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# St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

May 22, 2022 - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis (Proistamenos) Fr. Stratton Dorozenski (Retired Priest In Residence) Fr. John Stefero (Retired Priest In Residence)

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#### VISION:

Love God, Love your neighbor and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as an Orthodox Christian community.

#### MISSION:

The mission of St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church is to welcome and serve people with love, truth, joy and peace, and to create an environment that encourages all to seek salvation through Orthodox Christianity.

# **<u>CORE VALUES:</u>** Love, Worship, Community, Learning, Service

## **SYNAXARION:**

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Basiliscus the Martyr, Bishop of Comana; Holy New Martyr Demetrius and Paul of Tripoli; John-Vladimir, Ruler of Serbia:

#### **Resurrectional Apolytikion (Mode 4):**

When the tidings of the Resurrection from the angel was pro- Even though You descended into the grave You destroyed also had been abolished, to the apostles, with boasting did they proclaim: that death is vanquished evermore and Christ our God is risen from the dead, granting to the world His great mercy.

#### Apolytikion of the Samaritan Woman (Mode Pl. 4)

O Lord, midway through the feast, give drink to my thirsty soul Hymn to the Theotokos (Mode 1): from the living waters of right belief. You, O Savior, proclaimed The angel cried to her who is full of grace: Rejoice Holy to everyone, "Let whoever is thirsty come to Me and drink." You are the fountain of life, O Christ our God. Glory to You!

#### Apolytikion for St. John

The memory of the just is observed with hymns of praise; for vou O Forerunner the witness of the Lord is sufficient. You have proved to be truly more venerable than the prophets. Since you were granted to baptize in the river, the One Whom they proclaimed. Therefore, you strove for truth, proclaiming with joy the Good News, even to those in Hades: that God was manifested in the flesh, and takes away the sins of the world, and grants to us His great mercy.

#### Kontakion of Pascha (Mode Pl. 4):

claimed unto the women disciples, and our ancestral sentence the Power of Hades and You rose as a Victor, O Christ our God, saying to the myrrh bearing women: Rejoice! And to Your Apostles granting peace and to the fallen, You also grant Resurrection

Virgin and again I say rejoice, for your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day.

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has arisen over you. Dance now for joy O Zion and exult. Rejoice and be glad O pure Theotokos at the Resurrection of your Child.

#### **Communion Hymn**

So-ma Chris-tou me-ta-la-ve-te Pi-gis A-tha-na-tou yefsas-the. Alliluia.

Receive the Body of Christ and partake ye of Him. He is an Immortal Fountain. Alleluia.

Welcome to all of our Visitors "Welcome one another just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7 We pray that your worship experience with us today will be inspirational and uplifting. Please introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the Welcoming Ministry and pick-up a "welcome packet" as you exit the church. We are happy that you are with us today!

Holy Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who are in good canonical standing with the church and who have prepared through prayer and fasting. Everyone is invited to receive the Antidoron (Blessed Bread) at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Please Be Reverent During Holy Communion We're asking everyone to refrain from speaking during Holy Communion. We are to approach the chalice "with fear of God, faith, and love" and have this time to focus our attention on the Lord and the Grace He pours out to us.

Order for Holy Communion-With Sunday School back in session the order for Holy Communion will be as follows:

- Choir 1.
- Altar boys 2.
- 3. Sunday school teachers (who will line up in middle aisle before Communion)
- 4 Sunday school students (who will line up in the middle aisle before Communion behind the teachers)

# **Upcoming Services & Events**

Sunday, May 22	Sunday of the Samaritan Wor Orthros 8:45 a.m.	nan Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Monday, May 23	Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 24	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 26	Adult Greek School	6:00-8:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 29	Sunday of the Blind Man Orthros 8:45 a.m.	Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

### Fifty- Two Verses in Fifty-Two Weeks: The Bible Project May 22-28

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers 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 wor-ship in spirit and truth." John 4: 23-24

The Gospel lesson this week is about the Samaritan woman, who is the first person to spread the news that Jesus is the Christ. His conversation with her is "revolutionary" in that He, a Jew, is talking to not only a woman, but a Samaritan woman, as Jews and Samaritans were enemies. Another revolutionary idea brought forth in this conversation is the idea that worship can be done anywhere. Up until this point, the Jewish people had the notion that God resided in the temple in Jerusalem, that one could only worship in the Jerusalem Temple. In fact, during the years when the people of Israel were exiled to Babylon, there were those who thought that God had died, since the temple had been destroyed. Once they returned and rebuilt the temple, the temple became a place of abuse by the temple priests, a place of commerce rather than a place of worship. Jesus was about to turn the idea of worship only in the temple on its head. We know that we can pray to God anywhere, He is not tied to a specific location. We worship Him as a community in a church, as opposed to a home or outside. But there is nothing that prohibits prayer and even informal worship anywhere.

