritans were considered “half-breeds” or heretics—former Jews who had apostatized from the true faith. Jesus Christ, being the second Person of the Trinity, establishes that the Kingdom of God encompasses all people proclaiming His Word. Sometimes the unlikeliest people serve as His most convincing witnesses. The Gospel account also reveals to us how Jesus is able to see into the depths of all hearts and know who truly longs for Him and belongs to Him.

- https://www.goarch.org/documents/32058/2618758/familygospelleson_samaritan-woman.pdf/9521911f-43ff-4e5c-9015-7f19bb1b785a

“The example of the good Samaritan shows that we must not abandon those in whom even the faintest amount of faith is still alive.”

St. Ambrose of Milan

Two Books of St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Concerning Repentance, Chapter 11

Hymns of the Day

Apolytikion of Great and Holy Pascha in the Plagal First Mode

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Mode

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spake to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Mid-Pentecost in the Plagal Fourth Mode

At Mid-feast give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of piety; for Thou, O Saviour, didst cry out to all: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Well-spring of life, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

Apolytikion for the Church in the First Mode

Save, O Lord, Your people, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the faith. And, protect Your people through Your Cross.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

Happy Mother's Day!

May God continue to bless the mothers of the Holy Cross community!

This Week

Monday	6:30 Paraklesis/Bible Study
Tuesday	9 am Golden Club 10 am First Steps of Christ
Wednesday	4:30 pm Greek School
Saturday	Metropolis Council Meetings Noon Philoptochos Tea 5 pm Vespers

Atlas flowers are sponsored in loving memory of Angeliki Tsourekis and Joan Andrews by Harry, Genia, Katie, and Alex Andrews.

Coffee Hour Sponsorship

Coffee Hour today is sponsored by the Philoptochos Society of Holy Cross in honor of all the mothers of the parish.

Today Holy Cross welcomes Fr. Evangelos Pata! Fr. Pata serves 72 communities in Guatemala and is in charge of running both the Seminary and the Clinic. Fr. Pata was under the guidance of Fr. Andres Giron, the founder of the Orthodox Church under the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Epistle Reading

The reading is from 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 Reading is from 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."

A Note from Philoptochos

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to the wonderful, giving, caring women of Holy Cross! May God continue to bless you and the Holy Cross Philoptochos!

A reminder to please bring cookies and pastries to share at the TEA to the community center THIS Friday, May 19 and Saturday May 20. Thank you for your donations and generosity! See you THIS Saturday at NOON at the Holy Cross Philoptochos TEA!

Our next Philoptochos meeting will be Tuesday, June 6 at 7PM. IF ratification is received prior to the meeting, the new board will be sworn in and the new executive officers will be elected after the conclusion of the meeting. Another swearing in of the new board will occur on Sunday, June 11, after Divine Liturgy.

Elaine Sofis Philoptochos President

Adult Sunday Church School Class

Fr. Daniel would like to meet with all those who attend the Adult Sunday Church School class today Sunday May 14th and Sunday May 21st following communion. Class will be held in the Philoptochos Room on the downstairs level of the community center.

BAKE SALE TODAY!

The Senior Dance group is holding a bake sale today as a fundraiser for thier new costumes! Come support out fantastic dance group who represent us so beautifully at our festival!

Sts. Mary & Martha Group

On Tuesday May 23rd Fr. Demitios Carellas will be speaking on the topic "The Voice of Christ is Filled with Hope." The evening will be hosted my Carol Halkias. Please RSVP - (412) 276-5002

GOLDEN CLUB MEMBERS: Please join us on Tuesday, May 16, as we travel to the Westmoreland Museum of Art in Greensburg. The Westmoreland is a regional museum with a national presence. More than a museum, it's a destination that presents a unique look at American life. This museum's collection includes works by major artists from four centuries. Every work of art has a story to tell! Cost of the docent-led tour is ten dollars due upon

arrival. Please meet at the Church for travel by van no later than 9 AM. We will "lunch" in Greensburg; then proceed to the museum. RSVP by May 9th to Rene Koett (rjkoett@yahoo.com or 412. 559.1721) or Cynthia Kostelnik (cakostelnik@yahoo.com or 412.722.9512).

Deposit from week of 5/7	
Pledges - 2017	\$4,388
Candles	\$595
Loose Offerings	\$178
Hall Deposit - 2017	\$250
Hall Income - 2017	\$600
Total	\$6,041

Financial Snapshot based on \$2,239.23 daily operational needs				
Date	Wkly Collection	Wkly Collection Total to Date	Est. Operational Needs to Sunday	Difference
Total through April	\$217,823	\$217,823	\$268,707.60	-\$50,884.60
5/7	\$6,014	\$223,837	\$284,382.21	-\$60,545.21

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