Monday Night Bible Study Leader: Fr. John Day: Monday 6:30 p.m.

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**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** *Leader:* Fr. Stavros *Day:* **Tuesday** 10:00 a.m.

**Education at St. John** 

Greek School *Leader*: Magda Myer Day: Thursday 6:00 p.m.

# **MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATES**

**Sunday School End Of Year Party-**Join us after Divine Liturgy to celebrate the conclusion of this year's Sunday School! We will have hot dogs, yard games, ice cream, and lots of fun for all ages!

### Ministry Photographs Meeting TODAY In the Church After Divine Liturgy-

We are asking the following ministries to meet after Divine Liturgy in the church for group/ministry photos: Immediately after Divine Liturgy - <u>Sunday School</u>

11:30 a.m. - Welcome Ministry

11:40 a.m. - Bookstore & Veterans/1st Responders

12:00 p.m. - Philoptochos

### Welcoming All To Join the Photo Ministry—

Love to take pictures? Please join our Photo Ministry! It's a fun and creative way to serve! Call or text Karina Findlay (813)476-9632

### St. John's Bookstore-Kid's Book Sale



Stock up for summer reading! Look for the pink dots and receive 1/2 off selected children's books when you purchase another children's book of equal or greater value at our always low bookstore pricing!

**Monday Bible Study Update -** We will have our Bible Study at 6:30 pm on May 23 (no Bible Study the last Monday in May which is Memorial Day).

**College student night**—Monday, June 6—we are planning a summer get together at the church for any college students in the area for Monday, June 6, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. There is no cost. Please RSVP to Fr. Stavros by Wednesday, June 1 at frstav@gmail.com

**GriefShare to resume in August**—Thank you to Donna Hambos for finishing our fourth semester of GriefShare, our small group ministry dedicated to people who have lost loved ones. This group will resume either in later August or early September with another 13-week program. We know that there have been several people this spring who have lost loved ones. Please keep this very beneficial program in mind over the summer so that you can participate in the fall.

# **2022 Junior Olympics - We Need Your Help!**

The 2022 Junior Olympics is back with a full weekend of fun and fellowship. That means we need everyone's help!

You can sign-up on our Sign-Up genius and select what dates, times, and events you'd like to help out with.

Either scan the QR code on the right or click the link below to sign-up and support us:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0548a5af28a1fe3-junior



# **Readings for Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

**Prokeimenon:** O Lord, how manifold are your works. You have made all things in wisdom. Bless the Lord, O my soul. **The Epistle Reading is from the 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 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 castle?" 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 worshippers 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."

**Prayer List:** Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our Souls and Bodies, visit and heal your servants: Stavroula, George, Pam, and Liz; Roger Zesis; Christopher Labatos; Sylvia Michos; Eva Coppalla; Christopher; Christopher; Mary & Peter Nenos; Tony Ekonomou; Keith Lynn & Patrick Carroll; Ourania Tziotis, Irina, Marina, Yuri, and Christophoros; Ashley Snyder; Evangelos & Caroline Critkas; Constantinos & Kalotina Klimis; Christine Alex, June, Lillian Thomas; Scotty; Desi Serriera; Ashley Kladakis; Dora Kallas, Kathy & Andrew Bouzinekis; Anastasia; Virginia Georgiou, Toula Tsaros, Nellie Pringle, Yolanda Webb, Angela Bougas, Tony Ekonomou, Ron, Jason Vickers, Rex Garrison, Tina Chakonas, Ann Demas, Christina Noel Kouzes Houck, Evangeline Xeroteres, Ashley Henderson, Natalie Henderson, Chris, Debbie, James, Avery, Lily, Jacob, Jesse, Ann, Rosario, Antonia Caffentzis, Alissa, John, Angela, Joey, Christine Scourtes, Steven, Phyllis, John Zelatis, Reagan, Peter Zaharis, Alexandra Ferrarolis, Leon & Despina Botham, Cindy Xenick, Mary Ellen Evdemon, Marie Sofia Panagopoulos, Maria Hursey, Chris Vamvakias, John Myer, Mike Trimis, Alice Stoccardo, John Alexander, Michael Romero, George Hambos, Dean Kondilis and Family, Bill and Nancy Manikas, Patricia Costello, Ekaterina & Anna Shushaalykova, Dora Koudouna, Debbie Phelps, Mary Voykin, David Voykin, Denise Badrane, Don Payne, and all victims of war, terrorism, crime, natural disaster, and all of whom we are unaware.

# **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATE**

Sunday, May 22

Last Day of Sunday School Sunday School Graduation Ceremony for all students

Sunday School and Teachers' Photo taken for Directory

Sunday School End of the Year Party on CAMPUS

### **Liturgical Notes**

The Pentecostarion - The 50 Days After Pascha The period of 50 days between Pascha & Pentecost is referred to as the "Pentecostarion." The period of forty days between Pascha Sunday and the day of the Ascension is known as the period of Pascha (or Easter). It is a period set aside by the Church for the specific celebration of Christ's glorious resurrection. It is a celebration of "rebirth".... The re-birth of God's creation which surrounds us, and the rebirth of the spirit within each and every one of us! This period is not merely a ritualistic celebration but a celebration which can be seen, felt, heard and talked about. It is a very REAL celebration which CAN make our entire being jump with JOY. It is a celebration which offers us HOPE. It is a celebration which offers us the TRUE FREEDOM found only in Jesus Christ! During the 40 days of Pascha, we are to greet each other with the greeting "Christ is Risen" or "Χριστός Avέστη!," to which the response is "Truly He is Risen" or "Άληθῶς Ἀνέστη!"

### **No Kneeling until Pentecost**

It is actually the Tradition in the Orthodox Church that we not kneel on Sundays in honor of the Resurrection of Christ. Because we do not worship on a daily basis in our church communities, priests have encouraged people to kneel on Sundays, the thought being that if we do not kneel on Sundays, that we'll never kneel in church. It is a Tradition, that for 50 days after Pascha, we do not kneel in honor of the Resurrection. The next time we will kneel after April 23 is on the Feast of Pentecost (June 12) at the Vespers of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, when the priest says "Again and again on bended knees let us pray to the Lord."

Sunday, May 22 - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Christ talks about the water of eternal life which will never make us thirst again. The woman here is St. Photini.

Sunday, May 29 - Sunday of the Blind Man - The theme of LIGHT! Commemoration of the healing of the blind man which leads us to the reality of the healing of our own spiritual blindness.

Tuesday, May 31- Apodosis (Leave-Taking) of Pascha - This marks the end of the Paschal Season. It is a repeat of the Resurrection Service and Liturgy of Pascha and is the last time of the Liturgical year that we sing Χριστός Ανέστη. We will celebrate this feast on Tues-day, May 31, with an evening Liturgy at 6:00 p.m. (Orthros will begin at 5:00 p.m. and is a replication of the Resurrection Service from Pascha).

### Thursday, June 2 - Ascension

This marks the feast where Christ ascended to heaven, 40 days after the Resurrection, thus completing His earthly ministry.



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Spaghetti Sauce	Cereal
□ Tomato sauce/	□ Whole wheat rice
chopped tomatoes etc.	and pasta
$\Box$ All kinds of white	□ Men's and Women's
flour	razors and shaving
Canned Tuna	cream (travel size)
□ Canned Chicken	□ Toothbrushes
Canned fruits and	🗆 Granola & Protein
vegetables	Bars
☐ Gluten Free Foods	
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### Vasili's Book Study Begins June 9!

Interested in having a theological, historical, and practical understanding of the Divine Liturgy? In Vasili's book study, you'll be reading "The Divine Liturgy: A Commentary in the Light of the Fathers" written by Hieromonk Gregorios. The class will meet every Thursday from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., both in-person at St. John's and virtually.

Come for as many as you're able, even if you know you'll miss a couple of sessions. Don't worry, it will be easy to catch up and continue! A complete and detailed schedule is coming soon.

Please RSVP to Vasili by Sunday, June 5 to secure your copy of the book!

# Happy Birthday and Happy Nameday!

If you want to make sure we have your birthdate on file, please call the office.

	<b>Birthdays</b>	<u>Namedays</u>
May 22	Ariana Choundas Thatcher; Jacqueline Freeman; Evan Kremydas; Alexandra Laliotis;	Fotini; Emilios; Kodros; John-Vladimir;
May 23	Alexis Mulberry	Bathsheba;
May 24	Cheryl Apostolos; Markos Mangarides; Michael Trimis;	Christian; Markiani; Palladia;
May 25	Oliver Calamunci;	
May 26	Hannah Passalaris; Nomiki Patellis; Michael Sandborn;	Karpos; Sinesios;
May 27	Daniel LeMay;	Alypios; Ioannis; Rossos;
May 28	Aris Kolilias; Daphne Setzer-Torres;	



## **Altar Boy Schedule**

Captains John Palios Genaro Scarfogliero Nicholas Akrotirianakis Yanni Trimikliniotis James Magos Demetri Passalaris



